



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – ROXBY DOWNS RACING CLUB **RACE 4 - SATURDAY 2 AUGUST 2014**

Stewards inquired into the circumstances surrounding HARLEY'S MATE, which was engaged to run in Race 4, the BLUESCOPE RATING 0-58 HCP over 1400 metres on Saturday, 2 August 2014 at Roxby Downs, not participating in the event.

Evidence was taken from the Acting Chairman of Stewards, Starter and Photo Finish Operator officiating at the meeting. Evidence was also taken from the rider and trainer of the horse. It was established that HARLEY'S MATE was under Starter's orders and presented to load, however, did not load fully into its barrier stall and backed out just prior to the gates being released. It was further established the Starter effected the start after receiving a "clear" signal. Consequently HARLEY'S MATE did not jump with the field and did not participate in the event.

It was confirmed that despite Correct Weight for the event being delayed, to allow for betting deductions to be determined in respect of a late scratching, no clear communication occurred to alert the Stewards of the incident at the start in relation to HARLEY'S MATE. In addition there was no approach prior to Correct Weight being declared requesting HARLEY'S MATE be declared a non-runner. Stewards also considered the circumstances which led to HARLEY'S MATE being incorrectly declared to have finished the event by the Judge.

Acting under the provisions of Australian Rule of Racing AR156(3), Stewards corrected the determination by the Judge that HARLEY'S MATE had finished in 11th place and declared HARLEY'S MATE to not have started in the event.

Having regard for the circumstances in this matter Stewards counselled the relevant parties, however, determined not to take any action under the Rules of Racing. In addition, measures aimed at preventing a similar occurrence in future, are being considered.

J. C. PETZER

CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS

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