THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Morphettville Racecourse by the South Australian Jockey Club on Saturday, 13 December 2014

Stewards: J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro (HT), L. Michalanney (F) & S. Callanan (M)

(Stewards), D. Southgate, D. Jonas, S. Allen, N Symonds & J. Downey (Deputy

Stewards), Dr. B. Agnew & Dr. R. Haensel (Veterinary Surgeons)

TRACK: Good 4 (Upgraded to Good 3 at 1.16 pm retrospective to Race 1)

WEATHER: Fine/Hot

RAIL: Out 7 metres entire, Sectional 609 metres

RACE 1: SPORTINGBET HANDICAP - 1600 metres

IT'S ABOUT YOU (NZ) (A. Patterson) was held up for clear running from in the vicinity of the 500 metres until the entrance to the straight.

SCHERZOSO (C. Lindop) was inclined to lay in over the concluding stages.

ARMAGEDDON ON IT, which weakened in the straight, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 2: ADELAIDE GALVANISING HANDICAP - 1200 metres

HARREBS TIME (B. Hoppo) jumped away awkwardly.

WRITTEN BIRCH (A. Patterson) raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

PONUGO (J. Toeroek) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

WRITTEN BIRCH (A. Patterson) was held up for clear running from in the vicinity of the 600 metres until the entrance to the straight when racing behind ANAMIKA (A. Herrmann) and to the inside of CROSSROAD (R. Hurdle) and on straightening, improved and initially raced behind HARREBS TIME (B. Hoppo) before electing a tight run between that gelding, which commenced to weaken, and CROSSROAD to its outside. As a consequence WRITTEN BIRCH contacted CROSSROAD, which maintained its line, turning that gelding's hindquarters, resulting in WRITTEN BIRCH becoming severely hampered when awkward on the heels of HARREBS TIME. As a consequence WRITTEN BIRCH was unable to obtain clear running and had to be checked off the heels of HARREBS TIME for a number of strides. Thereafter, in the vicinity of the 200 metres, WRITTEN BIRCH was still unable to obtain clear running and altered course to the outside of VUELTA (NZ) (J. Kah) and shifted out, contacting with PONUGO (J. Toeroek), which rolled in and away from THE NIGHT SKY (C. Lindop), which shifted in. A. Patterson was severely reprimanded for electing the initial run between HARREBS TIME and CROSSROAD near the entrance to the straight and advised in future to ensure he only elects runs which are fully available to him.

DUCKWORTH (J. Cartwright) was inclined to lay in under pressure over the concluding stages.

CROSSROAD was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a poor respiratory recovery. Mr. R. Maund, the Trainer of CROSSROAD, advised the gelding would now be spelled.

RACE 3: DARLEY HANDICAP - 2600 metres

DISTILLATION (J. Cartwright) raced wide without cover in the early stages of the event.

S. Cahill, the rider of WALTZING TO WIN, explained that when the pace quickened inside the 1200 metres the mare, whilst responding to his riding, did not quicken as he expected and he was obliged to improve to the outside of the field and raced wide into the straight and thereafter the mare felt awkward in her action over the concluding stages. WALTZING TO WIN was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the mare to be lame in the off foreleg. Mr. D. Huxtable, the Trainer of WALTZING TO WIN, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting the mare for a future trial or race.

RACE 4: THE DECK TWILIGHT 19/12 HANDICAP - 1600 metres

Mr. J. Cornell, representing Mr. T. McEvoy, the Trainer of YOU ARE MY WORLD (FR), advised Stewards prior to the event he would instruct Jockey B. Claridge to ride the mare more positively early and endeavour to obtain a forward position in running.

LIGHTNING DREW (S. Cahill) was slow to begin.

- B. Claridge, the rider of YOU ARE MY WORLD (FR), accidentally dropped his whip in the vicinity of the 200 metres and was reprimanded for carelessness.
- C. Jokic, the rider of HENDY, explained her instructions were to allow the gelding to settle back in the field. She stated that whilst she was able to settle back with cover in the early stages, in the vicinity of the 1000 metres when the pace slackened, in her opinion, the gelding commenced to race very keenly and as a consequence, to avoid being awkwardly placed on the heels of runners in front, she elected to race wide without cover for some distance. She added that shortly after entering the straight HENDY was under pressure, was inclined to lay in and did not finish the race off.

TENERE lost its near hind plate during the event. TENERE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the near hind leg. Mr. P. Stokes, the Trainer of TENERE, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting the gelding for a future trial or race.

LIGHTNING DREW and BABY BOY were examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 5: DYNAMIX SIGNS HANDICAP - 1050 metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately ten minutes owing to the ambulance staff having to attend to a patron.

PRONTO PRONTO, which had not raced since March 2013, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon prior to the event and ruled fit to race.

THE TRAVELLING MAN (NZ) (C. Lindop) and BRAVE JOURNEY (K. Bishop) reared, were very awkward and slow to begin.

PRONTO PRONTO (B. Claridge) raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

In the vicinity of the 800 metres BRAVE JOURNEY (K. Bishop), which had commenced to race very keenly, was obliged to be checked to avoid the heels of CALIANCO (R. Hurdle) as that mare improved and shifted in. R. Hurdle was reprimanded and advised to ensure tht he is sufficiently clear when shifting ground in future.

RACE 5 : DYNAMIX SIGNS HANDICAP - 1050 metres (Cont.)

THE TRAVELLING MAN (NZ) (C. Lindop) raced keenly in the middle stages of the event.

CALIANCO (R. Hurdle) laid out throughout in the straight.

POCKET ROCKETS and BRAVE JOURNEY were examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

PRONTO PRONTO was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a swelling to its left hind thigh.

RACE 6: JOHN HARLEY RETURNS HANDICAP - 2033 metres

TERRIFIC FLAIR (J. Toeroek) jumped away awkwardly.

At the entrance to the straight LINKA (NZ) (C. Jones) shifted out to improve and tightened EFFCEE (S. Westover) onto BARIGAN BOY (A. Patterson), resulting in EFFCEE being obliged to be steadied and inconvenienced. C. Jones was reprimanded and advised to take greater care when shifting ground in future.

NISHIAZABU, EFFCEE, GO GIRLFRIEND and QUAD were examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 7: LEADER COMPUTERS HANDICAP - 1200 metres

ST FRASER (E. Boyd) laid out from in the vicinity of the 500 metres.

COUNTER SPIN (C. Lindop) raced keenly in the middle stages of the event.

B. Claridge, the rider of MAGNUS EFFECT, reported the gelding felt awkward in its action, particularly in its near foreleg, over the concluding stages. MAGNUS EFFECT was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

ST FRASER was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

SANDHILL WARRIOR, which performed below expectations, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

RACE 8: DRINK DRIVING? GROW UP HANDICAP - 1200 metres

In the vicinity of the 700 metres INCANDESCENT (C. Lindop) laid out, taking LORD ASHFORD (R. Stewart) out onto SHEEZ ON TOP (K. Cross), which became awkward on the heels of LORD ASHFORD and had to be steadied.

STRAYING TIGER (J. Maund) became held up for clear running from in the vicinity of the 500 metres until shortly after the entrance to the straight.

FASTCAR (J. Cartwright) had difficulty obtaining clear running for a number of strides in the vicinity of the 100 metres.

Approaching the 100 metres RAKS MCLAREN (J. Toeroek) improved into a tight run between PRESIDIUM (M. Vance) and VIOLETS ARE BLUE (J. Kah) and contacted VIOLETS ARE BLUE, which was taken out onto GRAND BRITANNIA (S. Cahill), resulting in that gelding being inconvenienced. J. Toeroek was reprimanded and advised to take greater care when shifting ground in future.

RACE 8: DRINK DRIVING? GROW UP HANDICAP - 1200 metres (Cont.)

Approaching the 50 metres PRESIDIUM (M. Vance) rolled out and contacted RAKS MCLAREN (J. Toeroek).

K. Cross, the rider of SHEEZ ON TOP, explained her instructions were to settle back with cover and added the mare finished the race off strongly.

PRE RACE SAMPLES (22):

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses:

- Race 2 CROSSROAD, VUELTA (NZ), PONUGO, WRITTEN BIRCH
- Race 3 DISTILLATION, WALTZING TO WIN, TANAH LOT (NZ)
- Race 4 BABY BOY, TRIG, HENDY
- Race 5 POCKET ROCKETS, BRAVE JOURNEY, PRONTO PRONTO, GOLD BUNDLE, ALABAMA MISSILE, BELFAST BOY, THE TRAVELLING MAN (NZ), CALIANCO
- Race 6 NISHIAZABU, GO GIRLFRIEND, QUAD
- Race 7 MAGNUS EFFECT

POST RACE SAMPLES (4):

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses:

- Race 3 DISTILLATION & WALTZING TO WIN
- Race 6 GO GIRLFRIEND
- Race 7 MAGNUS EFFECT

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (11):

Race 1	IT'S ABOUT YOU (NZ) (winner)	Race 5	POCKET ROCKETS (unplaced)
Race 2	DUCKWORTH (winner)	Race 6	STIMULATTE (winner)
Race 2	WRITTEN BIRCH (unplaced)	Race 6	GO GIRLFRIEND (second)
Race 3	DISTILLATION (winner)	Race 7	DEIHEROS (winner)
Race 4	FLOW METER (winner)	Race 8	SANDHILL FLASH (winner)
Race 5	CALIANCO (winner)		

SUMMARY		
FINES	Nil	
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 2 – A. Patterson (WRITTEN BIRCH) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding	
REPRIMANDS	Race 4 – B. Claridge (YOU ARE MY WORLD (FR)) – AR137(a) – Carelessness in dropping his whip. Race 5 – R. Hurdle (CALIANCO) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding Race 6 – C. Jones (LINKA (NZ)) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding Race 8 – J. Toeroek (RAKS MCLAREN) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding	
SUSPENSIONS	Nil	
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 3 – WALTZING TO WIN – Not to race – Vet Certificate of Fitness prior to trial or race – Lame off foreleg Race 4 – TENERE – Not to race – Vet Certificate of Fitness prior to trial or race – Lame near hind leg	
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil	