Thoroughbred Racing S.A. Limited STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Penong Racecourse by Penong Racing Club on Saturday, 14 March 2015

Stewards: D. Bucknell (A/Chairman), P. Dearman, O. Chandler & R. Evans (HT) (Deputy Stewards), Dr. G. Sezun (Veterinary Surgeon)

TRACK: Good (Upgraded to Fast @12.45)

WEATHER: Fine

Rail: True

RACE 1 : GYPSUM RESOURCES AUSTRALIA / PENONG STATION RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1400 metres

Over the concluding stages of the event STRAVINSKA (L. Stojakovic) was tightened between LUSTREMAN (R. Mayers), which improved to the inside and HIGHWAY STAR (B. Hoppo), which was inclined to lay in. As a result L. Stojakovic was unable to ride her mount out in her normal manner and STRAVINSKA was unable to be fully tested to the line. B. Hoppo was severely reprimanded and advised to take greater care when his mounts commence to shift ground.

Correct Weight was delayed to allow B. Hoppo, the rider of HIGHWAY STAR to view the Official Photo finish.

<u>RACE 2 : CEDUNA FORESHORE HOTEL MOTEL / LIONS / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE</u> - 1000 metres

THE HEADMISTRESS (R. Mayers) was inclined to hang out throughout the event and in the middle stages, the saddle on the mare shifted sideways, placing R. Mayers at a disadvantage for the remainder of the event and as a result the mare went untested to the line.

In the vicinity of the 300 metres THE HEADMISTRESS (R. Mayers) shifted out inconveniencing OUTLAW (B. Hoppo), which was inclined to lay in.

Shortly after the winning post THE HEADMISTRESS (R. Mayers) shifted out abruptly and dislodged its rider. Shortly thereafter OUTLAW (B. Hoppo) clipped a heel of THE HEADMISTRESS resulting in B. Hoppo becoming unbalanced and being dislodged.

Correct Weight was delayed due to B. Hoppo lodging an objection against THE HEADMISTRESS being declared the winner, alleging interference over the final 300 metres. After considering the submissions made, viewing the official footage and acting on their own observations, Stewards *dismissed* the objection and Correct Weight was declared.

Following the running of the event both R. Mayers and B. Hoppo were examined by the First Care Medical Personnel and passed fit to fulfil their remaining engagements.

OUTLAW was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding to be lame in the off foreleg. Trainer, Ms J. Branford was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting the gelding for a future trial or race.

THE HEADMISTRESS was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the mare to have abrasions to its hind legs and general soreness. Trainer Mr C. Cox was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting the mare for a future trial or race.

RACE 3 : WEST COAST FUEL RATING 0- 62 HANDICAP - 1000 metres

ETHBAAL (G. Willoughby) raced keenly in the early stages of the event.

RACE 4 : FAR WEST FARMERS PENONG CUP - 1600 metres

BEAU RAJA was a late withdrawal by order of the Stewards at 7.30 am as there was no available rider.

On arrival at the barriers DAL ROMMEL (NZ) was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to start.

DAL ROMMEL (NZ) (G. Willoughby) was slow to begin.

COSTLY ARGUMENT (R. Mayers) was inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight inconveniencing TERRAPINNA (B. Hoppo), which was taken in onto DAL ROMMEL (NZ) (G. Willoughby), which was weakening from the event. R. Mayers was advised to take greater care when her mounts commence to shift ground in future.

Correct Weight was delayed to allow L. Stojakovic, the rider of JOKEN JIM to view the Official Photo finish.

Subsequent to Correct Weight G. Willoughby, the rider of DAL ROMMEL (NZ) reported that in her opinion, her barrier gate may have been slow to open, however, she was satisfied with the position she was able to obtain as it was her intention to establish a position behind the leaders. Stewards were satisfied in the circumstances that DAL ROMMEL (NZ) had not been denied a fair start.

RACE 5 : PENONG HOTEL / BEVAN CAMPBELL BENCHMARK 54 HANDICAP - 1200 metres

L. Stojakovic, the rider of WOTZINTHEBAG reported her mount was inclined to hang out over the concluding stages. WOTZINTHEBAG was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

DEEP BLUE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

SWABBING (1):

Race 4 – COSTLY ARGUMENT (winner)

SUMMARY	
FINES	Nil
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 1 – B. Hoppo (HIGHWAY STAR) – AR137(a)
REPRIMANDS	Nil
SUSPENSIONS	Nil
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 2 – OUTLAW – Not to race – Vet cert of Fitness required prior to presenting for future trial or race – Lame in off foreleg. Race 2 – THE HEADMISTRESS – Not to race - Vet cert of Fitness required prior to presenting for future trial or race – Abrasions to hind legs and soreness.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil