

## **THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED**

## **STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT**

## **MORPHETTVILLE OFFICES – TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2016**

On Tuesday, 29 March 2016 Stewards concluded an inquiry into comments made by Racehorse Owner Mr. Bruce Zippel on social media on 4 March 2016 in relation to the result of Race 7 at Port Lincoln on that day. Mr. Zippel appeared in person and Stewards considered his evidence and, in addition, material relating to the posting, which appeared on Facebook.

Mr. Zippel pleaded guilty to a charge under AR175(gg); the particulars being that he made a false statement on his Facebook page in respect of the technology used at the Port Lincoln Racing Club on 4 March 2016, which was used to assist in determining the result of Race 7, which statement suggested the technology failed, when that statement was factually incorrect. In determining penalty, Stewards considered Mr. Zippel's clean record; his guilty plea and his apology tendered for making the statement, and issued him with a <u>Reprimand</u>.

Mr. Zippel was advised of his right of appeal.

J.C. PETZER <u>CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS</u> JCP:/T/Stewards/St Reports/2016/Add report B Zippel 30 March 2016