THOROUGHBRED RACING AUTHORITY S.A. LIMITED STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at the Penola Racecourse by the Penola Racing Club on Sunday, 26 February 2017

Stewards: M. Santoro (A/Chairman) & C. Deakin (HT) (Stewards), R. Spillman, J. Foster (F) & S.

Bright (Deputy Stewards), Dr. T. Tully (Veterinary Surgeon)

TRACK: Good4 WEATHER: Fine

RAIL: True

RIDER CHANGES:

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
9	SPECTRUMS BITE	D. Caboche	C. Collins	Overweight

Owing to transport difficulties the start of all races were put back two start times and rescheduled to run at:

Race 1	1.35 pm
Race 2	2.10 pm
Race 3	2.45 pm
Race 4	3.20 pm
Race 5	4.00 pm
Race 6	4.35 pm
Race 7	5.14 pm
Race 8	5.47 pm
Race 9	6.27 pm

RACE 1: CLASSICBET / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1100 metres

LINDSAY ALFRED (H. McKechnie) - jumped away awkwardly and raced in restricted room in the early stages of the event.

READY FOR ACTION (J. Potter) – inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

TIM'S PRINCIPAL (E. Boyd) - slow to begin.

Correct weight for this event was delayed to allow D. Thornton (SHE'S GOT MAGIC) placed second and E. Boyd (TIM'S PRINCIPAL) placed third to view the photo image.

RACE 2: MED ELECTRICAL SERVICES / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1700 metres

HARLEM LIGHTS (E. Finnegan) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

MICKY (S. Cahill) – held up from the vicinity of the 500 metres until the entrance to the straight when awkwardly placed between the heels of PUFTALOON and DANUBE DELTA. Improved onto the heels of WADHAM BLUES inside the 50 metres and had to be steadied.

OLIFOET (NZ) (K. Walters) - slow to begin. Lost its near fore plate during the event.

PUFTALOON (J. Huxtable) – raced fiercely in the early and middle stages of the event.

OCCIDENT (NZ) (M. Neilson) - slow to begin.

FOURDEE (D. Tourneur) – dipped shortly after the start.

RACE 3: FINNS FINE FOODS / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 metres

CEALLACH (H. McKechnie) – in the vicinity of the 1200 metres shifted in when insufficiently clear of SCARBELLY BUTCH, which was forced to check and lost its position. In being checked was tightened onto VON VIVRE, which lost its position and had its hindquarters were turned in. As a consequence, VON VIVRE shifted back out into the running line of DARKEN UP (NZ), which clipped that mare's heels. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge of Careless Riding under AR137(a) for shifting ground when insufficiently clear and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 28 February, and to conclude at midnight on Wednesday, 8 March 2017: a period of five (5) meetings.

SCARBELLY BUTCH (D. Caboche) – had to be checked in the vicinity of the 1200 metres to avoid the heels of CEALLACH and was taken in contacting the hindquarters of VON VIVRE. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

SPARKLING SON (E. Finnegan) – Stewards questioned Trainer, Ms L Delaney in relation to the gelding leading in today's event. Ms Delaney explained that the instructions are usually to attempt to position as close to the speed as possible, however at the gelding's most recent start, over a 1000 metres, it was unable to do so due to the pace in the event.

ALEXIS JET (D. Tourneur) – Stewards questioned rider into his riding of this mare in particular in the vicinity of the 200 metres until near the 150 metres. After considering his explanation D. Tourneur was advised in future to ride in a manner that did not invite question, as in the opinion of Stewards there was sufficient room for him to attempt to improve between the heels of BUCCELLATI and CEALLACH.

DARKEN UP (NZ) (J. Huxtable) – clipped the heels of VON VIVRE in the vicinity of the 1200 metres when that mare was turned out.

MISTINO (J. Potter) – disappointed when attempting a run in the vicinity of the 400 metres between the heels of ALEXIS JET, which rolled in slightly and VON VIVRE, which was racing greenly and shifted out resulting in MISTINO clipping the heels of VON VIVRE and knuckling. Held up from the vicinity of the 200 metres.

VON VIVRE (D. Thornton) – in the vicinity of the 1200 metres lost its position when contacted by SCARBELLY BUTCH and as a result had its hindquarters turned in and shifted out into the running line of DARKEN UP (NZ).

RACE 4: GAMBIER EARTH MOVERS BENCHMARK 72 HANDICAP - 1300 metres

HASTA LA SHAMER (H. McKechnie) – shifted in on jumping away contacting COOLIDGE.

COSTA LANTE (E. Finnegan) - slow to begin. Rider explained the mare had never travelled throughout the event despite her efforts and in her opinion performed below expectations. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

COOLIDGE (J. Huxtable) – shifted out on jumping away contacting HASTA LA SHAMER.

SHARBO (NZ) (E. Boyd) – held up form the vicinity of the 500 metres until the entrance to the straight. Had difficulty in obtaining clear ground for the remainder of the event.

RUBY FOR HENRY (B. Claridge) – inclined to shift about under pressure in the straight.

RACE 5: COOPERS BREWERY KALANGADOO CUP BENCHMARK 80 HANDICAP - 1700 metres

BACK ON TRACK (B. Claridge) – slow into stride.

MISTA HOLYFIELD (D. Thornton) – Stewards questioned rider into the gelding leading in today's event. D. Thornton explained that his instructions had not been to lead, however after jumping away well he formed the opinion that he would be caught four wide and as no other runner was pressing forward to lead, he had used his initiative and improved his position. Trainer Mr R. Wilson confirmed that he had not instructed D, Thornton to lead in the event.

RACE 5: COOPERS BREWERY KALANGADOO CUP BENCHMARK 80 HANDICAP - 1700 metres (Cont'd)

MANNY (NZ) (K. Walters) – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

MAJESTIC RIDGE (E. Boyd) – rider accidentally dropped her whip in the vicinity of the 200 metres and was reprimanded for carelessness under AR137(a). Held up at the entrance to the straight and was unable to obtain clear ground to the finish.

RACE 6: HEYWARD'S ROYAL OAK HOTEL CLASS TWO HANDICAP - 1700 metres

HASTA LA SPEC (C. Puls) - a post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

HIGH ROLLA (D. Caboche) – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

MIGHTY ACTION (D. Tourneur) - rider accidentally dropped his whip in the vicinity of the 300 metres and was fined \$50 under AR137(a) for carelessness.

STREET BALL (C. Collins) – unable to obtain clear ground in the straight and was untested to the line.

RAJ MAHAL (S. Fawke) – hung out rounding the home turn.

VERNON (E. Finnegan) – stood flat-footed when the start was effected and was left at the post. Trainer advised that the gelding would be required to jump away with the field in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding showed signs of mild colic.

RACE 7: BARRY MANEY FORD BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1400 metres

SPIRITOS (D. Caboche) – shifted out on jumping away onto SAUCY MARY (NZ).

WRITTEN RULZ (M. Neilson) – inconvenienced approaching the finish when NEMESIS shifted in.

HASTA LA RED (NZ) (C. Puls) – rider reported in her opinion the gelding did not handle the firmness of today's track. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

NEMESIS (D. Tourneur) – laid in under pressure over the concluding 100 metres. Rider reminded of his obligations.

SAUCY MARY (NZ) (J. Huxtable) - hampered on jumping away when tightened onto AMBER ALERT.

RACE 8: KATNOOK ESTATE WINES BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP - 1400 metres

DOWN THE HATCH (H. McKechnie) – inconvenienced when tightened inside the 400 metres by LADY JUBILEE.

ROSE OF WADHAM (B. Claridge) – Stewards questioned rider into the instructions provided on the mare today. B. Claridge explained that he was given no firm instructions, however the Trainer was of the opinion the mare would race more forward with the addition of blinkers in today's event. He added that after jumping away well, he was caught three wide without cover and elected to push forward and obtain the lead rather than be caught wide. Trainer Ms L. McDonald confirmed the instructions provided.

ADIOS ATLANTIS (B. Griffiths) – rider was unable to claim down to his minimum riding weight of 53.5 kg, however as there was no Apprentice available on course to claim, permission was granted to B. Griffiths to ride the gelding at its allotted weight. Rider reported the gelding was inclined to lay out under pressure in the straight.

GRIMALDI (S. Fawke) – rider accidentally dropped his whip in the vicinity of the 100 metres and was fined \$50 under AR137(a) for carelessness.

LADY JUBILEE (Z. Spain) – rolled in slightly onto DOWN THE HATCH in the vicinity of the 400 metres.

RACE 9: JOANNE'S ESPRESSO EXPRESS BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP - 1100 metres

The start of this event was delayed approximately three minutes to avoid a clash with an interstate event.

SANDHILL EXPRESS (J. Huxtable) – rider reported the gelding was inclined to lay out rounding the turn in the vicinity of the 900 metres and again rounding the home turn.

PASS THE GLASS (E. Finnegan) – inclined to lay in under pressure in the straight.

ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (3):

Race 3 – SPARKLING SON (winner)

Race 5 – MISTA HOLYFIELD (winner)

Race 8 – GRIMALDI (winner)

SUMMARY			
FINES	Race 6 – D. Tourneur (MIGHTY ACTION) – Fined \$50 – AR137(a) – Carelessness in dropping of whip.		
	Race 8 - B. Griffiths (ADIOS ATLANTIS) - Fined \$100 - AR120(b) - Overweight.		
	Race 8 – S. Fawke (GRIMALDI) – Fined \$50 – AR137(a) – Carelessness in dropping of whip.		
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil		
REPRIMANDS	Race 5 - E. Boyd (MAJESTIC RIDGE) - AR137(a) - Carelessness in		
	dropping of whip.		
	Race 9 – D. Caboche – AR120(b) – Overweight and having to be replaced on SPECTRUMS BITE.		
SUSPENSIONS	Race 3 – H. McKechnie (CEALLACH) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding – From midnight 28/2/17 to expire 8/3/17 – 5 meetings.		
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 6 – VERNON – Suspended - Required to jump away with the field in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race – Left at post.		
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil		
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil		