

THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT - L. KENNEWELL / THE SHOW GOES ON

MORPHETTVILLE – TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2017

STRATHALBYN – WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2016

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a urine sample taken on Wednesday, 7 December 2016 from the racehorse THE SHOW GOES ON, which was presented to race in and won Race 6, the Bleasdale Vineyards 4YO & Over Class 2 Handicap run over 1203 metres, at the Strathalbyn Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of <u>Methamphetamine</u>, a substance prohibited under the Rules of Racing.

Evidence was taken from Mr. L. Kennewell, the Trainer of THE SHOW GOES ON, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, and Racing Analytical Services Limited (Laboratory) Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra. Stewards also had regard for the results of analysis of urine samples taken from thirty-six (36) racing participants who may have had contact with the horse at some point in time prior to or at the race meeting and noted that none of those samples disclosed the presence of <u>Methamphetamine</u>.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. Kennewell under AR178, the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse THE SHOW GOES ON at all relevant times leading up to and including Wednesday, 7 December 2016, he did bring the said racehorse to the Strathalbyn Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 6, the Bleasdale Vineyards 4YO & Over Class 2 Handicap, run over 1203 metres, after which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed, upon analysis, the substance *Methamphetamine*, which substance is a prohibited substance under the Rules of Racing. Mr. Kennewell pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mr. Kennewell's guilty plea, his personal circumstances, factors relating to individual and general deterrence, the serious nature of breaches relating to prohibited substances and the fact that TRSA Stewards had provided notice on a number of occasions in recent years that offences in relation to prohibited substance matters may in future attract more severe penalties. In addition, Stewards noted that this was Mr. Kennewell's first offence under this rule, however had regard for the fact that he had a previous offence under AR.177 for presenting a horse at an official trial with a prohibited substance (therapeutic) present. Stewards further noted that there was no definitive evidence as to how the substance came to be in the horse's system. In the circumstances Mr. Kennewell was fined \$10,000.

Acting under AR177, THE SHOW GOES ON, which finished in first place, was disqualified from this event. The placings have been amended to –

First	No. 4	STERNO (J. Holder)
Second	No. 2	ALBERDINI (C. Lindop)
Third	No. 6	SOCIAL LANE (M. Poon)
Fourth	No. 7	CHONDRA (P. Gatt)
Fifth	No. 5	BIT OF A FLIRT (J. Toeroek)

Mr. Kennewell was informed of his right of appeal.