



## **THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED**

### **STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – N. BRUGGEMANN / LIBERTY HILL**

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#### **MORPHETTVILLE – TUESDAY, 23 MAY 2017**

#### **KANGAROO ISLAND – THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2017**

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of two (2) blood samples (one, pre-race and one, post-race) taken on Thursday, 16 February 2017 from the racehorse LIBERTY HILL, which was presented to race in, and won, Race 5 the Atkins Freight Service Benchmark 64 Handicap run over 1008 metres at the Kangaroo Island Racecourse. Analysis of the samples disclosed the presence of Phenylbutazone and Oxyphenbutazone, both substances prohibited under the Rules of Racing.

Evidence was taken from Mrs. Bruggemann, the Trainer of LIBERTY HILL, Thoroughbred Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Director, Mr. D. Batty.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mrs. Bruggemann under AR178, the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse LIBERTY HILL at all relevant times leading up to and including Thursday, 16 February 2017, she did bring the said racehorse to the Kangaroo Island Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 5 the Atkins Freight Service Benchmark 64 Handicap run over 1008 metres, after which a pre-race and post-race blood sample taken from the horse disclosed, upon analysis Phenylbutazone and Oxyphenbutazone, which are prohibited substances under the Rules of Racing. Mrs. Bruggemann pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mrs. Bruggemann's guilty plea, her 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. Stewards noted that this was Mrs. Bruggemann's first offence under this rule. In the circumstances Mrs. Bruggemann was fined \$8,000.

Acting under AR177, LIBERTY HILL, which finished in first place, was disqualified from this event. The placings have been amended to –

First	No. 6	MAKE MINE MAGNUS (D. Tootell)
Second	No. 5	SWINGITLIKESAYERS (Z. Spain)
Third	No. 2	AUSSIE JACK (K. Crowther)
Fourth	No. 4	NORTH BEACH (J. Huxtable)
Fifth	No. 3	ALPHABETIC (K. Cross)

Mrs. Bruggemann was informed of her right of appeal.

**J. C. PETZER**

**CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS**

23 May 2017