



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

MORPHETTVILLE – TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2017

Stewards opened an inquiry into alleged Facebook comments made by licensed Stable Employee Miss Stacey Wyatt on Tuesday, 14 November 2017; as Miss Wyatt was not present Stewards adjourned the inquiry until such time she attends. Stewards also concluded an inquiry into Miss Wyatt's failure to attend the abovementioned inquiry as well as her failure to obey a number of official directions specified to her in correspondence.

Miss Wyatt was charged under AR.175(f) for her failure to attend the inquiry, the particulars of the charge being; that as a licensed Stable Employee with TRSA Ltd for the 2017/18 racing season, she failed to attend an inquiry on 14 November 2017, as directed on 3 separate occasions being via correspondence dated Wednesday 20 September 2017, Friday 13 October 2017 and Wednesday 25 October 2017. As Miss Wyatt was not present, Stewards entered a plea of not guilty on her behalf, considered the evidence and found her guilty of the charge. In considering penalty, Stewards took into account that Miss Wyatt had more than generous opportunity to attend, and her communication addressed to Stewards indicated a clear unwillingness on her part to attend any inquiry in relation to the subject matter. Stewards also considered the seriousness of the charge and her clean record in this regard. In the circumstances Stewards determined that Miss Wyatt be disqualified for a period of 6 months; to commence on Midnight Sunday, 19 November 2017 and to conclude at midnight on Saturday, 19 May 2018.

Miss Wyatt was also charged under AR.175(p) the particulars of the charge being; that as a Licensed Stable Employee with TRSA Ltd for the 2017/18 racing season, she failed to comply with a number of directions from TRSA Stewards provided to her on Wednesday 20 September 2017 and Friday 13 October 2017. As Miss Wyatt was not present Stewards entered a plea of not guilty on her behalf, considered the evidence and found her guilty of the charge. In considering penalty, Stewards took into account the nature of the charge and her clean record in this regard and fined her the sum of \$600. Miss Wyatt was advised of her right of appeal.

Stewards can also confirm that on Wednesday, 29 November 2017 an appeal lodged by Miss Wyatt in respect of the charges under AR.175(f) & AR.175(p) was heard by the Racing Appeals Tribunal in South Australia (RAT). The RAT determined that the 6 months' disqualification imposed by the Stewards, in respect of the charge under AR.175(f) be reduced to 4 months and that 2 months of that disqualification is to be served effective from midnight on Sunday 19 November 2017, further, that the remaining 2 months of that disqualification is suspended upon Miss Wyatt attending a Stewards Inquiry at a date and time to be agreed and fixed between the Stewards and Miss Wyatt regarding the subject matter of the original inquiry. The RAT also determined that if Miss Wyatt does not attend that Inquiry, before the 2 months to be served expires, then the total disqualification of 4 months, effective 19 November 2017 will apply.

The RAT also determined the \$600 fine imposed by the Stewards in respect of the charge under AR.175(p) to this appeal stands. The RAT ordered that the applicable portion of the bond lodged by Miss Wyatt be refunded.

S. B. CALLANAN
STIPENDIARY STEWARD
30 November 2017