

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 12 August 2016

Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy (8)
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 5.83

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), B. J Gray & T. J Vassallo (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), P. Selmes (Assistant Starter), R. Fordham (Betting), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales) J. Dorrington (Judge) Dr A. Willi (Veterinarian).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

SAPPHIRE COAST 7 AUGUST 2016

RACE 1: SAPPHIRE COAST MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE MAIDEN HANDICAP 900M

An inquiry was today continued into the reasons as to why Bella Lucinda collapsed and died during the abovementioned race. Further evidence was obtained from trainer Mr A Clarke including provided stable treatment records, and Stewards also considered the results of blood results of the sample obtained from the mare on 1 August 2016 which showed no abnormalities. A necropsy report was also provided by Dr C MacDonald which detailed that the cause of death was the result of a large haemorrhage in the abdominal cavity of which the precise origin of the vessel could not be identified. When Stewards were satisfied that there was no pre-existing condition which may have caused or contributed to the death, the inquiry was concluded.

GENERAL

Stewards today inquired into a complaint from licenced stablehand Mr J Ms Dermott against licenced stablehand Mr J Gibbs concerning an incident alleged to have occurred during trackwork approximately three weeks ago, on a date that could not be exactly confirmed. As the allegation could not be substantiated, no action was taken against Mr Gibbs, however he was reminded of the Rules regarding the proper conduct of licensees on a racecourse.

RACE 1: SLICKPIX BENCHMARK 75 HANDICAP

2000M

Tony The Pony – Slow to begin.

Grand Allowance – Trainer Mr W Carroll was fined the sum of \$100 under AR140A(2) in that he presented the gelding in the mounting enclosure with the lead bag placed between the saddle and saddle cloth number which necessitated in the gelding having to be resaddled. Mr Carroll was fined the sum of \$100. Passing the 1700m was crowded by Dure (K O'Hara) which shifted in when not clear. K O'Hara was advised to exercise more care. An inquiry was opened into app Ms S Metcalfe's riding of the gelding, particularly between the 800m and the 600m. App S Metcalfe advised that her instructions were to take up a position back in the field near the rail where it was believed the ground was superior and to place her mount under pressure on straightening. She added that after following the favourite and eventual winner Dure, whilst that runner had commenced to improve from the 800m, bearing in mind her instructions, she elected to keep her mount, which was travelling well, balanced rather than place her mount under pressure at this point and that at the

600m she started to ride the gelding along, however it immediately felt flat and then ran home only fairly in the straight. Trainer Mr W Carroll confirmed the instructions but said that in advising app Metcalfe to wait until straightening, he had anticipated the field being more bunched. App Metcalfe was advised that in the view of Stewards she needed to show far greater judgement in that, despite her instructions, when it was apparent that between the 800m and the 600m her mount was losing touch with the eventual winner Dure, she should have placed her mount under pressure far sooner than she did to give it the best possible chance in the race.

Cod Rock – When questioned regarding her riding of the gelding from the 800m, rider app Ms M Taylor stated that she settled back in accordance with her instructions. She added however that her mount did not travel at any stage and from the 1400m when Dure was positioned one off, she attempted to improve to the inside of that runner, but her mount was reluctant to take up that position. Whilst app Taylor had believed that she had commenced to place her mount under pressure from the 800m when horses in front of her made their runs, she agreed that after viewing a replay her mount was not pressured until after the 600m. App Taylor was told that her ride lacked judgement and that she should have shown much greater urgency and commenced her run much sooner than she did.

RACE 2: TAB.COM.AU BENCHMARK 65 HANDICAP 1000M

Ergo – Began awkwardly with its head up and shortly after was restrained when crowded for room between No Luck Need and She Zar which was taken in by Sheezsingle which was taken in by Secret Lies which hung in despite the efforts of its rider.

Secret Lies – Ran in at the start despite the efforts of its rider. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare which raced three wide throughout did not reveal any abnormality.

No Luck Needed – Slow to begin.

Snippet Of Hope – In inquiry was adjourned into rider R Bensley's handling of the mare on straightening. R Bensley was fined the sum of \$200 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using his whip on seven occasions prior to the 100m, two more than is permitted.

She Zar – When questioned, rider app B Ryan stated that his mount's tendency to over-race in the early and middle stages was the principal reason for his mount then failing to run on under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr L Pepper advised that the mare would now be sent for a spell.

RACE 3: ELVIN GROUP BENCHMARK 59 HANDICAP 1600M

Illyrian – Slow to begin.

Shoulder Charge – Rider W Pearson was spoken to regarding returning to scale 300 grams beneath his mount's allotted weight.

RACE 4: SEEARS WORKWEAR CLASS 2 HANDICAP 1400M

Supreme Lad – Slow to begin.

Erins Zar – Slow to begin and hampered shortly after by Balametalica which shifted out. Passing the 300m was tightened for room to the inside of Capable Prince which laid in slightly under pressure. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider app B Ryan stated that his mount when disadvantaged when it got further back as a consequence of the incident at the start and subsequently did not respond to his riding when asked for an effort and thereafter did not run home

under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr L Pepper advised that the gelding would now be sent for a spell.

Capable Prince – Slow to begin. Rider R Brewer will be interviewed regarding the use of his whip prior to the 100m.

Saint Cheval – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider B Ward stated that whilst his mount was up in class today, the gelding was nevertheless disappointing in that it failed to quicken from the 650m and then did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 5: CANPRINT COMMUNICATIONS MAIDEN PLATE 1000M

Shine A Light – Whilst parading in the mounting enclosure the gelding threw its head up and struck rider J Penza in the face. J Penza sustained no significant injury in the incident but after dismounting, the gelding then escaped down the chute toward the tie-up stalls, made contact with a fence and slipped over. The gelding was a late withdrawal by order of the Stewards at 2:47pm. Stewards ordered that all investments placed on the mare prior to 2:47pm be refunded in full. Further, that all successful bets with bookmakers be paid less the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

- 1st **Inchcape Rock** 1¢ win, 3¢ place
- 2nd **Rosover** 3¢ place
- 3rd **Classic Conquest** 2¢ place

At a subsequent inquiry trainer Mr M Miladinovic was advised that a warning would be recorded against the gelding regarding its pre-race manners. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have abrasions to its off-hind leg and off-foreleg.

Like A Shot – Began awkwardly resulting in its rider becoming unbalanced.

Inchcape Rock – Slow to begin and shortly after was checked between Time In Motion and Sang Real which shifted out. Held up in the early part of the straight.

Sang Real – Began awkwardly, shifted in and bumped Time Of Her Life and then shifted out. Hung out rounding the home turn.

Little River Road – Slow to begin.

Old Maribo – Slow to begin.

Rosover – Slow to begin. Shifted out near the winning post.

Defying Luck – Raced wide throughout.

Time Of Her Life – Raced wide throughout.

London Time – Near the 250m had to be eased out to continue into clear running.

RACE 6: MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE MAIDEN PLATE 1400M

Bachelor Degree – Trainer Mr D Pfiesser was fined the sum of \$50 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the gelding. Mr Pfiesser was told that the gelding would

not be permitted to race again unless the card was produced. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding rider J Ford stated that his whilst his mount travelled well in the early stages, from the 800m the gelding was continually on and off the bridle and did not respond to his riding under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

I Will If I Can – Bumped on jumping by Bachelor Degree which shifted in. When questioned, rider R Bensley stated that his mount was under pressure on straightening and near the 350m became awkward on the heels of Yorkshire Lily which was being eased down, and had to be shifted in.

Tay Tay Taylor – Bumped on jumping with Impressive One. Raced keenly in the middles stages.

Red Centre Ruby – Shifted out under pressure over the final 200m.

Yorkshire Lily – When questioned, rider J Kissick stated that his mount over-raced in the early stages and passing the 500m commenced to lose ground. He added that shortly after straightening he became concerned with his mount's action and for this reason he restrained his mount out of the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have sustained a suspected superficial flexor tendon injury to its near-foreleg. Trainer Mr M Miladinovic was told that prior to resuming, he would be required to furnish a veterinary clearance prior to the mare also being required to barrier trial satisfactorily, before it would be allowed to race again.

Your Knuckleship – Shifted out under pressure over the final 200m.

RACE 7: SIREN BAR & RESTAURANT CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE **2000M**

Out Of The Night – Pulled hard in the early and middle stages.

Sandy – When questioned, rider app B Ryan stated his mount did not travel at any stage of the event and failed to respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Eden Road – Rider S Guymer lost the use of his right reign over the concluding stages.

RACE 8: SHOW PONY EVENTS BENCHMARK 54 HANDICAP **1200M**

Bondo – Slow to begin. Pulled its way forward passing the 800m.

Diamond Of Destiny – Began awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination confirmed the advice of stable foreperson Ms A Double that the gelding had suffered a bleeding attack. As this was the second such occasion, Ms Double was told that under the provisions of AR53A(5) the gelding would now be banned from racing in Australia.

Monte Ainslie – Passing the 800m was taken wider by Bondo which pulled hard despite its rider's efforts to restrain it.

Kijitsu – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider B Ward stated that he anticipated taking up a one off position behind the leader however when Mr Fox held its position to his inside and he was unable to cross that runner, the gelding was obliged to race three wide throughout. He further added that this, coupled with his mount having to carry a further 2kg today, were the principal factors in his mount failing to run on under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

SWAB SAMPLES:

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Standoubt, Tony The Pony

Race 2: Ergo, Cumberland Range

Race 3: Rush to Judgement, Purr Plan

SUMMARY	
Warnings:	Race 5: Shine A Light - Pre-race manners.
Fines:	Race 2: R Bensley (Snippet Of Hope) (AR137A(5)(a)(ii) - \$200 – Whip use. Race 6: Trainer Mr D Pfeiffer (Bachelor Degree) (AR59A) – Failed to produce TIC.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Race 8: Diamond Of Destiny – 2 nd episode (lifetime ban).
Trials:	Race 6: Yorkshire Lily – Suspected near-fore superficial tendon injury.
Certificates:	Race 6: Yorkshire Lily – Suspected near-fore superficial tendon injury.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Protests:	Nil.
Follow up:	Race 2: Inquiry adjourned into R Bensley’s handling of Snippet Of Hope . Race 4: R Brewer’s (Capabale Prince) use of the whip.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Disqualifications:	Nil.