

CLUB: TASMANIAN PACING CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 7 MAY 2017

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: SHOWERS

STEWARDS:

A CROWTHER (CHAIRMAN)

D FARQUHARSON

J GLEESON

D MCMASTER

R BROWN (STARTER)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR A MEEKER

Trainers with multiple runners engaged in any race were questioned as to their intended driving tactics.

RACE 1 – CASCADE DRAUGHT PACE DIVISION ONE – 1609 METRES

WASHINGTON EXPRESS NZ pulled hard in the score up and was then held up and unable to be tested over the concluding stages.

JAY DUB NZ was held up for clear racing room rounding the home turn.

ORIGIN BILLY was held up and unable to obtain clear racing room.

Post-race swab samples were taken from ARTARAMA, winner of the event.

RACE 2 – LUXBET PACE – 2090 METRES

SUZY SHUFFLE was held up and unable to obtain clear running in the home straight.

TOP HANOVER unsuccessfully challenged for the lead until half way around the first turn.

OUR TRIPLE ASSET NZ pulled hard in the early stages and hung in whilst being restrained before then being corrected by driver Sam Rawnsley away from PETERI MIC (Mark Yole).

Shortly before entering the home straight MACADEM (Christian Salter) was tightened and raced rough momentarily whilst racing between GIVIT TO ME (Adrian Duggan) and on the back of OUR TRIPLE ASSET NZ (Sam Rawnsley) which was then giving ground.

PETERI MIC, winner of the event, was detained on course to allow post-race sample procedures to be conducted at 9.15pm.

RACE 3 – GREEN ELECTRICAL PACE – 2090 METRES

RUBY HEART broke in the score up and was out of position and has now been placed out of the draw. RUBY HEART then tailed the field taking no competitive part.

Stewards queried driver Kristy Grant (JILLIBY GIGI) as to the reasons for her not being position at the start and the reasons for the mare, which had led at it's previous start settling so far back. JILLIBY GIGI underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no apparent abnormalities. Ms Grant was found guilty of a charge under AR162(1)(h) for failing to be in position at the start. In sustaining the charge, Stewards noted the lack of any demonstrable effort from Ms Grant to get her horse in to position. When determining penalty Stewards also considered it was her fifth offence within the last 12 months and her overall record relating to offences at the start. Ms Grant was fined the sum of \$200.

In the early part of the race SPEEDMAKER withstood a challenge for the lead from MARTYS FOR REAL. MARTYS FOR REAL was then held up over the concluding stages.

LAST GUY STANDING was held up in the home straight, as was UNION FORCE.

RACE 4 – MAKE A WISH DINNER 4TH JUNE PACE – 1609 METRES

Driver Craig Sweeney (REASON TO GRIN) was fined the sum of \$200 under AR156(2) for crossing his reins and using the whip freehand close to the finish line.

SARGENT BLACK has been placed back in the mobile draw. The gelding also had a tendency to hang in.

RACE 5 – REXEL NORTH HOBART PACE DIVISION – 1609 METRES

ANIMI SUB IGNIS refused to score up and will continue right out of the draw and has also been stood down from racing for 10 days and until the completion of a satisfactory mobile trial.

Driver Taylor Ford (THATSWHATSHE SAID) pleaded guilty to a charge under AR165(1)(b) the particulars being that when crossing SHEAS DELIGHT (Sam Rawnsley) racing towards the first turn she did so without giving sufficient clearance, resulting in Mr Rawnsley having to strongly restrain his drive. Ms Ford's licence to drive in races was suspended for three race dates, commencing midnight 7 May 2017, expiring midnight 19 May 2017.

SHEAS DELIGHT gave ground noticeably over the concluding stages of the race and, a subsequent post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be bleeding from both nostrils. As such, SHEAS DELIGHT has been stood down from racing for the mandatory three months. A vet certificate must then be supplied and a satisfactory trial completed. Trainer Raymond Saltmarsh advised his intention was to now retire the mare from racing.

RACE 6 – BRIGHTON CUP 4TH JUNE PACE – 2090 METRES

Driver Sam Rawnsley (MAVIS MERLE) was reprimanded under AR162(1)(j) for failing to maintain his position.

Driver Taylor Ford (GRINABLE NZ) was reprimanded under AR!62(1)(h) for failing to come up into position.

RACE 7 – ELDERSLIE HORSE CARE PACE – 2090 METRES

A change of tactics was lodged by the connections of WRONGLY ACCUSED, advising their intention from the inside barrier they would attempt to hold the lead circumstances permitting. Stewards approved that change of tactics and the gelding was driven to hold the lead and withstood a challenge from CROMAC JAMIE NZ until the winning post on the first occasion. The gelding then tired from the 600 metres. Stewards queried driver Gareth Rattray and Ben Yole as to the performance of the gelding which underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed an inflamed near-side eye. When questioned, Mr Rattray explained that the gelding wears pull up blinkers and he was of the view that when activating this gear in the back straight the gelding may have been struck in the eye by this gear. WRONGLY ACCUSED has been stood down from racing pending a veterinary certificate of fitness to race.

Stewards considered an application from the trainer of CROMAC JAMIE NZ, Bianca Heenan, , to drive that gelding further forward circumstances permitting and approved that change of tactics. CROMAC JAMIE NZ unsuccessfully contested the lead until shortly after the winning post on the first occasion before then obtaining a trail on the back of REGAL STRIDE NZ. Stewards queried trainer Bianca Heenan in relation to the apparent improved performance of CROMAC JAMIE NZ and will examine betting patterns on the event as part of that Inquiry.

Post-race swab samples were taken from CROMAC JAMIE NZ and JUKEBOX MUSIC, winner and second placegetter respectively.

There were no claims in the event.

GENERAL

Stewards continued an inquiry which began on 2 April 2017 in relation to unlicensed person Scott Ford driving track work at Brighton Training Complex on Friday 27 January 2017 and on Thursday 30 March 2017. After both Mr Ford and Ms Heenan had earlier pleaded guilty to charges in relation to the 30 March matter further evidence was taken from Mr Ford and trainers Bianca Heenan, Mark Reggett and Stephen Heenan in relation to the 27 January matter. Ms Heenan was then found guilty of a charge under AHRR90A.(2.9)(a) for failing to ensure that a licensed person carried out activities on horses trained by her, specifically driving trackwork. After hearing submissions on penalty the inquiry was adjourned in relation to penalty. Unlicensed person Scott Ford was found guilty of a charge under AHRR202 which states that a person shall not drive a horse on a racecourse or training track unless that person holds a driving license, training license or stablehand license or other license authorising that activity. Mr Ford pleaded not guilty to the charge however, after weighing all the evidence, Stewards then sustained the charge and heard submissions in relation to penalty into that matter and also into the matter relating to charge under the same rule stemming from Brighton Training Complex on Thursday 30 March 2017. After giving due consideration to penalties Mr Ford and Ms Heenan were notified on Monday May 8 of the following penalties.

Ms Heenan AHRR 90A(2.9)(a) – March 27 2017 matter- \$250 fine. AHRR 90A(2.9)(a)- January 27 matter- \$500 fine.

Unlicensed person Scott Ford AHRR 202- March 27 matter- Warned off for a period of six months commencing May 8 and expiring at midnight on November 8 2017.

January 27 matter- Warned off for a period of seven months commencing May 8 and expiring midnight December 8 2017. Stewards invoked AHRR 257 and ordered that both penalties be served concurrently.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	SAM RAWNSLEY – AR162(1)(j) – FAIL TO MAINTAIN POSITION TAYLOR FORD – AR162(1)(h) – FAIL TO COME INTO POSITION

FINES	CRAIG SWEENEY – AR156(2) – CROSS REINS WHIP FREE HAND - \$200 KRISTY GRANT – AR162(1)(h) – FAIL TO COME INTO POSITION - \$200
SUSPENSIONS	TAYLOR FORD – AR165(1)(b) – 3 RACE DATES COMMENCING MIDNIGHT 07.05.2017, EXPIRING MIDNIGHT 19.05.2017
HORSE ACTIONS	RUBY HEART – ODM SHEAS DELIGHT – STOOD DOWN 3 MEETINGS & 1 TRIAL; VET CERTIFICATE ANIMI SUB IGNIS – CRODM; STOOD DOWN 10 DAYS & 1 MOBILE TRIAL WRONGLY ACCUSED – VET CERTIFICATE

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 2	RED SHED ROBBIE REALLY FRANK
Race 3	RUBY HEART MARTYS FOR REAL
Race 4	SHADY LOU REASON TO GRIN
Race 5	OUR PERCIUS NZ SHEAS DELIGHT
Race 6	PUSHKIN NZ SHAKTI BROMAC NZ
Race 7	WRONGLY ACCUSED CROMAC JAMIE NZ REGAL STRIDE NZ YAHOLYTERROR NZ

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	ARTARAMA
Race 2	PETERI MIC
Race 7	CROMAC JAMIE NZ JUKEBOX MUSIC

ADRIAN CROWTHER
CHAIRMAN

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