

## STEWARDS REPORT

### ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True

Stewards: D Westover (Chairman), M Hurley, B Lysaght

Veterinarian: Alice Veterinary Centre

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 40

Stakes Paid: \$52,000

#### **Race 1 SDA Plumbing Handicap 1200 metres**

F Bergstrand replaced M McDonald as the rider of LIL ROCK SIREN after that rider was found to be overweight.

**ARTIES REWARD** (R Vigar) – Rolled in at 600m bumping with another runner. Rider reminded of his obligations to give runners on his inside the room in which they are entitled to and to allow for accidental shift when rounding turns.

**WINDSOR SPIRIT** (W Kerford) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**SHOGUNS REIGN** (K Gladwin) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**I'M A SOLDIER** (D Pisani) – Bumped with runner at the 600m and inconvenienced slightly onto another runner.

**LIL ROCK SIREN** (F Bergstrand) – Inclined to lay out rounding the home turn.

General: M McDonald was fined \$200 in breach of AR120(b) in that he accepted the ride on LIL ROCK SIREN in which he was found to be over-weight and replaced as the rider.

#### **Race 2: Sno's Welding Handicap 1200 metres**

**KING CRUSADER** (K Gladwin) – Was found to have bled from one nostril on returning to scale. Trainer Mr M Nyhan was advised of his requirements under AR53A(7).

**LUCERNE VALE** (J Cameron) – Commenced slow into stride.

**WARREGO MELODY** (B Davis) – Shifted out approaching the winning post bumping with another runner.

**CASINO EXIT** (D Pisani) – Commenced slow into stride.

**MOUNT NANCY** (W Kerford) – Bumped with another runner approaching the winning post.

General: Correct weight for this event was delayed as Stewards viewed the footage of the start to ascertain whether all gates had opened simultaneously. After viewing the footage, Stewards were satisfied that all gates had opened correctly and correct weight was declared.

#### **Race 3: Bill & Dawn Prior Family Handicap 1100 metres**

**QUANTUM DOT** (K Gladwin) – Commenced awkwardly and lost some ground. Raced wide throughout with no cover.

**MABOOTS** (R Vigar) – Rolled out home turn and bumped with another runner at the 200m.

**RANDI** (F Bergstrand) – Bounded out of the gates.

**STAR OF HARKAWAY** (C Moon) – Bumped with another runner at the 200m

**RIVER KWAI** (W Kerford) – Raced wide throughout with no cover.

General: Correct weight for this event was delayed as the rider of the third placegetter requested to see the photo finish.

C Moon (STAR OF HARKAWAY) acknowledged a breach of AR137A(5)(a)(i)(ii) in that he used his whip in the forehand manner 3 extra and 4 consecutive prior to the 100m. C Moon was fined the sum of \$400. When considering penalty, Stewards took into consideration C Moon's poor record in relation to whip breaches and that his mount finished in the prize money.

#### **Race 4: Gapview Hotel Maiden Plate 1000 metres**

**HARD ROCK** (W Kerford) – Jumped outwards bumping with another runner.

**MEROONI** (M McDonald) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**RICHSPUR** (S Westover) – Stood flat-footed as the gates opened and lost ground.

**FORGOTTON TUNE** (R Vigar) – Commenced a little slow into stride.

**CANDLESTICKS** (B Davis) – Bumped with another runner on jumping being pushed outwards bumping with another runner.

**MISS ALLIE** (D Pisani) – Bumped inwards by another runner on jumping causing it to bump with another runner on its inside. Rider was advised that if bumped onto another runner, he must react quicker in relieving any pressure that may have been caused.

**WILANDER DIAMOND** (F Bergstrand) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**BONUSES** (K Manoukian) – Tightened between runners shortly after jumping and losing some ground and then raced wide throughout. Inclined to roll in under pressure down the length of the straight.

General: Correct weight for this event was delayed after M McDonald dismounted on pulling up, and was brought back by ambulance to the mounting enclosure to weigh in. Stewards inquired into an incident shortly after the start involving BONUSES being tightened between runners and losing his position. It was established that there was a shift out from runners to its inside and MISS ALLIE on its outside had been bumped onto BONUSES. Whilst acknowledging the interference, Stewards were satisfied that no one rider could be found responsible for the incident and took no further action. D Pisani (MISS ALLIE) was however advised to react quicker to relieve pressure when his mounts are bumped onto other runners.

Trainer Mr M Nyhan was fined \$100 for presenting his runner COUNT COSMAH with the incorrect gear AR140A.

#### **Race 5: Alice Springs Apex Club Handicap 1600 metres**

Prior to the start of this race, M McDonald was examined by medical officers in the jockey's room reported to be suffering from dehydration. Medical officers subsequently passed him fit to continue.

**LIVE IN SANE** (W Kerford) – Commenced awkwardly shifting out and bumped with another runner rounding the home turn.

**AUSBRED CUTIE** (C Moon) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**SHEIK OF TWEAK** (K Manoukian) – Commenced slow into stride and tightened between runners shortly after.

**CATCHTHERAINBOW** (B Davis) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

**SHIVORO** (D Pisani) – Taken out slightly on jumping by another runner and bumping.

**THE NIGHT SKY** (M McDonald) – Bumped with another runner on jumping. Had to be restrained rounding the first turn after racing up on heels and had to again be restrained several times at the 400m bumping with another runner when attempting a run along the rails.

General: M McDonald was fined \$200 in breach of AR120(b) in that he accepted the ride on THE NIGHT SKY in which he was found to be over-weight. As there was no other rider available to make the allotted weight, M McDonald was permitted to retain the ride.

**General:** M McDonald was fined \$200 for arriving on course late prior to his first riding engagement. It was established that M McDonald arrived in the jockey's room 30 minutes prior to start time when he is required to be on course 45 minutes prior to the advertised starting time of his first ride AR91.

M McDonald was fined \$200 for improper conduct in that he acted improperly during an inquiry using obscene language AR175(q).

M McDonald was notified of his right of appeal on all of the above offences which were incurred during the course of the day.

M McDonald was further advised that prior to him riding in any race, he must produce a medical certificate of fitness satisfactory to the stewards.

Post-race samples were taken from all winners

Pre-race samples were taken from: - THE NIGHT SKY, SHEIK OF TWEAK

Fines/Suspensions/embargos

C Moon \$400 AR137A(5)(a)(i)(ii)

M McDonald \$200 AR120(b)

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M Nyhan \$100 AR140A

KING CRUSADER One nostril bleeder