

Stewards Report
Monday 23 March, 2015



Panel: D Hensler, L Twomey

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into trainer Mr Scott Hillebrand's training management practices following a stable inspection conducted on 19 March, 2015. Evidence was taken from Mr Hillebrand in addition to a written report submitted by Veterinarian Dr J Farebrother on the condition of horses at the stable inspection conducted with the TRNT Stewards.

Mr Hillebrand was found guilty of a charge (1) under AR175 (o)(iv) with the specifics being that as the licensed trainer in charge of the race horses *STYLISH CRUISER*, *DECLINED*, *SMARTY MCFLY*, *SILENT GEE* and *DREAMING OF NEPAL* he did, in the opinion of the Stewards, fail to provide proper and sufficient nutrition to these horses for a period of time leading up to the 19 March, 2015.

Mr Hillebrand had his dual trainer/jockey licence suspended for a period of 3 months.

Mr Hillebrand had previously been found guilty on 1 July, 2014 of breaching the same rule and was fined \$2,500 on that occasion. The Stewards at the time ordered that \$1,500 of that fine be suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that he did not reoffend. Acting under the provisions of AR196(4) the suspended portion of this fine was imposed.

Mr Hillebrand was found guilty of a further charge (2) under AR175 (o)(iii) with the specifics being that as the licensed trainer in charge of *SMARTY MCFLY* he did, in the opinion of the Stewards, fail to provide veterinary treatment for that gelding where such treatment was necessary to an injury to the near fore leg.

Mr Hillebrand had his dual licence suspended for a further period of 3 months. Stewards ordered that the periods of suspension be served cumulatively and will therefore expire after 23 September, 2015. He was further advised that following the expiration of these penalties that any application for a license to train must be considered by the TRNT Board.

In determining penalty Stewards took into account:

- The seriousness of both charges as they relate to horse welfare
- Previous breach of the same rule (charge 1)
- The charge related to five horses under his care (charge 1)
- His conduct reflects poorly on the image of racing
- The fact that the matter (charge 2) required intervention of the Stewards for *SMARTY MCFLY* to be properly assessed by a veterinarian to be treated appropriately
- Both penalties must serve as a general and specific deterrent
- Mr Hillebrand's personal circumstances

Mr Hillebrand was advised of his rights of appeal to the Independent Appeals Tribunal within (7) days.

David Hensler
Chairman of Stewards, TRNT