STEWARDS REPORT
Port Macquarie Race Club
PORT MACQUARIE RACECOURSE
Saturday 26 August 2017

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (5)
Rail: 5m entire.

STEWARDS: D. R. Smith (Chairman), M. Holloway, N. Daniels, B. Fanning.

Supplementary Report: Taree 21 July 2017 Race 2 Maiden Handicap 1312m-
Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the reason My Girl Ella was retired from the event passing the 700m. A veterinary examination on the day found the filly had fractured both sesamoids in the near foreleg, and My Girl Ella was euthanased by the club's veterinarian. After considering evidence from trainer Mr B. Walker, inspecting the treatment records for the filly, and the autopsy report provided by The University of Sydney, the matter was concluded on the basis the stewards were satisfied that prior to competing the filly was not suffering from any pre-existing condition that could have contributed to today's incident. Further a post mortem urine sample taken from the filly has since been cleared of containing any banned substances.

RACE 1: Class 1 Handicap 1010m:
The Free World- Post race veterinary examination of the gelding which weakened badly over the final 300m found it was displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer Mr T. Evans was advised prior to racing again the gelding would require a veterinary clearance, including the results of an ECG, and must trial to the satisfaction of stewards.

Time for Three- B. Hodder was reminded of her obligations regarding riding her mounts out to the end of the race in at least a hands and heels manner wherever possible.

RACE 2: Maiden Handicap 1110m:
Superior Offer- Late scratching at 2.09pm by order of stewards after the gelding refused to be loaded into the barriers. Subsequently stewards ordered all monies invested on the gelding be refunded, and the following deductions on the face value of the ticket- 1st) Tokelau- Nil deductions. 2nd) Capnicconi- 9c place. 3rd) Inforawaltz- 7c place.
Trainer Mr M. O'Neill was advised prior to racing again the gelding would be required to compete satisfactorily in an official trial.

Alwaajid- Slow to begin. Hung out during the early and middle stages. Passing the 300m was bumped and taken out.

He Zoffan Gone- Slow to begin.

Inforawaltz- Held up for clear running rounding the home turn, and shortly after straightening shifted out and bumped Alwaajid.
**RACE 3:  Benchmark 60 Handicap 1210m:**

**Written Song**- Began awkwardly and shifted out bumping Gold Beret, and as a result lost ground (1L).

**Neon Jungle**- Post race veterinary examination of the gelding which weakened over the final 200m did not detect any abnormalities.

**RACE 4:  Class 1 & Maiden Plate 2020m:**

**Gallant Girl**- Slow to begin and shortly after was crowded.

**Mosh Pit**- Hampered on jumping. Overraced during the early stages and for some distance passing the 1800m was checked from heels.

**Prospect Road**- Shifted out on jumping. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding which was eased down out of the event near the 500m found it had fractured the medial sesamoid in its near foreleg. After consulting connections, and after further veterinary treatment the gelding was subsequently euthanased on humane grounds. After taking evidence form trainer Mr J. Waters the matter was adjourned to allow stewards to inspect treatment and veterinary records for the gelding.

**Flying Ticket**- Began awkwardly. Passing the 450m was checked from the heels of Prospect Road.

**Unique Dream**- Passing the 450m was steadied and shifted out abruptly to avoid the heels of Prospect Road.

**Sebring Fling**- Hung in when placed under pressure in the straight.

**RACE 5:  Maiden Plate 1512m:**

**Field Helmet**- Late scratching at 3.59pm by order of stewards after rider P. Graham was kicked by a runner in the leg during the preliminary and was unfit to fulfil his engagement. Subsequently stewards ordered all monies invested on the gelding be refunded, and the following deductions on the face value of the ticket for all successful bets placed prior to 3.59pm-

1st) **Weavered**- 12c win and 10c place.
2nd) **Arloarlo**- 16c place.
3rd) **Lothbrok**- 14c place.

P. Graham was subsequently assessed by the club’s ambulance officers and although cleared of serious injury was stood down from his remaining engagement.

**Spud**- Began awkwardly and shifted in bumping Weavered.

**Lothbrok**- Began awkwardly.

**Arloarlo**- Passing the 1300m the saddle on the mare slipped forward placing its rider at some disadvantage for the remainder of the race.

**Define Alliance**- Passing the 450m was steadied to avoid the heels of Weavered, which shifted out abruptly when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry, B. Looker (Weavered) was reprimanded (AR 137a) and advised in future to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

**Weavered**- Bumped on jumping. Post race veterinary examination found the mare was lame in the near foreleg. Trainer Mrs J. Hardy was advised prior to racing again the mare would require a veterinary clearance.
RACE 6: Benchmark 47 Handicap 1512m:
Dubai Dusk- S. Thurlow replaced C. Dwyer (injured) as the rider of the gelding. C. Dwyer was advised he would require a doctor’s clearance before riding again. Slow to begin.

Svavarsson- M. Nakao (a) replaced P. Graham (No senior jockeys available) as the rider of the gelding. Late scratching at 4.39pm acting on veterinary advice after the gelding was found to be lame in the off foreleg after arriving at the barriers. Subsequently stewards ordered all monies invested on the gelding be refunded, and the following deductions on the face value of the ticket-
1st) Pat’s Destiny- 15c win and 11c place.
2nd) Color Purple- 10c place.
3rd) Hill of Knowledge- 19c place.
Trainer Mr T. Evans was advised prior to racing again the gelding would require a veterinary clearance.

Hill of Knowledge- Passing the 1300m was steadied to avoid the heels of Can’t Find Him, which was carried in by Before You Think, which shifted in when not quite clear. At a subsequent inquiry, B. Hodder (Before You Think) was reprimanded (AR 137a), and advised in future to exercise greater care when shifting ground in future.

Prince Coureuse- For some distance passing the 550m was eased when awkwardly placed on the heels of the weakening Dubai Dusk.

General:
Swab samples were taken from all winners, and the following runners- Exellas, Inforawaltz and Prospect Road.

| SUMMARY |
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| **Fines:**       |                  |
| **Reprimands:**  | Race 5- B. Looker- Careless riding (AR 137a). |
|                   | Race 6- B. Hodder- Careless riding (AR 137a). |
| **Suspensions:**  |                  |
| **Warnings:**     |                  |
| **Bleeders:**    |                  |
| **Trials:**      | Race 1- The Free World- Cardiac Arrhythmia. |
|                   | Race 2- Superior Offer- Refused to load. |
| **Certificates:** | Race 1- The Free World- Cardiac Arrhythmia. |
|                   | Race 4- Weavered- Lame near foreleg. |
|                   | Race 6- Svavarsson- Lame off foreleg. |
| **Falls/Injuries:** | Race 5- P. Graham- Kicked behind barriers. Injured left leg. |
| **Tactic Changes:** | Race 5- Jardine- To be ridden more forward- Settled midfield. |