

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Harness Racing Waikato Inc at Cambridge Raceway	Date:	Thursday, 21 August 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Fast		
Rail:	Not applicable		
Stewards:	S Mulcay (Chairman), J Muirhead, B Jones		
Typist:	C Shaw		

General:

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Supplementary:

Cambridge Harness - Thursday 7th August 2014

The adjourned inquiry into the manner in which horseman D Balle drove **COOL SON** over the final stages of Race 2 at Harness Racing Waikato Incorporated's meeting held on 7 August 2014 was concluded at tonight's meeting.

Mr Balle stated that **COOL SON** was a 35 start maiden trotter on entering his stable with a bad tendency to gallop during his races and in particular when under pressure. He further stated that **COOL SON** had shown improvement right handed when winning at its previous start when able to set his own terms in front in a five horse field. Mr Balle added that at **COOL SON**'s previous start he had not turned the whip nor activated the deafeners as he was concerned the gelding would gallop as it had done at its previous start. Mr Balle then explained that in the race concerned that after racing without cover outside the leader for the majority of the event, that he had activated the deafener hood on the final turn before flicking **COOL SON** with the whip near the 100m but then felt that the gelding had resented being struck as it went to clamp its tail so he elected not to place **COOL SON** under undue pressure as he felt it was doing its best and would probably gallop as it did several strides shortly after the winning post. He further added that with hindsight he should not have carried a whip with the gelding and advised Stewards that he would not be carrying a whip in the future with **COOL SON** until such time that he was satisfied that the gelding's manners had improved sufficiently to enable him to do so.

After considering the matter and having had the opportunity to review a number of **COOL SON**'s previous starts, it was decided to note Mr Balle's explanation on this occasion however he was informed that given similar circumstances in the future that he would be expected to notify that a whip would not be carried or he would risk action being taken against him.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	LIVE LIFE BETTA, MAJOR STARE, DRAGON LADY, KD COMMANDO, CYCLONE LUCKY SEVEN, AMERICAN ANGEL
Protests:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 1 J Brownlee (ACEMAN) [Rule 869(2)(a)] Warned unnecessary whip use
Bleeders:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Race 3 SMILING TACT - Warned Racing Manners Race 6 LITE GLEAM - Warned Mobiles Race 8 MULLINGAR MAC - Warned Mobiles
Medical Certificates:	Nil
Driver Changes:	Nil

Late Scratchings:	Nil
Scratching Penalties:	<u>Ineligible from 22/08/2014 until 25/08/2014 inclusive (4 days):</u> SORAN, BROADWAY, LEROY BROGDEN, SOUL HANOVER, WESTWIND FLYER, LATENT
	<u>Ineligible from 22/08/2014 until 31/08/2014 inclusive (10 days):</u> ROYAL ARTHUR
	<u>Exceptional Circumstances:</u> TE KOUKA BREEZE

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	CHANGEOVER OFF TO A GREAT START AMATEUR DRIVERS MOBILE PACE
No claims were lodged for WESTBURN COURAGE and LIVE LIFE BETTA . LIVE LIFE BETTA raced three wide for the first 800 metres before crossing to race outside the leader. Driver J Brownlee (ACEMAN) was warned for using his whip in the run home when clearly out of contention.	
Race 2	FAIRVIEW MOTORS CAMBRIDGE COLTS & GELDINGS MOBILE PACE
No racing incidents to report.	
Race 3	CHRISTIAN CULLEN @ NEVELE R STUD MOBILE PACE
SMILING TACT broke passing the 900metres losing its chance. The authorisation of the second placing of ART ANGEL (B Mangos) was withheld to enable Stewards to investigate an incident near the 900 metres where SMILING TACT (J Abernethy) broke when racing on the back of ART ANGEL . After hearing the relative evidence from the respective drivers and viewing the replay it was established SMILING TACT , which was tending to over race with the moderate tempo, had broken free of interference and placings were duly authorised. J Abernethy (representing Trainer A Matthews) was advised that a warning would be placed on the racing manners of SMILING TACT . Driver J Stormont advised Stewards that he elected not to activate the sliding blinds on the winner STRAWBERRY COURAGE due to having the field well covered.	
Race 4	KONICA MINOLTA HANDICAP TROT
No claims were lodged for KD COMMANDO . OTO INVASION galloped over the early stages and settled at the rear. KD COMMANDO broke near the 1600metres when at the rear but soon settled.	
Race 5	AUTEX INDUSTRIES LTD MOBILE PACE
DENNY CRANE raced four wide early and then three wide down the back straight the first time before crossing to race outside the leader near the 1400metres. CUT THE CARDS was held up briefly on the final turn. GALEENA lay inwards on straightening on the run home and lost momentum.	
Race 6	FURNWARE INDUSTRIES BODYFURN FILLIES & MARES MOBILE PACE
LITE GLEAM broke in the initial stages of the score up and then shifted in checking ZOLTINA which also broke but was able to fill its position on the mobile prior to despatch. LITE GLEAM broke again in the middle stages in the score up and was well back from position at the start. A warning was placed against this mare's manners behind the mobile. DORRIE D paced roughly when the start was declared and settled at the rear. PINUP PONY , which led up, shifted out near the 250 metres momentarily inconveniencing WASHINGTON DIVA . BRANDY was held up late in the run home and was unable to secure clear racing room.	
Race 7	WAIKATO PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION HANDICAP TROT
THE ROYAL CHARGER reared as the barriers were released while COOL SON began badly with both geldings losing considerable ground and adding to their 30 metre handicaps. SPRINGFIELD HUGH broke for several strides at the start.	

CHOSEN PATH when trailing the leader broke near the 600metres and was taken down inside the marker line to clear the trailing runners and lost all chance.

ZIMPLE switched to a pace inside the final 100 metres losing its chance with **COOL SON** galloping shortly after when taking evasive action.

Race 8 DUNSTAN FEEDS JUNIOR DRIVERS MOBILE PACE

MULLINGAR MAC was claimed by Mr J Young.

MULLINGAR MAC galloped in the early stages of the score up and trailed the field throughout. A warning was placed against this gelding's mobile barrier manners.

HUDY HAXWELL raced in restricted room over the final stages of the run home finishing in third place.