STEWARDS REPORT

Taree- Wingham Race Club TAREE RACECOURSE

Sunday 20 August 2017

Weather: O' Cast Track: Good (3) Rail: True

STEWARDS: D. R. Smith (Chairman), D. Carr, D. Greer, B. Fanning.

Late Riding Changes:

When stewards were advised J. Van Overmeire (a) was unable to fulfil his engagements due to being injured in a race fall at Kembla Grange (19/08/2017) the following substitutions were approved.

Race 1:	K. Holding (a) on Zioptimus
Race 2:	J. Murphy (a) on Quite Frankly
Race 4:	C. Graham (a) on Rastafarian
Race 6:	J. Murphy (a) on Captain Scott
Race 7:	J. Ford on Mr McBat (Non-claiming race)
Race 8:	J. Murphy (a) on Johnny Roo Boy

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RACE 1: 3YO Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Miss Victa- Slow to begin. Hung out rounding the home turn.

Magic Ray- Slow to begin.

Zioptimus- Passing the 650m was eased to avoid the heels of Lady I Am, which shifted in when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry Y. Ichikawa (Lady I Am) was reprimanded (AR 137a), and advised in future to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

Mamzar- Overraced during the middle stages and passing the 700m was steadied from heels.

Lady I Am- Post race veterinary examination of the filly which weakened over the final 200m did not detect any abnormalities.

RACE 2: Entires & Geldings Class 1 Handicap 1250m:

Quite Frankly- Fractious in the barriers and was slow to begin. Post race veterinary examination of the gelding which failed to run on in the straight did not detect any abnormalities.

Metre Eater- Began awkwardly. Near the 200m was checked when disappointed for a run between Texas Tycoon and Ramaway, and had to be shifted in to continue into clear running.

Alwaajid- Slow to begin. Raced ungenerously during the early stages and hung out rounding the turn at the 1000m.

Lady Chicago- Passing the 800m improved onto heels and was steadied. Post race veterinary examination found the mare had bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr S. Aspery was advised the mare would now be barred from racing for a period of three months under the provisions of AR 53A.

On My Terms- Raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 4: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1300m:

Jackknife- Near the 1000m was eased to avoid the heels of Lozza, which shifted in when not quite clear. C. O'Brien (Lozza) was advised in future to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

Musical Family- Raced wide without cover throughout.

RACE 5: Maiden Handicap 1400m:

Chrissy Be- Slow to begin and shortly after was hampered.

Nic And Run- Blundered on jumping.

Wallaman- When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, G. Buckley stated after beginning awkwardly and striking itself at the start, the gelding failed to travel at any stage of the event and was most disappointing when placed under pressure from the 500m. A post race veterinary examination found the gelding had quartered its heels in the near foreleg. Trainer Mr M. Quinn subsequently reported (21/08/2017) that the gelding had pulled up mildly lame in the near foreleg, and he undertook to provide a veterinary clearance before racing again.

RACE 6: Benchmark 64 Handicap 1600m:

Toast- Began awkwardly.

Shrapelli- When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, J. Kehoe stated the mare overraced throughout the early and middle stages and in his opinion that contributed to the mare weakening badly in the straight. J. Kehoe added in his opinion the mare may also have reached the end of its preparation. A post race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer Mr A. Kehoe advised stewards the mare would now be spelled. Mr Kehoe was advised the performance of Shrapelli was not satisfactory, and the mare would be required to compete in an official trial before racing again.

RACE 7: Taree Cup Open Quality Handicap 2000m:

Olympic Academy- Began awkwardly. Overraced during the middle stages and for some distance passing the 1500m was steadied from heels. Held up for clear running rounding the home turn.

Who is Game- Passing the winning post on the first occasion was eased to avoid the heels of Collaboration, which shifted in slightly whilst racing ungenerously. P. Graham (Collaboration) was advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances in future. Held up for clear running rounding the home turn.

Mr McBat- Slow to begin. Passing the 550m was steadied when crowded for room between Gold Ambition, and Sofin, both of which shifted ground slightly. At a subsequent inquiry B. Spriggs (Gold Ambition) and B. Looker (Sofin) were advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances in future. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance,

J. Ford could offer no explanation other than the gelding failed to run out strong 2000m and may have come to the end its preparation. A post race veterinary examination found the gelding was displaying a poor post race recovery and to be coughing occasionally. Trainer Mr D. Lane advised stewards the gelding would now be spelled. Acting on that assurance no action was taken.

Collaboration- Overraced during the early stages. On straightening was checked when attempting to improve between Olympic Academy and the weakening Malleable, where there was not quite sufficient room.

RACE 8: Open Handicap 1000m:

Ice Bucket- Fractious in the barriers and was slow to begin (2L). For some distance passing the 100m raced in restricted room after improving into a narrow run inside the weakening Johnny Roo Boy.

Ruling Queen- Slow to begin (2L).

Arise Augustus- Hung in when placed under pressure in the straight proving difficult to ride out.

I'm a Jet- Over the final 100m raced in restricted room when crowded by Arise Augustus, which had a tendency to hang in.

Johnny Roo Boy- When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, J. Murphy (a) could offer no explanation other than the gelding may have come to the end of its preparation. A post race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer Mr D. Lane advised stewards the gelding would now be spelled.

General-

Swab samples were obtained from all winners and the following runners- Texas Tycoon, Admiral Jello, Sofin, Gold Ambition, Pirate Ben, Collaboration and The Getaway.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	
Reprimands:	Race 1- Y. Ichikawa- Careless riding (AR 137a).
Suspensions:	
Warnings:	
Bleeders:	Race 3- Lady Chicago- Bled both nostrils.
Trials:	Race 6- Shrapelli- Poor performance.
Certificates:	
Falls/Injuries:	
Tactic Changes:	Race 1- Whonicked de Lolly- To be ridden further back- Settled midfield. Race 7- Olympic Academy- To be ridden further back- Settled back.