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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Carolina Cup

DATE: 04/2/2022

WEATHER: Clear

COURSE CONDITION: Good

Compaction: 10-12

Moisture: 0.2

Wet Bulb: 11.8 C

CLERK OF SCALES: Cathie Jackson

STARTER: Stirling Young

STEWARDS: Larry F. Curits
Beale Payne
Gregg Pachman
Anne Pezzano (Safety Steward)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

The stewards conducted a course inspection at 2pm on Friday the day before the races. All three stewards were present as well as NSA Director of Racing Bill Gallo. We were later joined by Jack Sanford from the Stewards Advisory Board and Jockey's Barry John Foley and Gerard Galligan.

The going was found to be excellent – the best it has been in recent memory. There was concern about the 10th fence (the second last hurdle) on the turn which has historically been a trouble spot on this course. At the stewards' request Race Director Jeff Teter adjusted the angle to this fence. The riders suggested moving the fence forward out of the turn which the stewards agreed would be a better solution but got push back from Toby Edwards as being unnecessary. At this time the stewards decided to leave the jump with the angle correction but changed the start of the race to the landing side of the first fence making the race slightly shorter for the three maiden races and jumping 9 fences instead of 11 with the theory that the horses would be less tired.

At approximately 10:30am on race day the stewards were informed that the SOTA representative would like to meet with us. Several trainers and a few riders objected to the shortened distance and taking out 2 fences. The trainers stated that this was not the race that they entered in and it would change the race dynamic. The stewards then reluctantly agreed to run the first race with no changes and carefully monitor how the horses jumped the second last hurdle. In the first race there was a faller at this fence that suffered a broken neck and the stewards closed the fence for the remaining two maiden races.

Race I

KOKO STAR pulled up before the 10th fence tired.

TEAM TIM pulled up after the 10th fence lame. TEAM TIM is to be put on the vets list.

MEKONG was pulled up after the 10th fence tired.

DECLAREATRUCE fell and broke his neck at the 10th fence. He never left the ground and appeared to be dead on impact. Jockey Dalton was examined and cleared to ride.

WESTERLAND (GB) fell at the last while in contention appeared to be tired and made a mistake. Jockey Parker Hendricks was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

Race II

*The stewards closed the 10th fence for this race so the horses only jumped 9 fences.

OLD WEST PRINCESS pulled up tired after the 7th.

CAINUOTHETWIST pulled up tired after the 7th fence after opening up a commanding lead before faltering badly.

DEVA OF SEVILLE pulled up before the 10th fence tired.

FIDDLYN had a rotational fall at the last fence but got up and walked off. Jockey Mikey Hamill was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

GERANIUM was pulled up tired before the last fence.

Race III

*The stewards closed the 10th fence for this race so the horses only jumped 9 fences.

DUCKETTS GROVE was pulled up lame before the last fence and vanned off. He is to be put on the vets list.

Race IV

*The hurdle on the turn was put back in for this race so there were 11 jumps.

EVE'S CITY pulled up before the last tired.

CHETZERON pulled up before the last fence.

Race V

*The hurdle on the turn was put back in for this race so there were 11 jumps.

The stewards conducted an inquiry into the running of this race.

THE HAPPY GIANT unseated jockey Mell Boucher when he ran over a beacon approaching the fourth fence. The stewards interviewed jockey Boucher in the physician examining tent and she stated that she was not interfered with just not able to control her mount enough to properly navigate the beacon. The stewards took no action and made the race official.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

The majority of the day's races were run with no sound system so even though the race caller was calling the races no one could hear them. The course physicians this year were new. Dr Christensen and Dr Davis did an excellent job and we appreciate them very much.

The stewards would like to see before next year the second to last fence on the turn either eliminated or moved forward off the turn with the last fence also adjusted depending on which option is chosen.

Larry F. Curtis
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