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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Queen's Cup Steeplechase

DATE: April 30, 2022

WEATHER: Clear, Dry, 77F, WBT 22.2

COURSE CONDITION:
Compaction: 115-120
Moisture: 9 (Good to Firm)

CLERK OF SCALES: Cathie Jackson

STARTER: Jeff Teter

STEWARDS: Greg Pachman (Presiding)
Phil Hanrahan
Anne Pezzano
Woody Maloney (Safety Steward)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Race 1: [Race 1 Chart](#)

#6 Bassmatchi was scratched.

#1 Boss Man had weight changed to 155 lbs due to rider Elizabeth Scully losing her 7 pound bug the previous weekend. She rode with a 5 pound bug.

#2 Chetzeron pulled up prior to last fence (Tired).

#1 Boss Man lost rider Elizabeth Scully at 11th fence. Scully was transported to the hospital with lower back pain.

Race 2: [Race 2 Chart](#)

#5 Ancient Times was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing.

#3 Zarkallani was scratched.

#5 Ancient Times lost rider Gerard Galligan at the 7th fence. Galligan was uninjured and cleared to ride.

Race 3: [Race 3 Chart](#)

#4 Mr. Alec was pulled up with a left front leg fracture prior to the 9th fence. He was later euthanized.

#3 Perfect Tapatino was pulled up prior to the 11th fence (Tired).

After the 3rd race the stewards met with starter Jeff Teter and riders Thomas Garner and Jamie Bargary. The start process was inefficient with 2 false starts in a 4 horse field. Teter was unhappy with the performance of the riders. Specifically, he felt that they were not following his instructions to proceed farther away from the box prior to turning back for another walk up start. Both riders testified, basically, that they were doing the best they could given the behavior of some of the horses in the group of 4. Both riders were cautioned about obeying the instructions of the starter and the rest of the starts on the card went off smoothly.

The stewards believe that the entire situation was probably caused, and undoubtedly made worse, by the lack of an assistant starter. Historically, it seems, starters have brought a skilled horseman with them to act as an assistant starter. However, lately, it seems this has not been possible. Bill Price stated after the race that he would have supplied a skilled horseman to act as an assistant starter had he been asked. The stewards believe that the NSA

should work with the associations to ensure there is someone in attendance who is qualified to be an assistant starter on their list of event volunteers and no longer rely on the starter to provide one.

Race 4:[Race 4 Chart](#)

#1 Webb fell at the 6th fence (water jump). Webb and rider Gerard Galligan were both uninjured. Galligan was cleared to ride.

Race 5:[Race 5 Chart](#)

#5 Mojave was scratched.

#4 Cainudothetwist was ridden by Mark Watts as a replacement for the injured Elizabeth Scully.

#2 Always Cool lost rider Mell Boucher at the last fence. Boucher was uninjured and cleared to ride

Official Comments:

Two weeks prior to the race Event Director Bill Price met with the stewards and informed them that he had decided to remove the last fence from the 2021 course and move the next to last fence farther down the home stretch. In addition, he requested that the water jump be in use for all five races on the card. That request was approved.

Prior to the start of racing, Price approached the stewards and asked that, in the 5th race, the race be started immediately after the fence on the clubhouse turn as opposed to directly in front of it as was depicted in the program. The change in distance was relatively minor and he was uncomfortable with how soon the horses would reach that fence after the depicted start. That request was approved.

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Greg Pachman
Presiding Steward