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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Virginia Gold Cup

DATE: May 7, 2022

WEATHER: rain

COURSE CONDITION:

Soft

Compaction: 75 – 80

Moisture: 10

CLERK OF SCALES: Bill Hair

STARTER: Graham Alcock

STEWARDS: Larry Curtis
Beale Payne
Tad Zimmerman

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

First Race: *HERO'S RETURN* slipped on landing at the second to last and lost his rider. His rider, Brett Owens, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

Second Race: *KNOCKHOLT* was pulled up before the second to last and reported to have tired.

Third Race: *STEP TO THE BAR* was pulled up five fences from home and reported to have disliked the deep going. *BEE MAJOR* was pulled up before the last and was reported to have tired.

Fourth Race: All horses in the race were pre-race tested for TCO2.

CITY DREAMER ridden by Graham Watters, went inside the last beacon at the top of the stretch. *GOING COUNTRY*, ridden by Parker Hendricks, fully alongside *CITY DREAMER* to his inside, was forced off course. A Steward's Inquiry was announced and the riders were interviewed.

After the last race Graham Watters waived his right to a Steward's Hearing and was fined \$250 dollars for careless riding, interference, failure to control his horse, and

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going off course. Refer to 11VAC10-140-240, 11VAC10-140-230, and 11VAC10-140-240.

Fifth Race: All horses in the race were pre-race tested for TCO2.

FIRST FRIDAY and *STORM TEAM* were pulled up seven fences from home. *FIRST FRIDAY* was reported to have disliked the going. *STORM TEAM* was reported to have tired. *SHOOTIST* was pulled up three fences out and was reported to have tired. *TOMGARROW* was pulled up two fences from home and was reported to have tired.

Sixth Race: *PARISH DELIGHT* was pulled up two fences from home and was reported to have tired.

Sean McDermott, the rider of second placed *WHO'S COUNTING* claimed foul against the winner, *LJAY*, ridden by Mikey Hamill, for interference at the last fence. After interviewing the riders and reviewing the video, the claim of foul was disallowed.

Seventh Race: *BEAT LE BON* was scratched by the Stewards on the advice of the Racing Commission Veterinarian.

TOM refused to line up for the start. After having lined the field up twice without starting, the Stewards scratched the horse on the advice of the Starter. *TOM* was placed on the Steward's list and may not start in a race with parimutuel betting until he has started successfully in a race under rules without parimutuel betting.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

The winner and second place finisher in each race were selected for post-race testing.

The course held up well given the significant amount of rain it received. There were no horses that ran who were reported lame cooling out. All horses that were pulled up were examined by the State Veterinarians with no lameness reported.

The total handle was \$65,749.



Tad Zimmerman, Steward