

STEWARDS REPORT

Race Meeting: Willowdale

Date: May 14, 2022

Stewards: Gregg Morris, Presiding
Charlie Fleischman
Wayne Van Sant
Doris Paxson, Safety Steward

Weather: Cloudy, brief shower

Course:
Average Moisture: 6-7
Average Compaction: 95-110

Clerk of Scales: Jake Chalfin

Starter: Burling Vannote

Official Actions:

First Race: SENOR SEVILLE was pulled up before the 8th fence (distanced).

Second Race: BREVARD PLACE, ridden by Mark Galligan, clipped heels with SEVILLE BARBER and fell approaching the final turn. Galligan was not cleared and was transported to the hospital for a shoulder injury.
The Stewards requested post race testing on SEVILLE BARBER, who finished second.

Third Race: Richard Boucher replaced the injured Mark Galligan on MEKONG at a corrected weight of 156.
DOGWOODS COSBY lost rider Dylan McDonagh at the 8th fence. McDonagh was cleared by the course physician.

Fourth Race: Eric Poretz replaced Galligan on CRITICIZE at a corrected weight of 150.
BELLA COOLA was pulled up before the 7th fence (tack slipped).
EMBRACE THE GRIND was pulled up before the 9th fence (tired).

Sixth Race: NR. FINE THREADS, trained by Alicia Murphy, was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing.
Eric Poretz replaced Galligan on ADJUTANT at a corrected weight of 165.
WORZEL GUMMIDGE lost rider Alex Leventhal at the 9th fence. Leventhal was cleared by the course physician.
STOOSHIE was pulled up before the 13th fence (distanced).
TIEPOLO, ridden by Virginia Korrell, appeared to be headed inside a beacon while on the lead approaching the final turn. Korrell was able to alter her path just before the beacon to stay on course. However, both BLACKHALL, ridden by Theresa Dimpfel, and MR. FINE THREADS, ridden by Erika Taylor, failed to correct and went inside the beacon. Both of the latter continued on in the race and

jumped the last fence. Both BLACKHALL and MR. FINE THREADS were therefore disqualified.

After the race Eric Poretz claimed foul on “everybody” for being forced wide on the final turn. After review of the video, the claim was disallowed.

The Stewards also reviewed video of the incident at the last turn with Virginia Korrell. Korrell stated that her goggles had become smeared from the rain and she did not see the beacon approaching the final turn until she was on top of it. It was pointed out to her that her abrupt move at the beacon which resulted in her being swung wide could have been dangerous had she not been clear of the field at that time. It was suggested that she wear an additional set of goggles to provide better vision during a race.

After the last race the Stewards held a formal hearing for Theresa Dimpfel and Erika Taylor. Having previously reviewed video of the incident with both, neither disputed the fact that they had both gone off course and had continued on in the race after having done so. Both riders were fined \$250 for going off course and another \$250 for remaining in the race.

Official Comments:

The new management at Willowdale is commended for a beautifully prepared course, a well organized event, and good racing.

Gregg Morris, Presiding
(Electronically signed)

Addendum:

A few days after the races a video taken from the livestream appeared on social media that shows jockey Teddy Davies taking a drink of water from a water bottle handed to him by his father while he was still mounted in the winner’s circle. After consultation with the Clerk of Scales it was determined that the amount of water Davies drank in the video would not have been enough to alter his weight to the point of possible disqualification. Davies was contacted by phone and stated that he had just been “really thirsty” and did not know that he was not supposed to drink anything before crossing the scales. Davies acknowledged his wrongdoing and said he would be more careful in the future.