

## STEWARDS REPORT

Race Meeting: Winterthur Races

Date: May 8, 2022

Stewards: Charles Fleischman, Cook Edens, Duncan Patterson; Doris Paxson (Safety Steward)

Clerk of Scales: Mary Guessford

Starter: Burley Vannotte

Weather: Windy and light mist. Became windy and mild as the day progressed.

Ground: Good for the most part with a short section with some standing water between fences 4 and 5 that posed no problem.

### Official Actions:

Before the first race, Bill Gallo informed the stewards that #6, "Hey Teacher", in the fourth race was mistakenly not listed as running on Lasix. He was on time to follow the Lasix protocol.

At the Riders meeting with the stewards, the last beacon of the series on the turn between fence 4 and 5 was pointed out as being too far out and would cause a sharp turn to get to fence 5. The stewards and Sanna Neilson of the race committee looked at the positioning and agreed with the rider observation. The last beacon was brought closer to the inside of the turn. Subsequently the change was regarded by the riders as beneficial.

Race 1: #4, "Lucky Soul" and #7, "Mo's in the House" scratched. #13, "Full Time Party" drew in. Four horses pulled up before the last fence, #1 "Paddy's Crown", #2 "Sudden Victory", #6 "Shootin The Breeze", and #13 "Full Time Party". One horse, #11, "Broken Force", suffered from heat exhaustion on the way back to the vans, was treated and reported by the vet, Dr Anderson, as fully recovered at the end of the day. All horses that pulled up reported being tired.

Race 2: #4, "Boutonniere", knuckled over and fell on landing at the last while in close contention with the winner, #1, "Withoutmoreado". Dr Anderson reported that he had a small cut with no bleeding on his lip but was otherwise unharmed. Rider Freddie Proctor was cleared by Dr. Gibney to ride in the next race.

Race 3: Nothing to report

Race 4: As noted earlier, "Hey Teacher" ran on Lasix though the overnights, in error, did not have him listed to be on it.

### Official Comments:

The course was surprisingly good despite the days of rain preceding the races. Jill Abbot and her team were very organized and had sufficient volunteers, making the running of the races easy.

In the first race the photo finish camera had an issue and since there were no placing judges assigned, it brought out the need to have human backup for some of the technology the races are employing, specifically a timer and placing judges in this case.

It is suggested that Winterthur consider making room on their inside running rail at the fences to allow the inside wings to be set at a suitable angle from perpendicular to the fence but still allow a lane for a loose horse to go by a fence on the inside.

The blue stone traffic crossings were lightly harrowed prior to the first race to de-compact them and rode well.

The walk up starts worked well with no issues and clean starts, even with the 11-horse field.

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Charles Fleischman, Presiding