

STEWARDS REPORT

Race Meeting: Shawan Downs

Date: September 24, 2022

Stewards: Gregg Morris
Wayne Van Sant
Charlie Fleischman
Norm Fraley, Safety Steward

Weather: Clear

Course:
Average Moisture: 5.5-8
Average Compaction: 100-115

Clerk of Scales: Jake Chalfin

Starter: Chris Daney

Official Actions:

- First Race: CARLOUN was scratched on recommendation of the course vet due to lameness in the LF and LH. CARLOUN is therefore placed on the VET'S LIST.
JUKEBOX JUJU pulled up at the 8th fence (tired). SHUYYYOOKH pulled up at the 10th fence (tired).
- Second Race: SEISMIC WAVE lost rider Gerard Galligan at the 6th fence. Galligan was cleared by the course physician.
FOG BOUND pulled up at the 9th fence (tired). BEOWULF pulled up at the 10th fence (tired).
- Third Race: LUDICROUS MODE fell at the 4th fence with Jamie Bargary. Bargary was cleared by the course physician. LUDICROUS MODE was transported back to the barn area via the horse ambulance. The course vet reported later that the horse was uncomfortable but standing and able to walk.
- Fourth Race: LJAY was scratched on recommendation of the course vet due to lameness at the pre-race exam. LJAY is therefore placed on the VET'S LIST.
- Fifth Race: ANDI'AMU was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing.
JUNIOR SENATOR appeared to be an out-of-control runaway when he fell with Eric Poretz at the third fence. Poretz was NOT CLEARED by the course physician due to a facial laceration and possible concussion.
- Sixth Race: COACH CARTER was scratched on recommendation of the course vet due to lameness in the RF and was placed on the VET'S LIST.
GAYE BREEZE was scratched on recommendation of the course vet due to lameness in the LF and was placed on the VET'S LIST.
WESTERN CRUSADER was scratched on recommendation of the course vet due to lameness in the RF and was placed on the VET'S LIST.
As a result of the scratches, TIEPOLO drew into the race.
Colin Smith replaced the injured Eric Poretz on SO SUBLIME.
REAL GOOD MAN, SO SUBLIME, and WORZEL GUMMIDGE all pulled up before the last fence (tired).
- Seventh Race: AGITARE was scratched on recommendation of the course vet due to lameness at the pre-race

exam. The course vet reported that she offered to re-examine the horse at a second presentation but stated that the horse did not return for a second assessment. AGITARE is therefore placed on the VET'S LIST.

HE'LL DO drew into the race from the AE list.

BOURBON MAGIC refused at the start. BOURBON MAGIC is therefore placed on the STEWARD'S LIST and will not be permitted to start at a race meet with pari-mutuel wagering until starting under rules without incident.

Official Comments:

The course was in beautiful shape and the race committee and new management team are commended for a well run event. The paddock situation was a new development and will undoubtedly be a work in progress. It is noted that the races were able to stay on schedule throughout the day with this new arrangement.

During the course of the afternoon the Stewards were informed by the course vet, Dr. Rachel Blakey, that trainer Keri Brion was posting videos of her pre-race exams on social media. Brion was not on the grounds during the day, since she was running a horse at Aqueduct. Apparently the videos had been sent to her.

Dr. Blakey said she felt that posting the videos was unprofessional and asked that they be taken down. The Stewards confirmed that the videos were posted and called Brion to request that she remove them. Brion was upset and refused to delete the videos.

After the last race the Stewards, including Safety Steward Norm Fraley, and the Stewards Secretary Bill Gallo, met with Drs. Rachel Blakey and Brooke Harper, the two course veterinarians, to discuss the issue. Both vets confirmed that upon initial presentation at the pre-race exam they are unaware of the owner or trainer of the horse. They reported that if a horse is not 100% sound at the initial presentation they allow the trainer or trainer's representative to represent the horse for a second exam in 15-20 minutes. They confirmed that all but one of the horses that were scratched due to lameness were re-examined at least twice and sometimes three times before making the recommendation to the Stewards to scratch the horse. The one horse that did not return for a second evaluation was due to the trainer's decision.

The Stewards pointed out that they were in no way questioning the determinations or finding of the vets but were simply documenting the pre-race exam procedure as it happens. It was impressed upon Dr. Blakey and Dr. Harper that the NSA is greatly appreciative of their work and that the Stewards on the day are there to protect them from any abusive or unprofessional behavior by anyone.

This matter is hereby referred to the Stewards Advisory Committee for further investigation into a possible violation of the NSA Code of Conduct.

Gregg Morris, Presiding
(Electronically signed)