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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Aiken Fall Steeplechase

DATE: Oct 29th, 2022

WEATHER: Cloudy, Dry, 62F

COURSE CONDITION:
Compaction: 73
Moisture: 7.75

CLERK OF SCALES: Cathie Jackson

STARTER: Jeff Teter

STEWARDS: Greg Pachman (Presiding)
Rug Howard
Anne Pezzano
Woody Maloney (Safety Steward)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Race 1:

#4 Kiyomori was scratched.

Race 2:[Race 2 Chart](#)

#5 Pull Rank pulled up prior to the 9th fence (tired).

#3 Shaolin pulled up Prior to the 9th fence (tired).

After the 2nd race, a number of riders approached the stewards and asked if the last fence could be closed for the final stretch run as the ground was quite a bit softer than expected and they felt it was a safety issue. The stewards met and decided that closing the fence would not be possible since the fence crews had already been briefed and deployed and changing their assignments and directions in the middle of the event was not a smart way to proceed. The stewards told the riders that they were willing to remove the fence entirely but were not willing to close the last fence. The decision was made to remove the fence entirely.

The organizers maintained the same watering plan throughout the week and it had worked perfectly up until race day which came up cloudy and about 12 degrees cooler than the day before. The course just didn't dry as it had the day before and it was surprisingly soft.

Race 3:[Race 3 Chart](#)

#7 Seb's Welcome fell at the 7th fence. He got up and jogged away before being caught by the outrider. He was diagnosed with an elbow chip and cleared to return home. Jockey Bernard Dalton was uninjured and cleared to ride.

#1 Jump Ship broke down just prior to the finish. He was diagnosed with a bowed tendon and cleared to return home.

Race 4:[Race 4 Chart](#)

#1 Purrageous Dyna pulled up prior to the 6th fence (tired).

Race 5: [Race 5 Chart](#)

#6 Cross Border was scratched.

#7 Hilliard was scratched.

#8 Lumberjack was selected for pre-race TCO2 testing.

#3 Tiger to Remember lost rider Bernard Dalton at the 4th fence. Dalton was uninjured and cleared to ride.

#4 Flying Scotsman was pulled up before the last fence (tired).

Official Comments:

The jockey's tent was far too small for the number of riders. The organizers made note of it and will fix it for the spring.

Overall, the event was well-organized and well-attended. The Aiken organizers should be congratulated for all of their hard work. It was appreciated by everyone.

//Signed//

Greg Pachman
Presiding Steward