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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Callaway Steeplechase

DATE: Nov 5th, 2022

WEATHER: Partly Cloudy, Dry, 77F

COURSE CONDITION:
Compaction: 10 (Good)
Moisture: 7

CLERK OF SCALES: Harrison Young

STARTER: Jeff Teter

STEWARDS: Greg Pachman (Presiding)
Anne Pezzano
Alan Monet
Woody Maloney (Safety Steward)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Race 1: [Race 1 Chart](#)

#2 Shootin The Breeze pulled up at the 11th fence (Tired)

Race 2: [Race 2 Chart](#)

Race 3: [Race 3 Chart](#)

#4 Thai Terrier pulled up after 5th fence (Poor Action)

When Thai Terrier pulled up after the 5th fence, jockey Barry Foley dismounted. Starter Jeff Teter (who was in the area) radioed the stewards and informed them to get the horse ambulance ready. The stewards did so but it was still early in the race and obviously the ambulance could not be dispatched until the race was over and the course was secured. In the amount of time that it took the race to finish and the horses to return, Foley had led the horse down the hill and basically made it to the unsaddling area with the other horses where the horse was retrieved by the trainer and walked back to the barn with the rest of the field. To the stewards, the horse looked slightly uncomfortable but not lame meaning that, if he had been any other horse in the race, the stewards would not have objected to him walking back to the barn.

The stewards met with Foley after the race. Paraphrasing, Foley said that he was unhappy with the horse's action and decided to pull him up. He did not feel that the horse was lame or injured and Foley was uncomfortable with where he had stopped on course (knowing the field would be coming right by him at speed in a few minutes). He saw no reason not to walk the horse down the hill to what he considered to be a safer position on course and back towards unsaddling. The stewards explained to Foley that if he dismounts on course it is a signal to the stewards that he may need assistance and, from an optics standpoint, it would be better to stay where he was and let he and the horse be picked up. The stewards took no action as we felt that his decision to pull up was timely, appropriate, and something we should encourage in general. The question remains what the response should be if a rider dismounts a pulled up horse as opposed to riding it back mounted.

Race 4: [Race 4 Chart](#)

Race 5: [Race 5 Chart](#)

#6 Stolen Shoes was selected for pre-race TCO2 testing

Official Comments:

None. Program went smoothly and finished on-time. Full credit should go to Mason, Kim, Curt, and the whole Callaway team.

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Greg Pachman
Presiding Steward