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**Stewards Report**

Race Meeting:  Charleston                    Date:  11/13/2022

Weather:  Sunny, 61 º F                      Course Condition:  Good
                                             Moisture:  5 Average
                                             Compaction:  100

Clerk of Scales:  Cathie Jackson            Starter:  Rug Howard

Stewards: Beale Payne
          Larry F. Curtis
          Greg Pachman
          Anne Pezzano (Safety Steward)

Official Actions:

Race 2: FEMINISTA pulled up fence 7, HARD TIMER pulled up fence 9,
        and PULL RANK pulled up fence 11. All reported as tired.


Race 3: BEOWULF(IRE) fell at the third fence and walked off. CROSS
        BORDER pulled up fence 7 and LUMBERJACK pulled up last
        fence. Both reported as tired. Rider Jamie Bargary was cleared to
        to ride by the Course Physician.

Race 4: After the running of the third race, the riders stated that there was
        a wet area on the course turning into the backside where horses
        were slipping badly. The stewards examined the area and set beacons
        to carry the field wide to the outside of the compromised footing.
        A tiring HARD GAME pulled up at the next to last fence.


Race 5: JUKEBOX JUJU pulled up fence 7. TIGER TO REMEMBER
        pulled up at the next to last fence. Both horses were assessed as tired.

CLARA BELLE jumped the last fence awkwardly and twisted upon landing thereby losing the rider. THE INSIDER (IRE) fell at the last jump after becoming entangled with CLARA BELLE on the landing side of the fence. A STEWARDS INQUIRY was called to examine the incident at the last fence and upon review no changes were made.

Official Comments :

The racecourse turf continues to improve and, notably, the effort of weed control has yielded a smooth and consistent course. The fences were set along the inside rail which resulted in mixed response. Some expressed a concern that the turns became too sharp and others thought that the placement might be a safety issue. This placement scenario is not unprecedented, as it had been previously used at flat track jump meets.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beale Payne
Presiding Steward