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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: PA Hunt Cup

DATE: 11/06/2021

WEATHER: Overcast, 68°

COURSE CONDITION:

Compaction: good

Moisture: 10.5

CLERK OF SCALES: Mary Guessford

STARTER: Chris Daney

STEWARDS: Gus Brown

Charles Flesichmann

Gregg Morris

Doris Paxson, Safety Steward

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

With continued work on the "Weymouth Farm", the course for the PA Hunt Cup continued in 2022 to run over the modified 18-fence, four-mile course that incorporated only the main racecourse on the "Moran Farm". This appears to be the situation going forward for the foreseeable future.

The racecourse was upgraded from firm to good after a soaking overnight rain fell in the area.

Mercoeur (FR), from Race 3, was chosen at random for pre-race CO2 testing by the Stewards.

Both the Jockey's Meeting and the Official's Meeting were held at the time published on the overnight. The Stewards met separately with jockeys Chelsea Secor and Hunter Holm following the jockey's meeting. Both of these jockeys were having their 1st start at an NSA-sanctioned meet.

Race 1: Lonely Weekend, fell with jockey Thomas Garner at fence eleven. **Real Good Man (IRE)**, pulled up after fence twelve and reported to have tired. Jockey Garner was cleared by the course physician. Lonely Weekend was cleared by the course veterinarian.

Race 2: Boutonniere dwelt badly at the start and eventually did regain contact with the field.

Boutonniere did pull up lame following the race and was immediately dismounted by his jockey. He was attended to by the course veterinarian and allowed to walk back to the stable area on his own power. He has been placed on the vet's list.

Race 3: Prior to this race, the Stewards moved the beacons on the far turn between the 3rd last and the 2nd last out approximately fifteen feet to give the runners fresh ground. Beacons were also moved out ten feet and added in the Weymouth property to give the runners fresh ground there as well. As previously reported, Mercoeur (FR), was chosen for pre-race CO2 testing.

Race 4: Fashion Line, ridden by Hunter Holm, was fractious at the start, dwelt, and was slow to get away. **Tapped Off**, ridden by Jennie Brannigan, ran erratically early toward the rear of the field and made some ground through the field while still running inconsistently on the far turn. As jockey Brannigan attempted to use her whip mid-stretch, the horse made a slight bobble and the jockey lost her irons and became unbalanced, ultimately becoming unseated. Tapped Off ran back to the barn and fell over the outside racecourse fence and into the stabling area, where he remained for an extended period of time. He was attended to by the course veterinarian and was able to walk back to his stall under his own power.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

The change by the race committee of the 2nd last fence to a stacked rail fence from a post-and-rail fence seemed to improve the jumping experience for the runners and no incidents were reported on this part of the racecourse.

The Stewards would like to thank and commend the Race Committee for another successful race meet and would also like to thank the horsemen for keeping the day running on schedule and in a timely fashion. The racecourse was in excellent condition and the ground crew should be commended for a job well done.

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