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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Aiken Spring Steeplechase

DATE: 03/25/2023

WEATHER: Rain, then sunny

COURSE CONDITION: Compaction:102
Moisture: 10

CLERK OF SCALES: Cathie Jackson

STARTER: Jeff Teter

STEWARDS: Reese Howard
Greg Pachman
Allan Monat
Anne Pezzano (Safety Steward)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS: For the sake of safety, the Stewards ordered that the last fence closed for the stretch run of Races 5 and 6.

Race #1 There was limited video for this race when three of the four cameras did not transmit during the running of the race. Ritzy A.P. pulled up lame and was vanned off. Reported reinjury of prior suspensory injury. Ritzy A. P. was placed on the Vet's List.

Race #2 King Bubble fell two fences from the finish. This horse was cleared to travel home. Jockey Barry Foley was cleared to ride.

Race #3 Three O One fell at the last. This horse was cleared to travel home. Jockey Mel Boucher was not cleared to ride and reported to have injured a shoulder and a wrist.

Race #4 The rider on CARL TIMOTHY was changed to Gerard Galligan. GIRL DAD fell at the last. This horse was cleared to travel home. Jockey Parker Hendriks was cleared to ride. There was a claim of foul by the second-place finisher (FINDING FREEDOM ridden by Bernie Dalton) on the winner (SEISMIC WAVE ridden by Harrison Beswick) for alleged interference in the stretch. After an interview with both riders and a review of the video, the claim of foul was disallowed. After the races the Stewards met with jockey Harrison Beswick to discuss the Stewards'

expectations when riding from the last fence to the finish. Beswick agreed with and understood the Stewards.

Race #5

This race was finished without jumping the last fence. There was a claim of foul by the rider of the second-place finisher (UCO VALLEY ridden by David England) against the winner (WEST NEWTON ridden by Harrison Beswick). After reviewing the video and interviewing the rider, the claim of foul was disallowed. After the races the Stewards met with jockey David England to review the correct procedure to claim a foul and explained the frivolous foul claim policy.

Race #6

This race was fished without jumping the last fence. The Insider was tested for TcO2.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

It was noted that the backside could not be viewed from the Stewards' stand because of the tents placed along the inside fence in the infield. The Stewards relied solely on the video. The turf has substantially matured since the fall meet and was in excellent condition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rug Howard, Presiding Steward