## Steward's Report

Race meeting: Willowdale Races Date: May 13, 2023

Stewards: Charles Fleischmann Weather: Warm, overcast, rainy

Cook Edens

Wayne Van Sant Course Condition: Smooth, good cover

Doris Paxson (Safety) Moisture: 4
Steward's Secretary: Harper McVey Compaction: 12

Clerk of Scales: Jake Chalfin

Starter: Burling Vannote

## Official Actions:

The Jockey's meeting was advertized in the posted entries for Willowdale on the NSA web site as being "a mandatory jockey's meeting at 11:30 AM. ALL RIDERS MUST ATTEND". The meeting was held at 11:35 and Eric Poretz was not in attendance. After an interview, where he said he had misread the time as 11:45, he was fined \$250 which he said he would appeal. It is noted that there is no scheduled meetings on the overnights at 11:45, only "11:30 a.m." and "12:00 p.m.".

Bella Coola, number 11 in the third race, was scratched by the trainer at 10:45 Sea Mast, #5 in the third race, was randomly selected for TCO2 testing.

## Races:

First Race: Erin Swope rode Three O One and claimed 5 pounds. No issues.

**Second Race:** Undercover Rowdy pulled up before the last fence tired. No issues **Third Race:** Junonia hit/jumped a beacon and lost rider Sarah Cundith. Sea Mast,

pulled up two out. Cundith was cleared by the course physician. It is noted that in reviewing the video Juniona appears to have thought about ducking a beacon earlier but was corrected. Ross Geraghty, the rider of Senor Seville, also noticed this.

**Fourth Race:** Monbeg Stream was ridden by Fred Procter. Great Road lost rider Eric Poretz after the 5th. Monbeg Stream pulled up before the last tired. Poretz was cleared to ride by the course physician.

**Fifth race:** Profiteer was ridden by Bryan Cullinane, The Butler Yates Was ridden by Freddie Procter. Market Bubble fell at the 12th with Elizabeth Scully. Brooklyn Speights fell at the last with Frederick Tett. Scully was not cleared by the course physician at the time and will be reevaluated. Tett was cleared by the course physician.

**Sixth Race:** Huyana was ridden by Virginia Korrell. No issues.

## Other Comments:

The natural hurdles rode well and provided no problems. It worked well to run the hurdle races and then the timber races allowing the flags for the races not running at the time to be dropped. The grass could have been a bit longer, ideally. The meet was very well run and organized.

Respectfully,

Charles Fleischmann