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Stewards Report

Race Meeting: Charleston Date: 11/12/20

Weather: Cloudy, 61 ° F Course Condition: firm

Moisture: 4 Dry Compaction: 121

Clerk of Scales: Cathie Jackson Starter: Harrison Young

Stewards: Beale Payne

Larry F. Curtis Rug Howard

Anne Pezzano (Safety Steward)

Official Actions:

Race 1: BEOWULF (IRE) pulled up before the last due to the hard ground.

Race 3: MARSHELLA (IRE) was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing. MET IN MIAMI pulled up at the last fence after tiring.

Official Comments: The removal of tree roots from gate 4 to the head of the stretch is noted as part of the continuing effort to upgrade the course and the cause for the lack of the fence there as the ground settles.

The aeration of the course race week help mitigate the firm conditions but the crossing at gate 4 remained compacted and the turf was flat from the traffic crossing the track. This gate should not be accessed in The weeks before each race meeting.

The procedures for pre-race veterinary exams needs to be reviewed as the established protocols were not followed.

Respectfully Submitted, Beale Payne Presiding Steward