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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Callaway Gardens

DATE: November 4, 2023

WEATHER: Sunny 67 degrees

COURSE: Bermuda overseeded with Rye
COURSE CONDITION: FIRM
COMPACTION: 100 psi
MOISTURE: 6/10

CLERK OF SCALES: Cathy Jackson

STARTER: Harrison Young

STEWARDS: Cook Edens
Greg Pachman
Allan Monat

Anne Pezzano (safety)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

PRERACE:

White flags were added to the cones on the final turn of Race1(Steeplethon) to better delineate the turn. They were removed for the hurdle races.

The stretch hurdle and water fence were flagged with both yellow (Steeplethon) and red (Hurdle) as they were jumped in both race formats.

The moveable cone used previously in the Hurdle races was omitted.

The officials meeting, at the request of the Race Director, was moved to 11:00AM. All officials were present and accounted for.

The Jockey's meeting went as scheduled at 11:30. All Jockeys were present and accounted for. The course modifications were explained, and the Course Doctor and Quick Official were introduced.

Post Race tests were performed on all winners and first and second in Race#4.

Race 1:

Order: 2-3-1

Time: 6:23 2/5

Elizabeth Scully pulled up #1 *Rakhaa* at the 14th and immediately dismounted. The horse was vanned off and later diagnosed with a "Low-Bow". The Stewards request he be placed on the Vet's list.

Race 2:

Order: 2-3-4

Time: 4:04 1/5

#4 *Go Poke The Bear* raced in Tan NSA Silks

#1 *Presence of Mind* fell at the 6th both horse and rider, Graham, Watters were cleared.

Race 3:

Order: 3-2-1-4

Time: 4:19 4/5

#1 *Riptide Rock* ran on Lasix. It was confirmed that he had been entered as such.

Race 4:

Order: 2-1-4-3

Time: 4:10

#4 *Calico* was administered a TCO2Test.

In addition to the winner, #1 *The Hero Next Door* was selected for post race testing

Race 5:

Order: 1-4-2-3

Time: 4:13 2/5

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

The course was smooth and even. The turf was thick and had good cushion.

The Stewards wish to request tables and chairs be in the top floor of the stewards stand, as well as a TV monitor for the running of the race.

The orange security tent on the inside of the course at the top of the stretch needs to be removed or moved back from the course to allow a clear view of the stretch run.

It is suggested that the winners circle be relocated closer to the finish line to expedite the winner's photo and allow the riders to timely prepare for their next race.

It is suggested that the vet checks be conducted in a vet stall.

The Race Meeting suffered a catastrophic tragedy late Friday afternoon when the Executive Director, Mitchi Wade was killed in an ATV accident. The Stewards wish to note that the Race Chairman, Mason Lampton and his entire staff and volunteers did an exemplary job in light of the circumstances and hosted an excellent race meeting. A special note of thanks to Kimberly Kapaczewski who made our day flow with ease.

Cook EDENS

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Presiding Steward

