

## **STEWARDS REPORT**

### **HARNESS**

<b>Club:</b>	King Island Racing Club
<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine
<b>Track Condition:</b>	Good
<b>Stewards Panel:</b>	Ross Neal (Chair); Anoushka Ingelese (Inspections/Sample collections); Libby Campbell (Inspections)
<b>Officials:</b>	King Island Voluntary Ambulance Service – Medical providers; Dr J Cleeland – Veterinarian

#### **Race 1 – JBS AUSTRALIA STAKES (1,735 METRES)**

TISU SKYE – broke after the start and took no competitive part – warning issued.

OUR IDEAL FELLA – paced roughly early stages and settled at rear.

TISU STORM – hampered at start.

PAWNBROKERS LAD – checked at start and broke briefly settling back.

WHOS WATCHING NOW – jumped in abruptly at the start and made heavy contact with another runner - lost ground.

Driver James Jakowenko was reprimanded under the provisions of AHRR 170(1)(a) after dropping his leg from the footrest passing the 150 metres.

Stewards delayed the all-clear due to the 10-metre tape being slow to release and slightly disadvantaging runners on this mark. However, given all circumstances, in particular that the sole front maker gained no advantage, the all-clear was signalled.

#### **Race 2 – ELDERS STAKES (2,079 METRES)**

MY FLYING SPUR – paced roughly and very slow in the early stages.

FIGHTING FIRE – broke at start and settled back.

Stewards questioned driver Mr Paul Williams regarding his decision to and work forward to race outside the leader near the 1,400 metres after being well positioned behind the leader. In explanation Mr Williams stated that after observing the leader (ELEGANTLY SPOKEN)

racing greenly, he elected to shift out and work forward to attempt to reach the lead. However, when attempting this move the tempo quickened and ELEGANTLY SPOKEN repelled his challenge. Thereafter he raced outside the leader for the remainder, finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> position. The Stewards noted Mr Williams explanation.

Mr Williams was reprimanded under AHRR 162(1)(o) for looking around unduly in the early part of the race.

Driver Graeme Keeley (ELEGANTLY SPOKEN) was advised that he must modify his whip action.

#### **RACE MEETING SUMMARY**

<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Reprimands:</b>	R1 – J Jakowenko [AHRR 170(1)(a)] – dropped foot from footrest. R2 – P Williams [AHRR 162 (1)(o)] – looking around unduly
<b>Stand-downs/required to trial:</b>	R1 - Letshavefun – 10-days
<b>Barrier Information:</b>	Nil
<b>Pre-race Swabs</b>	Nil
<b>Post-race Swabs:</b>	Nil
<b>Adjourned Inquiries:</b>	Nil