

STEWARDS REPORT -HARNESS

Club:	King Island Racing Club
Date:	Monday 26 th December 2022
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel:	Ross Neal (Chair); Libby Campbell (Panel); Brittany Hine (Inspections).
Officials:	King Island Voluntary Ambulance Service – Medical providers; Dr John Cleland – Veterinarian.

Race 1 – MF BEST / RN MORRISON MEMORIAL (2,079 METRES)

TISU SKYE – broke in the early stages after being entangled in barrier tapes for a short distance after the barriers were released.

OUR IDEAL FELLA – broke at the start and settled well back – will be excluded from the draw in future standing start events.

PAWNBROKERS LAD – slow into stride.

WHOS WATCHING NOW – travelled wide in the early stages and was restrained to the rear.

Driver Malcolm Jones (TISU SKYE) was reprimanded under AHRR163(1)(c)(i) for permitting his horse to shift inside marker pegs rounding the final turn.

Race 2 – KING ISLAND HOTEL (2,079 METRES)

ELEGANTLY SPOKEN – hung in and contacted marker pegs rounding the first turn.

FIGHTING FIRE – slow to begin of handicap.

MY FLYING SPUR – paced slowly in the early stages.

Following the running of the event driver Adrian Collins (ELEGANTLY SPOKEN) placed third by the judged lodged an objection against second placed TISU STORM (Paul

Williams) alleging interference passing the 150 metres. The particulars being that after shifting into the sprint lane, TISU STORM, when moving back out, forced ELEGANTLY SPOKEN wider on the track.

After reviewing the vision available and hearing from both drivers, it was established that near the 200 metres, TISU STORM shied and ran abruptly inwards and into the sprint lane. TISU STORM then remained inside the markers for a short distance before moving out and when shifting out inconvenienced ELEGANTLY SPOKEN for several strides.

In assessing the matter, and notwithstanding that TISU STORM had raced inside markers for a period, the Stewards were nonetheless of the view that the interference caused, together with the margin between both horses (5.5 metres) at the finish was not sufficient to alter the placings, and accordingly the protest was dismissed.

Driver Paul Williams admitted a breach of AHRR163(2) with the particulars being that he failed to take immediate corrective action after TISU STORM shied and shifted inside the marker pegs near the 200 metres. After considering all relevant factors, including Mr Williams admission and record, he was fined \$200.00 with this being wholly suspended for twelve months pending no further breaches.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	R2 – Paul Williams – [AHRR163(2)] – inside marker pegs – Fined \$200.00 (wholly suspended)
Reprimands:	R1 – Malcolm Jones – [AHRR 163(1)(c)(i)] – inside marker pegs.
Stand-downs/required to trial:	Nil
Barrier Information:	R2 – OUR IDEAL FELLA – excluded from standing start draws.
Pre-race Swabs	Nil
Post-race Swabs:	ALKATRAZ.
Adjourned Inquiries:	Nil