

## STEWARDS REPORT

<b>Club:</b>	Tasmanian Trotting Club
<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine
<b>Track Condition:</b>	Good
<b>Stewards Panel:</b>	N Finnigan (Chair) R Brown, J Gleeson, T Canham and R Simpson
<b>Officials:</b>	Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Providers); Dr J Buckerfield (Veterinarian); A Emery (Starter)

### **RACE 1 – CAVALOR EQUICARE 2YO SWEEPSTAKES FILLIES Ht 1 – 1609m Mobile**

**MOVESLIKEALADY** – Broke in the middle stages of the score-up and hung out, hindering its ability to fill its allotted position at the start. Raced roughly after the start and on approaching the first turn hung out and broke gait. As a result of these indiscretions, MOVESLIKEALADY will be excluded from the draw in mobile start events and be given one last chance to race truly.

**LAZARO GIRL** – Back from its allotted position at the start for which a warning was issued.

### **RACE 2 – PRYDES EASIFEED PACE – 1609m Mobile**

**VELOCITY STRIDE** – Failed to gain clear running over the concluding stages.

**SOUTHSHORE NZ** – Failed to gain clear running over the concluding stages.

**DEADLY ASSASSIN** – Failed to gain clear running over the concluding stages.

**General:** VELOCITY STRIDE, which raced in behind the leader, was eased away from the marker line leaving the 500 metres, as the leader, EUREKA NZ was beginning to give ground. Once in this position VELOCITY STRIDE was then disappointed for clear running as shortly after KIAVINO STRIDE which was racing outside of EUREKA NZ and had been improving, began to struggle. Driver N Ford then attempted to move VELOCITY STRIDE back to the marker line near the 300 metres however as JUNIPER had raced up quickly from behind into that position, driver Ford was obliged to remain in the one-out line.

### **RACE 3 – TASMANIAN HORSE TRANSPORT PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**STEPPING STONES** – Eased at the start and caught racing wide before restraining to the rear of the field rounding the first bend

**RACE 4 – CAVALOR EQUICARE 2YO SWEEPSTAKES COLTS & GELDINGS Ht 1  
– 1609m Mobile**

**THUNDER SANZ** – Contacted marker pegs during the run for which a warning was issued. Contacted the final marker on entering the home straight for the run to the finish. Driver K Pratten when questioned informed Stewards that THUNDER SANZ locked on one rein tonight and despite his efforts shifted in throughout. Further, driver Pratten informed Stewards that trainer K Rattray will be altering the gear on THUNDER SANZ in attempt to remedy the issue. Steward accepted the undertakings of connections taking no further action other than to note the evidence and to remind driver Pratten in similar circumstances it was his obligation to keep his drive on a straight course rather than to continue to put his drive under pressure.

**HAZEWILLREV** – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish for which a warning was issued.

**RACE 5 – MORE CONFIDENCE CONSULTING PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**SAPPHIRE GAMBLER** – Inconvenienced when held up for clear running until passing the 350 metres due to tiring horses.

**WHEY BETTER** – Raced in a forward trailing position, gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 50 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. On questioning trainer M Geeves expressed his disappointment with the performance, adding the way in which the race was run tonight would normally suit WHEY BETTER. Mr Geeves further submitted that he has unwell horses at home in his stable, and this may have had a bearing on the performance. Mr Geeves undertook to have WHEY BETTER examined by his Veterinary Surgeon, which would include blood analysis. Stewards accepted the undertakings of trainer Geeves, taking no further action other than to note his evidence and to instruct him that, should anything come to light which may help explain the below par performance of WHEY BETTER, he was to contact the Offices of Racing Integrity at his earliest convenience.

**COOL SCOOTER NZ** – Caught racing wide for the first 500 metres before pushing forward, securing the position leading the one-out line. Once in this position, the gelding failed to settle and over-raced. Under pressure from the 500 metres, tiring to be beaten in excess of 70 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. On questioning, trainer B Yole explained that the early effort after being caught wide and working forward to find a position closer to the markers, had an adverse effect on COOL SCOOTER NZ. Further, it would be his intension not to have the horse driven in a similar manner in the future.

**HEZ RAZOR SHARP** – Raced at the rear of the field, failing to progress forward at any stage beaten in excess of 55 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection no obvious abnormalities were detected. On questioning, trainer B Yole stated that the quick tempo of the race did not allow HEZ RAZOR SHARP to progress into the race at any stage, and when forced to race wide on the final turn in an attempt to improve, it was too much for the gelding.

**General:** Trainer B Yole was fined \$100 for late driver notification [AHR Rule 210]

**RACE 6 – NUTRIEN SPRINTLANE PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**ALAPHILIPPE** – Hung in on the final turn striking a number of markers. It was noted however that WHERE YA BIN NZ, which was racing to its outside had also shifted in which placed the gelding in restricted room.

**SLINGSHOT** – Raced rough when angled out near the 300 metres for its run to the finish.

### **RACE 7 – LADBROKE IT PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**ROYAL REACTOR** – Gave ground over the concluding stages, beaten in excess of 70 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection ROYAL REACTOR was found to have significant chaffing to the hind legs. Stewards, acting under Veterinary advice, stood ROYAL REACTOR down from racing for two (2) weeks, to allow the condition to heal.

### **RACE 8 – LADBROKE HUB PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**General:** The start of this race was delayed approximately 2 minutes due to the necessity of a shoeing adjustment on ROCKANDAHARDPLACE. Due to this delay, this race was switched to Sky2 coverage.

**HICKSTEAD NZ** – Tired badly out of the event, walking over the line, beaten in excess of 240 metres. Subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection, HICKSTEAD NZ was found to have suffered an Arterial Fibrillation. Stewards acting under AHR Rule 101C stood HICKSTEAD NZ down from racing for two (2) weeks, where the gelding must have full respite, after this, connections must forward on a Veterinary clearance, which includes a favourable ECG report, and finally after presenting the report, HICKSTEAD NZ must trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

**General:** Racing between the 900 and 700 metre points, CULLENBURN NZ (D Ford) was tightened for racing room when HICKSTEAD NZ (R Hillier), after being moved wider, stalled with its forward move, and shifted in. Although HICKSTEAD NZ, had moved back in, Stewards did issue a reprimand to driver D Ford for attempting a run where there was limited room at best. This incident resulted in the sulky wheel of CULLENBURN NZ striking marker [AHR Rule 163(1)(c)(i)].

**General:** Passing the 600 metres, HICKSTEAD NZ ( R Hillier) and AHA REACTION NZ (N Ford) locked wheels for a short distance. Stewards gave the benefit of the doubt to driver Hillier as to whether he was solely to blame for the incident as HICKSTEAD NZ had shifted in at or about the same time driver N Ford was attempting to make ground to its inside, and HICKSTEAD NZ was under pressure due to the medical episode.

### **RACE 9 – CASCADE DRAUGHT PACE – 2090m Mobile**

**ARDEN ROANOKE NZ** – Hung out on the final turn before shifting out under pressure in the run to the finish.

### **RACE MEETING SUMMARY**

<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Fines:</b>	R5: B Yole – \$100; late driver notification [AHR Rule 210]
<b>Reprimands:</b>	R8: D Ford – Contact Marker Pegs [AHR Rule 163(1)(c)(i)]
<b>Horse Action:</b>	R1: MOVESLIKEALADY – ODM R7: ROYAL REACTOR – Stood Down 14 days R8: HICKSTEAD – Stood Down 14 days + Vet Cert with ECG + 1 Trial
<b>Pre-race Swabs</b>	R2: VELOCITY STRIDE & AMILLION PROMISES R3: JIMI SANZ

	R4: HAZEWILLREV R5: WHEY BETTER R7: ROYAL REACTOR R8: ROCKANDAHARDPLACE
<b>Post-race Swabs:</b>	All Winners
<b>Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:</b>	Nil

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