

STEWARDS REPORT

Club:	King Island Racing Club
Date:	Saturday 2 nd December 2023
Weather:	Fine
Track Condition:	Good
Stewards Panel:	
Chair	N Finnigan
Panel	R Neal G Griffin
Inspections	C Barnett
Swabs	Dr J Cleeland
Officials:	
Starter	W Fisher
Veterinarian	Dr J Cleeland
Raceday Medical Providers	King Island Voluntary Ambulance Service

RACE 1 – LD HAMER MEMORIAL BRACELET – 1680m Mobile

STONEY THE SPY – Shifted out under pressure in the run to the finish. Driver Ford was reminded of her obligations in this regard. After blood was detected in STONEY THE SPY's mouth, the gelding was subjected to a post-race Veterinary inspection. On inspection, Dr Cleeland found a minor laceration to the tip of its tongue.

General: Driver S keeler was reprimanded for dropping his foot from the sulky rests racing near the 500 metres [AHR Rule 170(1)(a)].

RACE 2 – KING ISLAND STOCKFEEDS PACE – 1680m Mobile

General: LOU LOUS ALLGOLD was subjected to a pre-race Veterinary Examination as a precaution due to the mare's large knee joints. On inspection LOU LOUS ALLGOLD was found sound and as such passed fit to race.

WHOS WATCHING NOW – Broke gait shortly after the start was effected. Consequently, WHOS WATCHING NOW will be excluded from the barrier draw in mobile start events.

General: Stewards delayed the "all-clear" to review the start of the race. On review Stewards formed the view that ERMINNIE QUINCE and FIGHTING FIRE were denied fair starts as ERMINNIE QUINCE had difficulty in coming forward due to second row

horses advancing forward before it had turned to face the mobile, leaving the mare unable to fill its allotted position. Further, FIGHTING FIRE, which had drawn to start behind ERMINNIE QUINCE and trailing that mare was also then unable to fill its allotted position. ERMINNIE QUINCE and FIGHTING FIRE were subsequently declared non-runners, an announcement was made to this effect. The relevant deductions were declared, that being 24c in the Win and 22c in the Place per dollar, off the face value of the ticket.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

The Stewards today inquired into an incident, reported to have occurred on the morning of Wednesday 29th November 2023 involving licensed participants at the King Island racetrack.

After interviewing witnesses and considering all that was adduced during the currency of the inquiry, licensed harness racing participants Mr Shane Keeler and Mr Ian Styles were charged with breaching the provisions of AHRR 231 (2), with the particulars being that they misconducted themselves by directing unacceptable language toward licence holders and club officials when on racing club property.

Both Mr Keeler and Mr Styles denied the breach of the rule.

However, after assessing all relevant considerations the charge was found proved. After further consideration of penalty, the Stewards imposed a fine of \$500.00 with respect to both Mr Keeler and Mr Styles, with these penalties being wholly stayed for 24 months pending no further breaches of any conduct related rule.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

	Race	Details	AHR Rule
Suspensions:		Nil	
Fines:	N/A	Styles – \$500 (fully suspended)	231(2)
	N/A	S Keeler – \$500 (fully suspended)	231(2)
Reprimands:	1	S Keeler – dropped foot	170 (1)(a)
Horse Action:	3	MARGARETS CLAN – BMD	
Pre-race Swabs		Nil	
Post-race Swabs:	1	MARGARETS CLAN	
Adjourned/Pending Inquiries:		NIL	