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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Aiken

DATE: 03/25/2017

WEATHER: Overcast/75°

COURSE CONDITION:

Compaction: 8

Moisture: 6

CLERK OF SCALES: Cathie Jackson

STARTER: Jeff Teter

STEWARDS:

Rug Howard
Beale Payne
Stirling Young
Annie Pezzano (Safety Steward)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS: On Thursday, March 23, 2017 the Stewards were made aware that the horse, MY AFLEET, who was entered in the sixth race, is on the vet's list in New York. This was confirmed with the NYRA veterinarian Dr. Verderosa. He stated that he would not take the horse off the vet's list until he complied with the NYRA policy. After a discussion between the NSA Aiken Stewards the horse was scratched. It was explained to trainer Mark Beecher that it was his responsibility to make arrangements with Dr. Verderosa to get the horse removed from the vet's list.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS: "Quick Official" was initiated for the first time at a NSA race meet. "Quick Official" was carefully explained at the Jockey's meeting. An outrider was positioned at one end the course and NSA racing official Woody Maloney at the other end to relay any claims of foul to the Stewards. There were no claims of foul. This went very smoothly.

Race 1: Brendan Crowley, the rider of MAGIC MONEY, weighed in 4 lbs. heavier than he weighed out. The Stewards cautioned the rider to be more careful with his weight assignments.

Race 3: BUGLE BLUES bolted at the second fence and ran through the left wing and was considered to be "off course". The rider, Bernie Dalton, was not injured and was cleared to ride. BUGLE BLUES was examined by the examining vets and determined that the horse did not suffer any injury. MARVINO was pulled up at the last, "tired".

It is noted that a better effort to remove the shattered wing parts could have been made. Pieces of the wing remained on or close to the course, and should have been moved behind the jump.

There was a Steward's Inquiry. After jumping the second to last fence it appeared that AFLUTTER (Sean McDermott) came out slightly into ANY GIVEN ROYAL (Ross Geraghty) while LAST FAREWELL

(Brendan Crowley) drifted in from the outside. All three jockeys were interviewed post-race; however, the video was inconclusive and no action was taken.

Race 4: OHTHGIFT pulled up before the last. It was later determined that he bowed in the right front. He was treated, and it was deemed safe for him to travel back to Camden. NEEDLE IN THE HAY pulled up before the last, "tired". MALIBU DREAMER pulled up the second time going down the backside. Because of this horse's poor form the Stewards question whether this horse should be allowed to race under NSA rules again.

Race 5: AWESOME ADRIAN pulled up at the last, "tired".

Race 6: DIVINED was prerace tested for TC02. MCDONALD'S DIVA pulled up at the second to last, "tired".

Reese Howard (Presiding Steward)