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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Carolina Cup

DATE: 04/1/17

WEATHER: Clear 78 degrees

COURSE CONDITION:

Compaction: 10

Moisture: 4

CLERK OF SCALES: Cathie Jackson

STARTER: Stirling Young

STEWARDS: Larry F. Curits
Reese Howard, Jr.
Jack Sanford, Jr.
Anne Peizano (Safety)

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

"Quick Official" was explained at both the jockeys meeting and the officials meeting. There was a claim of foul which was relayed to the stewards by racing official Wood Maloney who was stationed in the pull up area on the club house turn, of the course. Both jockeys then talked to the stewards after unsaddling via walkie talkie. This went very smoothly.

A new "weighing in" procedure was also initiated at this meet and was carefully explained in the pre-race jockey meeting. Only the winner would be "weighed in" in the training flat races and only the first four finishers in the jump races would be "weighed in". This helped a great deal in speeding up the day and getting the tack back to the barn for the next race.

Race 2: CORSTORPHINE (IRE) pulled up before the second last fence after lugging out badly.

Race 3: SHARP NUMBERS was a late scratch by the stewards as he unseated his rider on the way to the post and ran around the course and eventually into a wooded area before finally being caught. Jockey Willie McCarthy was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

In this race jockey Gustav Dahl, aboard PULLER who finished 2nd, claimed foul against jockey Sean McDermott aboard SYROS who was the winner. Jockey Dahl claimed the foul occurred over the last fence. The stewards interviewed both riders via walkie talkie and reviewed the

video. While the winner did drift in slightly he did not significantly interfere with the second-place horse and the claim of foul was disallowed.

Race 4: MACNICHOLSON (IRE) was randomly selected by the stewards for pre-race testing.

FORMIDABLE HEART pulled up before the last fence lame behind.

SIGNATURE LOOK pulled up before the second last fence tired.

MACNICHOLSON (IRE) ran through the inside wing at the seventh fence unseating rider Bernard Dalton who was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride. The trainer of this horse was contacted after the races by the Stewards Secretary. The trainer felt this horse was not going to be a problem in future races as all his previous starts had been in Ireland where they have an inside rail and that he felt that his horse just “got lost” in his first start in this country with no inside rail to follow.

Race 5: SUR EMPIRE (GB) pulled up before the last fence tired.

Larry F. Curtis
Signature