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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Middleburg Spring

DATE: April 22, 2017

WEATHER: Rain

COURSE CONDITION: good
Compaction: 124
Moisture: 7

CLERK OF SCALES: Bill Hair

STARTER: Barry Watson

STEWARDS: Tad Zimmerman (presiding)
Larry Curtis
Cook Edens

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Race 1: Following the running of the race the Stewards interviewed Sarah Katz, the rider of ENJOY THE SHOW, who had taken a very unsteady course approaching and into the final turn. She indicated that she was having a hard time holding the horse. After reviewing the video with her, the Stewards noted the danger of not taking a steady course and the potential impact on other horses, as well as not giving her own horse its best possible placing. She indicated that she fully understood the warning from the Stewards.

Race 2: ABSOLUM froze and refused to enter the starting box. Starter Watson circled the field and lined them up a second time. Again ABSOLUM refused to start. The Steward's placed ABSOLUM on the Starters List with the understanding the he may not be entered in a race with pari-mutuel wagering or exclude the entry of another horse from a race until he has started successfully in a NSA sanctioned race.

POLSTAR was pulled up on the second circuit. Paddy Young reported that he had slipped and lost enough ground on the field that he decided to pull him up.

Race 3: PULLER, ridden by Gus Dahl, missed the beacon before the fence in front of the stands the first time around and pulled up. He offered no excuse for the error. The Stewards assessed a fine of \$500 for having gone off course and considering the impact to the owner.

TWO'S COMPANY fell at the last fence. His rider, Sean McDermott, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride. TWO'S COMPANY was reported to have contusions to the chest as a result of the fall.

Following the running of the race, Gerard Galligan, the rider of third place finisher, HOT RIZE, claimed foul on second place finisher CANYON ROAD, ridden by Jeff Murphy, for interference in the stretch. After interviewing the patrol judge and reviewing the video both from the top of the stretch and the pan shot, the claim of foul was disallowed. The video was deemed inconclusive.

Race 4: SCORPIANCER was selected at random for pre-race TCO2 testing.

SCHOODIC slipped behind on landing after the fence in front of the stands and fell. His rider, Kieran Norris, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride. It was reported that SCHOODIC was uninjured following his fall.

The winner and second place finisher were post-race tested.

Race 5: COMMAND CONTROL pulled up, tired.

SHOW KING pulled up and was reported not to have liked the going.

POPCASTLE was pulled up with a laceration to his tendon. He was transported to the Piedmont Equine Clinic. It was reported that he will remain at the clinic for a few days while the severity of the injury is evaluated.

Race 6: SOUTHPAW was pulled up four fences from home and it was reported that he was not handling the going.

I GOTTA DANCE was pulled up 3 from home and it was reported that he did not like the going.

IT'S NOTHING was pulled up and it was reported that he did not like the going.

LAST FAREWELL fell at the last fence. His rider, Brendan Crowley, was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride. He reported that the horse had been slipping a bit and had thrown himself at the last fence. LAST FARWELL was reported to be uninjured following his fall.

Race 7: WORRIED MAN unseated his rider, Brendan Crowley, at the water jump. He was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS: The course was in very good condition. Steady light rain softened the course considerably during the day.

The procedure for "Quick Official" was followed and worked well and without incident.

Tad Zimmerman