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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Queen's Cup

DATE: 04/29/2017

WEATHER: Sunny and Warm

COURSE CONDITION:

Compaction:90-100

Moisture: 6-8

CLERK OF SCALES: Courtney Reid

STARTER: Jeff Teter

STEWARDS: Reese Howard
Larry Curtis
Cathie Jackson
Annie Pezanno (Safety Steward)

OFFICIAL COMMENTS: Samantha Randazzo, served as a "Utility Official." She has extensive racetrack training experience and has achieved her ROAP certification.

During Race #4, a timber race, the Stewards noted that the patrol judges closed two fences during the running of the race after top rails were dislodged. When the patrol judges were asked for their reasoning for closing the fences and creating a wave around, they stated that the fences were dangerous because of remaining fragments. This policy was contrary to normal protocol in a timber race where rails are dislodged. It is noted that the patrol judge's response was inappropriately defensive and hostile.

In the fifth race GLORE RACER, a 9-year-old mare who had not run in nearly two years, arrived in the paddock in "sub-par" condition, looking thin with a lack of muscle typical of fit race horses. The Stewards are seeking advice from NSA Safety Committee concerning this situation where a horse appears not ready to race.

Race 1: MOSCATO was chosen for pre-race TCO2 test.

MOSS CODE fell at the last fence. Jockey Michael Mitchell was transported via ambulance to a local medical center and then via helicopter to a hospital in downtown Charlotte for medical treatment. MOSS CODE was reported to be in good condition after the races.

Race 2: PLATED pulled up 4 fences out.

EL MONSTRO refused to break. EL MONSTRO will not be allowed to start in a race with pari-mutuel wagering nor will he be able to exclude another horse in an overfilled race, until he has made a successful start at a NSA sanctioned race meet.

Race 3: STRONGBOX fell at the 3rd to last, took off too long. Jockey Bernie Dalton was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride. STRONGBOX was reported to be in good condition after the races.

CUL BAIRE pulled up lame, with a reported a re-bowed left front tendon

Race 5: Rebecca LaBarre, rider of GLORE RACER, lost her stirrups going into the first turn when her horse slipped, however, she did complete the course. It should be noted that GLORE RACER did not wear shoes.

Reese Howard, Presiding Steward