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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: PA Hunt Cup

DATE: Sunday, November 5, 2017

WEATHER: Overcast

COURSE CONDITION: Good

CLERK OF SCALES: Charles Fleischmann

STARTER: Christopher Daney

STEWARDS: Gus Brown (Presiding)  
Gregg Morris  
David Hershbell  
Doris Paxson (Safety Steward)

HORSE IDENTIFIER: Joseph Clancy

OFFICIAL ACTIONS: Both the Jockey's Meeting and Official's Meeting took place at the advertised time.

Sumo Power in race 3 was randomly selected for TCO2 testing.

**Race 1:** EL JEFE GRANDE, lost jockey Gustav Dahl at fence 2. WHATDIDYOUSEE, pulled up after fence #7, his jockey Nagle reported that his jumping was erratic. OUR RJ, lost jockey Byron Moorecroft at fence #11. TAKEPOINTESANDRUN, pulled up after fence #13, tired. CAPTAIN EASY pulled up after fence #13, his jockey Eric Poretz reported that the horse had become flat footed late in the race. DURER fell with jockey Jack Doyle at the last fence. Jockeys Dahl, Moorecroft, and Doyle were all cleared by the course physician. Jockey Dahl was re-examined by the course physician and subsequently cleared, however, he chose to step down from his other ride on the day due to hip pain.

Prior to the first race, the Stewards were contacted by Safety Steward Doris Paxson, who reported that DEVIL'S BREW, was being very difficult to handle in the stabling area and that after several unsuccessful attempts at saddling the horse, Owner/Trainer Elizabeth Korrell had made the request to scratch the horse. The horse was scratched.

**Race 2:** SECRET SOUL, lost jockey Byron Moorecroft at fence #12. Moorecroft was cleared by the course physician to ride.

**Race 3:** The jockey of the 2nd place finisher, HOT RIZE, Sean McDermott, claimed foul via quick official against the winner of the race, EBANOUR, Darren Nagle, for interference at the 20th fence. After interviewing the jockeys involved, the patrol judge, and reviewing all available video - including the drone video, the claim of foul was disallowed.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS: The new safety protocol put in place ran smoothly and the response times for fallen jockeys were all within the recommended protocol. The Stewards would like to note that the use of the drone video was particularly helpful on such a large course and believe it is another useful tool available to the Stewards.

Respectfully, Gus Brown