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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Middleburg Fall

DATE: October 13, 2018

WEATHER: overcast

COURSE CONDITION: soft

Compaction: 89

Moisture: 9

CLERK OF SCALES: Bill Hair

STARTER: Graham Alcock

STEWARDS: Tad Zimmerman, Presiding
Cook Edens
Norm Fraley
Sterling Young, Safety Steward

OFFICIAL ACTIONS: The Stewards met with riders at the advertised time.

Race 1: OFFICER'S OATH, BOB'N FOR SILVER, SHOW KING, and NORSE STAR were pulled up during the running of the race. The reasons given were that the horses went flat, lost their action, did not care for the going, and tired, respectively.

Race 2: RENOWN was selected at random for pre-race testing.

FOXHALL DRIVE fell at the 10th fence. He walked off the course and was reported to have tired. Gerard Galligan was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

OVERAWE pulled up after the 10th fence, tired.

Race 3: RODRIGUEZ was selected at random for pre-race testing.

EBANOUR hit the last fence hard, breaking several rails. He finished and was walked off the course. It was reported that he had damaged his near stifle and later in the day he was transported to Piedmont Equine Clinic for further evaluation and treatment. The initial assessment by the Course Veterinarian was that, while serious and requiring treatment, the injury did not appear to be life threatening.

Race 4: A program correction was announced prior to the running of the race. DON'T SCIP A CHECK ran for a price of \$10,000 and carried 148 pounds.

VEYRON was pulled up, tired.

Race 5: APPOGGIATURA went off course after the second fence. Barry Foley attempted to correct course, but he went into a wing and became unseated. He was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

POLITICAL THEATRE fell two fences from home and was walked off the course. Sean McDermott was examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

TAKEPOINTS AND RUN was pulled up before the last fence, tired.

A Steward's Hearing was held with Barry Foley who was apologetic and made no excuse for having gone off course. The Stewards assessed a fine of \$250 for having gone off course carelessly.

A Steward's Hearing was held with Mark Beecher to review his lack of visible effort at the finish. The Steward's reminded him of his obligation to ride his horse out and obtain the best possible placing. The extreme importance placed on this obligation when there is pari-mutuel wagering was emphasized. The Stewards appreciated his candor and professional demeanor and after listening to his testimony ended the hearing with a clear warning against giving the appearance of a passive finish, especially when he is in a position to earn a larger share of the purse.

The Steward's also met with Shane Crimin who had finished third, just half a length ahead of Mark Beecher. They emphasized to him the importance of riding his horse out at the finish, especially in coming weeks where there will be pari-mutuel wagering.

Race 6: DR. K'EOGH, PORTAMENT, CERTAIN SWAGGER and RIDE AWAY were pulled up during the running of the race, tired.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS: The course was in very good condition considering the amount of rain that had fallen in recent weeks. The effort and care given to providing an appropriate and private area for medical examinations of riders was noted with appreciation. The attention that had been given to planning and implementing a practical system to quickly attend a fallen rider on the race course was impressive.