



## NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

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### STEWARDS' REPORT

**RACE MEETING:** Carolina Cup

**DATE:** 03/30/19

**WEATHER:** Overcast and warm

**COURSE CONDITION:** Firm

**Compaction:** 125

**Moisture:** 2

**CLERK OF SCALES:** Cathie Jackson

**STARTER:** Stirling Young

**STEWARDS:** Larry F. Curits.  
Beale Payne.  
Reese Howard, Jr.  
Anne Pezzano, (Safety)

### OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

#### Race I

The stewards scratched #5 URIAH'S LEGACY from this race on the advice of the course veterinarian (lame left hind). This horse is not to be entered to run until examined and cleared by his veterinarian and such documentation is submitted to NSA Safety Chairman Dr. Reynolds Cowles.

#8 TAPER TANTRUM was a trainer scratch.

#### Race II

The stewards called for an inquiry into the running of this race. The stewards felt that the winner had interfered with #3 SIM CARD approaching the second last fence. Both riders were interviewed via radio and both claimed no interference just greenness on the part of both horses.

#3 SIM CARD landed in the top of the fence, bobbled badly upon landing and lost his rider, he continued to gallop around the course pulled up near the finish and returned lame. He was then led back to the barn and diagnosed with a broken accessory carpel. Jockey Bernie Dalton was examined by the course physician and cleared to ride.

#7 CORKY LEMON was randomly selected by the stewards for pre-race testing.

### **Race III**

#2 SHORELINE pulled up before the last fence tired.

#7 CAMP COURAGE pulled up before the third last tired.

### **Race IV**

In this race #2 DIPLODOCUS ducked out through the left wing at the third fence from home for no apparent reason. He was not interfered with, but it was obvious from quite a ways away that he was going to attempt to run out despite his jockey's best efforts to keep him straight.

#4 ZEPPELIN RIDE pulled up three fences from home he was "never travelling".

#6 SAIL AHOY pulled up before the last fence tired.

At the conclusion of this race the starter Stirling Young informed the stewards that jockey Sean McDermott had used vulgar and unprofessional language towards him at the start. The stewards agreed to have a hearing at the end of the day with both jockey and starter giving testimony. Jockey representative Kevin Tobin and Jockey Ross Geraghty were also present. Starter Young had written notes stating exactly what was said to him. Jockey McDermott stated that he "took the lords name in vain" but nothing more, very different than the starters recollection. Both parties did agree that an apology was made to the starter followed by an accusation of "costing me the race". The stewards felt that this was clearly abusive language to a racing official and fined jockey Sean McDermott \$500 (five hundred dollars)

### **Race V**

#3 SPECIAL SKILLS fell at the 6<sup>th</sup> fence, he appeared to switch leads approaching the fence get in to close and hook the top of the fence and take a rotational fall. The horse ambulance was summoned. The horse was down for approximately 10 minutes then got up and was led back to the barn where he was diagnosed with a broken neck and euthanized.

### **Race VI**

#7 TOBIAS carried 31lbs overweight in this race.

### **OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

The video replay at this meet was not adequate for racing. Replays were not available in a timely manner causing delays in making results official.

There was a serious breakdown in the veterinary protocol as set up by Dr. Cowles as Dr. Fulmer did not have sufficient help and he could not be everywhere that he needed to be at the same time. There needs to be at least two veterinarians on course and at least one back at the barn at all times. The stewards were often unable to communicate with the official veterinarian when they wanted him to examine a horse post-race.

At this meet both SIM CARD (who was visibly lame) trained by Kate Dalton and, SPECIAL SKILLS (who had been down for a considerable period of time after falling) trained by Jack Fisher, were walked back to the barn instead of using the horse ambulance that was parked besides them.

**Larry F. Curtis**  
Signature