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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Shawan Downs

DATE: 09/28/19

WEATHER: Sunny, 85°

COURSE CONDITION:

Compaction: 9.59 (good)

Moisture: 7.25 (average)

CLERK OF SCALES: Jacob Chalfin

STARTER: Christopher Daney

STEWARDS: Gus Brown
Gregg Morris
Rugg Howard
Samantha Randazzo, Safety Steward

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Due to a lack of rainfall leading up to the race meet, and in order to provide the best possible ground for all participants, the race committee modified the timber course to exclude the "outer loop". Three temporary timber fences were placed in the stretch on the irrigated portion of the racecourse and the backside of the timber course was irrigated in the days leading up to the races. Both the Jockey's Meeting and the Official's Meeting took place at the times published on the race meeting's overnight. Apprentice Jockey John Brophy and Jockey Gerard Galligan were not in attendance for the Jockey's Meeting. Both jockeys were fined \$100 for failure to attend a mandatory meeting, as published on the overnight. Horse #4 (**Schoodic**) in Race 4 was randomly selected for pre-race TCO2 testing. **Commodore Barry(R1), Bowled Over(R1), Cheetah Beach(R1), Indigo Heart(R2), Aardwolf(R2) and Katnap(R4)** were scratched by the veterinarian. All horses are hereby placed on the NSA veterinarian's list and will not be permitted to enter until being cleared through the NSA veterinary protocol.

Race 1: A.E. runner **Thomas Cubitt(FR)** was on the grounds and treated to run and drew into the race upon the scratch of Commodore Barry. **Fashion Line** unseated Jockey Kieran Norris at the 6th fence. Kieran Norris was cleared by Dr. Umair Baig to ride.

Race 2: Maccabee unseated Jockey Richard Boucher at the 6th fence. Maccabee was cleared by the course veterinarian to ship home. He was not cleared to ride by Dr. Baig. Richard Boucher was transported by a Quad Medical All Terrain Ambulance to the course entrance where he was transferred to a Type III Ambulance for transport to the hospital for further evaluation. Mr. Boucher declined transport by ambulance to the hospital, however he did ultimately arrange for personal transportation for further evaluation at the hospital. He is in the NSA Concussion Protocol and is not cleared to ride until being cleared by the physician.

Race 3: A.E. runner **Tap the Moment** was on the grounds and treated to run and drew into the race upon the scratch of Inle. **Midnight Clear** pulled up before fence 10. **Lochte** pulled up before fence 11. After this race, jockey Willie McCarthy asked Dr. Baig to remove him from his remaining ride due to concerns about dehydration. Mr. McCarthy was stood down for the remainder of the day by the course physician.

Race 4: Prior to this race, trainer Todd McKenna scratched **Mystic Strike** citing his concerns over the hard ground. The Stewards allowed the late scratch. There was a slight delay prior to this race when jockey Hadden Frost arrived at the paddock with the incorrect saddle cloth for his horse and all of the runners were kept waiting while he gathered the correct equipment. **Forever Bernardini** was pulled up before fence 13. **Dr. K'eogh** fell with apprentice jockey John Brophy at fence 16. John Brophy was cleared to ride by Dr. Baig. Dr. K'eogh was cleared by the course veterinarian to ship home.

RACE 5: Pac yer Tack fell at fence 8. Pac Yer Tack was cleared by the course veterinarian to ship home. Jockey Archie MacAuley was cleared to ride by the course physician. **Coastal Moon** fell at fence 10. Jockey McLane Hendriks was cleared to ride by Dr. Baig. **Fledged** was pulled up before fence 16 with a large laceration to his left front leg. Fledged was attended to by the course veterinarian and cleared to travel home. Fence 16 was closed by the patrol judge located at this fence and the field was waived to the inside of the fence due to damage sustained to the fence on the previous circuit. There was no incident in the waive around and the patrol judge is commended for their quick and decisive response. **ROYAL RUSE** came back after the race suffering from heat stroke. He was able to get to the bathing area where he was hosed, given ice baths and Dr. Jeff Witwer administered medication to reverse the effects.

Race 6: Prior to the 4th race, trainer Todd McKenna requested to scratch **The Duck**, citing his concerns over the hard ground. The Stewards allowed the late scratch. **Withoutmoreado(IRE)** fell at the 16th fence. Screens were dispatched immediately while Jockey Eddie Keating was attended to by the medical staff. Mr. Keating was transported by a Quad Medical All Terrain Ambulance to the course entrance where he was transferred to a Type III Ambulance for transport to the hospital for further evaluation. He is in the NSA Concussion Protocol and is not cleared to ride until being cleared by the physician. Withoutmoreado(IRE) was attended to by the course veterinarian and cleared to travel home. The jockey of 2nd place finisher Monstieur, Forrest Kelly, lodged a claim of foul for interference in the stretch run after the last fence against the 1st place horse, It's Nothing, ridden by Skylar McKenna. The Stewards reviewed the available video and disallowed the claim of foul.

Race 7: In this race, **Really Ready** was a late scratch after a 20-minute delay when no available jockey and equipment could be found to replace injured jockey Eddie Keating.

Race 8: In this race, **Sir Richard Luca** was ridden by Hadden Frost after Wille McCarthy was stood down for the remainder of the day due to dehydration. **Help From Heaven** was pulled up in the far

turn, lame. The horse was transported back to the barn via the equine ambulance. It was determined by the course veterinarians after reviewing x-rays of the horse that he had a condylar fracture. Upon consultation with the owner and veterinarian, the trainer had the horse stabilized and shipped, via the equine ambulance, to New Bolton Equine Medical Center in Kennett Square, Pa for additional treatment.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

The Stewards met with John Brophy to discuss his ride aboard Dr. K'eogh and his judgment on pulling up a tiring horse. Mr. Brophy has been cautioned before about continuing on with a tired horse and it was made clear that this type of riding would not continue to be tolerated.

The Stewards met with Hadden Frost and discussed his pre-race preparation and timeliness in getting to the paddock and returning to the scales following the running of a race so that the day can continue in a timely fashion.

The Stewards would like to commend the Race Committee and their volunteers for putting on another successful race meet and would also like to thank the trainers, jockeys, and grooms for keeping the day moving along as quickly as possible.

Gus Brown