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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Middleburg Spring

DATE: May 1, 2021

WEATHER: Clear
Wet Bulb Temperature: 51.1

COURSE CONDITION: Firm
Compaction: 123
Moisture: 7

CLERK OF SCALES: Bill Hair

STARTER: Sterling Young

STEWARDS: Larry Curtis
Cook Edens
Tad Zimmerman (Presiding)

Wayne VanSant (Safety)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Race 1:

TEMISINA was pulled up 4 fences out and was reported to have run out.

Race 4:

NOAH AND THE ARK was scratched on the recommendation of the Course Veterinarians. He was reported lame in his left front and was placed on the Vet's List.

FOOTPAD, CRACKER FACTORY, RAZOUL, and *AMSCHEL* were selected at random for pre-race Cobalt Testing.

GALWAY KID was pulled up one fence from home and was reported to have tired.

The first and second place finishers were tested.

Race 5:

TEAM TIM was scratched on the recommendation of the Course Veterinarians. He was reported lame in his right front and was placed on the Vet's List.

MAKE A STAND was pulled up one fence from home and was reported to have tired.

Thomas Garner, the rider of second place finisher *BICKLEY*, claimed foul against the winner, *ERYX*, ridden by Dylan McDonagh, for interference at the top of the stretch. After interviewing both riders and the Patrol Judge, and reviewing the video, the claim of foul was disallowed.

Race 6:

Arch Kingsley, the rider of second place finisher *SHERKALI*, claimed foul against the winner, *WITHOUTDESTINATION*, ridden by Graham Waters, for interference at the top of the stretch. After interviewing both riders and the Patrol Judge, reviewing the video, and taking into account the 2 length margin at the finish, the claim of foul was disallowed.

Race 7:

GEORGIE HYPHEN was pulled up immediately after the 4th fence with a fractured left radial. He was euthanized on the course.

There was a Steward's Inquiry into an incident at the top of the stretch that did not affect the order of finish. A hearing was held with Parker Hendricks, the rider of third place finisher *ARGENTIC*, who had come in and interfered with the winner and second place finisher to his inside. The Stewards determined that the interference was a result of careless riding and assessed a fine of \$250.

Race 8:

JUNIOR SENATOR was pulled up 4 fences from home and was reported to have been jumping poorly.

OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

After the last race the Stewards held a hearing with Gerard Galligan regarding an incident that occurred while he was walking the Steeplethon course during the running of the Timber Stake. Mr. Galligan testified that he had attended the mandatory riders meeting that had taken place as scheduled at 11:45. Based on his testimony, no action was taken.

The course was in excellent condition and the weather was perfect.

Tad Zimmerman