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STEWARDS' REPORT

Race Meet: Genesee Valley Hunt Races

Date: October 9, 2021

Stewards: Charles Fleischmann
Samantha Randazzo
Rug Howard
Doris Paxson – Safety Steward

Weather: Overcast with periods of light rain and moderate wind

Course: 6.5 moisture, 8.5 compaction. Some standing water after having received 3+ inches earlier in the week.

Clerk of Scales: Meg Lloyd

Starter: Billy Lloyd

Official Actions:

Testing: First place only except for Genesee Valley Hunt Cup stake, in which the first two finishers were tested.

tCO2 Testing: Selected Race 7, Horse #3 HIGHWAY PRINCE, but he was scratched due to not having a suitable rider. No horse was substituted.

Race 6: MR. HAIRE, after being reluctant to approach the starting area, refused to start.
MASTER SEVILLE fell at fence 7
CORKY LEMON lost rider at fence 7
SOME RESPONSE pulled up after fence 14
WORZEL GUMMIDGE fell at fence 15
All riders were cleared by course doctor Dr. Mirabelli. Rider Stefan Tobin took himself off all his remaining commitments.
EMT response was not within the target time. This was corrected in subsequent races.

Race 7: HIGHWAY PRINCE scratched for no appropriate available rider
ROCKET STAR RED fell at fence 13, was vanned off as a precaution
DREAM VERSE pulled up after fence 14

Race 9: Before the race, the trainers in the race agreed to shorten the course to 3 miles for concerns about the safety of the horses going an extra half mile.
ROAD TO OZ scratched (stake scratch)
ROCKET STAR RED scratched – cross entered

Notes: There should be a separate designated medical exam area or tent for examining riders.

The stewards suggest that one attending veterinarian stay at the barn area at all times to treat horses with post-race needs.

The Starter was not available for the riders meeting, but did attend the officials meeting.

Horses were run off the vans. They were identified at the vet check and again identified in the van area after they were tacked up but before they left for the paddock.

Some of the timber fences had breakaway top rails which worked out very well. Those that were knocked out in the first lap were put back up with no difficulties. Given the testing ground, there could have been more fallers without them.