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STEWARDS' REPORT

RACE MEETING: Middleburg Fall

DATE: October 9, 2021

WEATHER: Overcast, Wet Bulb 66.7 F

COURSE CONDITION: Firm
Compaction: 126
Moisture: 7

CLERK OF SCALES: Bill Hair

STARTER: Graham Alcock

STEWARDS: Larry Curtis
Stirling Young
Tad Zimmerman

Wayne Van Sant (safety)

OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

Race 1: *Prayer Hope* left long, was a faller at the 6th fence, and walked off.

Court Ruler pulled up before the last fence and was reported to have tired.

Race 2: without incident

Race 3: *Elusive Exclusive* was selected at random for pre-race testing.

Stand Down was pulled up after the last fence and was reported to have tired.

Race 4: without incident

Race 5: *Big Dave* was trailing the field and ducked in, losing his rider at the sixth fence.

Race 6: *Ack Feisty* pecked on landing and lost his rider at the 10th fence.

Brooklyn Speights was pulled up before the last fence and was reported to have tired.

Race 7: *Stooshie* slipped and fell on the hairpin turn.

Thomas Garner, the rider of second placed *Bodes Well*, claimed foul on the winner, *New Member*, ridden by Graham Watters, for interference at the top of the stretch. After interviewing the riders and reviewing the video, the claim of foul was disallowed.

Race 8: without incident

OFFICIAL COMMENTS: All riders who had parted company were examined by the Course Physician and cleared to ride.

The course was in very good shape. The races ran smoothly and on time. The commitment of the race committee was everywhere evident, and we were rewarded with a great day of racing.

Tad Zimmerman