

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Wallabadah Jockey Club WALLABADAH RACECOURSE

Tuesday 1 January 2019

Weather: Fine

Track: Firm (2) – Upgraded to Firm (1) at 1:00pm prior to Race 1.

Rail: True

**STEWARDS:** D Carr (Chairman) and M Greer.

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#### **RACE 1: David Ham Memorial Maiden Plate 950m:**

**Cochise Warrior** – Hung in under pressure in the home straight. Approaching the winning post was checked and shifted in to avoid the heels of *Slyvia*, which was giving ground rapidly.

**An Absolutemiracle** – Passing the 600m was checked away from the heels of *When You Wish*, which shifted out despite the efforts of its rider.

**Run Angel Run** – Slow to begin.

**Slyvia** – Rounding the home turn near the 200m **Slyvia** blundered and was then eased down by its rider. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have sustained a compound fracture of its near-fore sesamoid and it was subsequently humanely euthanised. The relevant section of track was inspected by Stipendiary Steward Mr D Carr, who reported no areas of concern. After taking evidence from trainer Mr C Martin and rider apprentice S Thatcher the inquiry was adjourned to a date to be fixed to allow Stewards to obtain veterinary and stable treatment records for **Slyvia**.

**When You Wish** – Raced ungenerously and hung out throughout the early and middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have bled from its off-side nostril. Trainer Mr P Farrell was told that **When You Wish** would be required to barrier trial or gallop over 1000m in the presence of a Steward prior to racing again.

#### **RACE 2: Shaun Hamilton Funerals Benchmark 45 Handicap 1150m:**

**Honour Your Offer** – Slow to begin.

**Behati** – Began awkwardly. Hung in over the final 400m, obliging its rider to stop riding and straighten inside the 100m.

**Dark Elixir** – Prior to the declaration of correct weight an objection was lodged by apprentice S Vella, rider of the 5<sup>th</sup> placed mare, against *Behati* being placed 4<sup>th</sup>, alleging interference near the 100m. After taking evidence from all interested parties it was established that inside the 100m *Behati*, which was inclined to hang in, shifted in when not clear of **Dark Elixir**, resulting in that mare being checked when crowded for room. However given the manner in which the runners were finishing off their respective races, the proximity of the interference to the winning post and the margin of 3/4L between the runners at the finish, Stewards could not be satisfied that the interference had a material effect on the placings and the objection was dismissed.

**Mambo Fever** – Slow to begin.

**Zippy Hippy** – As no other rider was available, S Arnold was permitted to ride the gelding at 1.5kg over its allotted weight of 59kg. S Arnold pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 120(b) in that he accepted the ride on **Zippy Hippy** and was subsequently overweight. S Arnold's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday 2 January 2019 and to expire on Wednesday 9 January 2019, on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty, Stewards were mindful of S Arnold's poor record in relation to weight related matters and also his personal circumstances. S Arnold reported that his mount failed to handle the firm track conditions.

**Falvina** – Rider John Kehoe pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on 10 occasions prior to the 100m, 5 more than permitted under the rule. John Kehoe's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday 2 January 2019 and to expire on Wednesday 9 January 2019, on which day he may ride.

**RACE 3: Scone Race Club Maiden Plate 1150m:**

No racing incidents.

**RACE 4: Penrose Prime Meats Benchmark 45 Handicap 1350m:**

**Buckeye Nation** – Near the 400m was checked when disappointed for clear running between *Skill Set* and *Skyrocketsinflight*, which shifted in, and was then held up for a short distance after.

**Adam Will Do** – Rider D Northey dropped his whip near the 200m.

**Skyrocketsinflight** – Began awkwardly.

**Skill Set** – Slow to begin. Rounding the first turn near the 1200m was steadied when racing in restricted room to the inside of *Adam Will Do* (D Northey), which shifted in slightly. D Northey was told to ensure he leaves sufficient racing room for runners to his inside.

**RACE 5: Manuka Chaff 167<sup>th</sup> Wallabadah Cup – Benchmark 58 Handicap 1500m:**

**Meishou** – Slow to begin, then despite being ridden with vigour in the early stages failed to muster speed and lost touch with the remainder of the field.

**General:**

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	
<b>Reprimands:</b>	
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race 2: S Arnold ( <b>Zippy Hippy</b> ) – Accept ride and subsequently overweight (AR 120(b)) – 2/1/19-9/1/19. Race 2: John Kehoe ( <b>Falvina</b> ) – Whip use (AR 137A(5)(a)(ii)) – 2/1/19-9/1/19.
<b>Warnings:</b>	
<b>Bleeders:</b>	
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 1: <b>When You Wish</b> (trainer P Farrell) – Bled from off-side nostril.
<b>Certificates:</b>	
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	