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JERSEY – Friday Evening 1st July 2011 GOING: GOOD to FIRM

Non Runners
SILVER SILENCE – Vets Certificate
GARDEN PARTY – Vets Certificate

The Stewards Secretary made the following reports; he had received the Vets Certificate for **SHIPS HILL** from the previous meeting; Mr. A. Procter had had his fine paid. He also noted that Mr. Mark Torode was Stewarding and not Mr. R. Michel as per the Race Card.

It was brought to the Stewards attention that the Handicapper had not given the correct allowance to **GREY PANEL** running in the Third Race. The Handicapper was summoned to appear before the Stewards who confirmed that he had made an error and that **GREY PANEL** wasn't given the correct weight for a 3 year old. The Stewards agreed that this was a 'material error' and allowed the weight to be changed to reflect the allowance, being 10.02 and not 10.12 as per the advertised weights.

Following the running of the First the Stewards called before them Mr. C Timmons, the rider of **NATIONAL MONUMENT** to explain why he had pulled the horse up, he explained that during the course of the race his saddle had slipped. The vet reported that the horse was unharmed.

During the running of the Third Race there was an incident involving **VAMOS**, ridden by Mr. E. Stack and **SCULASTIC**, ridden by Mr. J. Goldstein. A review of the tape showed **VAMOS** slipping which in turn brought down **SCULASTIC**. Both horses were quickly attended to by the Veterinarians; the jockeys were attended to by on-course Doctors and St. John's Ambulance and after satisfactory examination the jockeys were deemed fit to continue. The start of the 4th race was delayed by 5 minutes whilst the Clerk of the Course and his team made adjustments to the racing surface which with the jockey's agreement was considered the best action.

Following the running of the fourth race the Stewards called before them Mr. A Procter to explain why **ATHANIA** didn't start. The jockey explained that the horse had refused to go despite being led in and this can be clearly seen on the review. The Stewards noted his explanation. The Stewards called before them the trainer Mr. J.S.O. Arthur and reminded him that he should ask permission to have a horse lead in at the start. He offered his apologies.

It was then brought to the attention of the Stewards by the Clerk of the Scales that Laura Pike rider of MAJOR MAXIMUS had failed to weigh in. An enquiry was immediately announced. The Stewards called before them the Clerk of the Scales who reported that Ms. Pike had gone directly in to the Ladies changing room and had failed to weigh in correctly. Ms. Pike was then interviewed and confirmed that she had indeed failed to weigh in correctly, though in mitigation she claimed that she was distracted when entering the weighing room. The Stewards advised her that owing to time constraints she would be dealt with after the running of the fifth race. The Stewards had no choice under rules but to disqualify MAJOR MAXIMUS therefore making FAST FREDDIE the 3rd placed horse.

Following the running of the Fifth race the Stewards called before them the trainer Mr. J. Mercier. The Stewards firmly reminded him that he was to instruct his staff clearly that any horse being led in, is placed in the second row. The trainer was also in no uncertain terms reminded that he was not to distract a jockey going about their duty, even if they were booked to ride for him next. Mr. Mercier offered his sincere apologies

The Stewards continued the enquiry into the failure of Laura Pike to weigh in. An extract from a Stewards report dated Monday 30th 2010 was read to the jockey where it was explained to her that in Jersey the first four always weigh in. The jockey realised she had made an error and once again offered as mitigation that there was a lot of people in the weighing room and that she had been distracted by this. The Stewards took this into account and reflected this in the fine that was given of £50.

The Stewards reminded the Clerk of the Scales that she had full authority in the weighing room and she should be firm in telling people who should not be present there to leave. During the rest of the season the Stewards will monitor the weighing room.

