CHANNEL ISLANDS RACING AND HUNT CLUB

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GOING: GOOD

Mr A. Le Brocq, trainer of **FINE THE WORLD**, running in the first, and **ANNA GALERIA** running in the second, requested that his horses be led in at the start if needed. He also asked that **ANNA GALERIA** not parade in front of the Judge and be walked to the 7 Furlong start. The Stewards raised no objection to this and asked the trainer to inform the Starter. The Stewards Secretary informed the Judge.

Mrs A. Corson, trainer of **REBEL WOMAN** running in the fourth, requested that her horse go to post early if it appeared to get nervous in the parade ring. The Stewards considered this request and duly granted it.

Mr. J. Mercier requested that **CRONKYVODDY** be led in at the start of the fourth race, he also requested that he use a whip to encourage the horse to jump off. The Stewards agreed to this request, with the condition that the whip make no contact with the horse and be only used to generate a noise.

The Stewards Secretary acted as Assistant Judge for Race 1 and Race 3.

Following the running of the fourth race the Stewards interviewed Mr. J. Mercier trainer of **CRONKYVODDY** as he had made contact with the horse. He apologised for this error of judgement, the Stewards took a dim view of this and explained that he or his representatives will no longer be allowed to use a whip or any other device to encourage the horse to jump off. The Stewards also noted this was the second time the horse had refused to start and it will be watched.

Miss Jemma Marshall reported to the Stewards that she had been struck by a whip at the start of the fourth race. The Stewards asked if she needed to see the Medical Officer but this was declined by the jockey.

Following the running of the fifth race Mr. Mercier was once again brought before the Stewards as to exactly what had happened at the start of the fourth race. He denied striking Miss. Marshall and maintained that he had only encouraged his charge to jump off. There being no clear answer the Senior Steward instructed the Stewards Secretary to obtain the tape from the start for further review.

10th July 2012: The tape having been reviewed by the Senior Steward and the Stewards Secretary the matter was referred to the Channel Islands Racing & Hunt Club.

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