## CHANNEL ISLANDS RACING AND HUNT CLUB

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JERSEY – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011 GOING: GOOD

Non Runners
ANFIELD ROAD – Vets Certificate
SHIPS HILL – Awaiting Vets Certificate

The Stewards Secretary reported that he had received the Vets Certificate for **SUPERDUPER** following the previous meeting.

Mr. R. Michel was appointed Senior Steward in the absence of Mr. J. Morley-Kirk who had been called away on an urgent family matter.

In the Parade ring before the first race the Stewards noted that **AZARIA** was getting a little excited in the Parade Ring and allowed it to go to post early.

Following the running of the first race the Stewards called before them Mr. A. Procter the rider of **NORDIC AFFAIR** which finished second, to explain his usage of whip in the final furlong. Mr. Procter felt his whip usage was fair and he was getting the best from the horse. The Stewards disagreed and after a replay of the tape, the Stewards were unanimous in agreement that Mr. Procter had struck his mount more than necessary and further had not allowed his horse the appropriate time to respond. He was duly fined £25.

Before the running of the third race the Stewards received a request from Mrs C. Gilbert trainer of MAJOR MAXIMUS that the horse be allowed to mount in the chute, this request was granted.

Following the running of the third race the Stewards interviewed the Starter as to the number of false starts. He explained that 1<sup>st</sup> false start was down to a number of horses trying to take a flyer at the tape, in a 5 furlong start he was trying to get them all away fairly. The second false start was a similar affair save that ATHANIA just planted and wouldn't start, and ANNIA GALERIA ignored the recall flag, completed the distance and was then taken off course by its jockey. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> start the Starter advised the jockeys to stay behind the marker post until he had mounted the podium and then to come in as this time they we're going to go. ATHANIA still refused to start and can be clearly seen on the tape rearing up.

The Stewards then interviewed Mr. T. Clark the jockey of **ANNIA GALERIA** as to why he didn't obey the recall flag. Mr. Clark stated that his mount had decided not to stop and a

review of the tape clearly showed the jockey pulling hard with little effect. He was duly cautioned that he should obey all recall flags.

Before the running of the fourth race Mr. T Le Brocq informed the Stewards that is was the first outing for GREY PANEL at Les Landes and he may need to take the horse to post early if was getting nervous. The Stewards thanked him for bringing this to their attention and told him to take actions as he saw fit to ensure the safety of horse & rider. Joan Le Brocq also requested VAMOS running in the fourth & FINE THE WORLD running in the fifth, be allowed to go to post early if they were getting worked up, this was granted.

Mr. J Mercier trainer of **CRONKYVODDY** running in the fifth requested that the horse be allowed to be led in; the Stewards granted this request and reminded him all horses being led in start in the second row.

Following the running of the fifth race the Stewards called an enquiry into the start. The Starter was interviewed and explained that he was endeavouring to give everyone a fair start, but there were a number of unidentified individuals who were being quite vocal in shouting out which didn't help him get his orders across. The Stewards reminded the Starter that he had full control at the start and he could be as firm as he like to get his point across. The Stewards allowed the result to stand. Mr. Mercier and his jockey Laura Pike were then played the tape of the start to explain why **CRONKYVODDY** had refused to start. They both agreed that the horse had just dug in and refused to race. The Stewards noted this explanation.

After reports of alleged misconduct by a member of the Race Club staff the Stewards resolved to pass the matter to the Stewards of the Channel Islands Racing and Hunt Club for their resolution.