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**JERSEY – FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2014**

**GOING: GOOD TO FIRM**

**NON-RUNNER – KING OF ARNOR –Awaiting Vets certificate**

**Senior Steward: Mr S. Vivian**

**Stewards: Mr A. Tait, Mr C. Bennett, Mr G. Shenkin**

**Stewards Secretary: Mr M. Shenkin**

Mrs A. Malzard, trainer of **ROSSETTI**, running in the second race requested that the horse be allowed to go to post early. The Stewards considered the request and duly granted it.

Mrs A. Corson, trainer of **REBEL WOMAN**, running in the fifth race requested that the horse be allowed to do one circuit of the parade ring, taken to post early and mounted on the course. Mrs Corson was concerned about how **REBEL WOMAN** would handle the occasion given that she had suffered a bad fall during her last race at the course. The Stewards considered the request and duly granted it.

The Stewards interviewed Mrs A. Malzard, trainer of **KING OF ARNOR**, over **KING OF ARNOR**'s withdrawal from the second race. The Vet had confirmed that **KING OF ARNOR** was lame. As **KING OF ARNOR** was the top rated horse in the race, with the next horse 10lb's further down in the handicap, then under Rule 18(ii) of the Rules of Racing, where a top weight is withdrawn more than one hour before the time of the first race of the day, the weights are adjusted upwards as though the withdrawn horse had never been declared a runner.

Notification of that withdrawal must be made to the Stewards Secretary or the Declarations Clerk. The Stewards, having enquired of the Stewards Secretary and the Declarations Clerk, noted that the horse had been withdrawn less than one hour before the first race of the day. Consequently, under Rule 18(ii) the weights could not be adjusted and this was detrimental to **KING KENNY**, trained by Mrs A. Corson, who was 13lb out of the handicap, and advantageous to Mrs Malzard's other runner **ROSSETTI**.

Mrs Malzard explained that **KING OF ARNOR** had been lame since the 18<sup>th</sup> and that the failure to comply with Rule 18(ii) was because she had made a mistake as to the timings. Mrs Malzard had believed that the deadline was 45 minutes before the first race of the day when declarations for the opening race are closed, which was still 1

hour and 20 minutes before the race concerned. She apologised to the Stewards for this error.

The Stewards, having considered the matter, accepted that Mrs Malzard's actions had not been deliberate to benefit **ROSSETTI**. The Stewards were, however, not satisfied with the explanation for the late withdrawal of **KING OF ARNOR** given the clarity of Rule 18(ii). Had no other horse suffered a detriment as a result the Stewards would have been content to issue Mrs Malzard with a warning. However, because **KING KENNY** had been penalised by Mrs Malzard's breach of Rule 18(ii) the Stewards felt that a fine was necessary and proportionate and duly fined Mrs Malzard £25 for the breach.

Following the running of the second race, the Stewards enquired of Mr T Le Brocq, trainer and joint owner of the winner **SWEET LIBERTA**, as to why a different jockey to that declared to ride under Rule 55(i) of the Rules of Racing had ridden the horse. Mr Le Brocq had declared James Harding to ride **SWEET LIBERTA** but the horse had actually been ridden by Matt Cosham. Mr Le Brocq said that he does his declaration forms early and leaves them at the course for the Declarations Clerk. There had been a disagreement between Mr Le Brocq and his co-owner, Mr G. Amy, earlier in the day as to the riding arrangements. Mr Le Brocq said that it had been difficult to get jockeys to come to Jersey for this meeting. Mr Le Brocq reported that Mr Amy had insisted on the change of jockey and that he had notified the Secretary of the Race Club.

The Stewards then interviewed Miss C. Dickson, the Secretary of the Race Club. She confirmed that Mr Le Brocq had informed her around 16:00 that there was going to be a change of jockey for **SWEET LIBERTA**.

The issue was that Mr Le Brocq had not subsequently amended the declaration form for **SWEET LIBERTA** nor in the alternative sought the Steward's permission, which would have been granted, for a change of jockey post declaration under Rule 55(iv) of the Rules of Racing.

The Stewards had, immediately post race and before the weigh in, established that the offence was not one which would subject **SWEET LIBERTA** to disqualification under the Rules of Racing, and had therefore not announced a Stewards Enquiry into the race result. The Steward considered the matter to be unprecedented and as such it was the opinion of the Stewards that the matter should be referred, under Rule 11(ii) of the Rules of Racing, to the Stewards of the C.I.R.H.C. for their consideration.

Following the running of the third race, the Stewards interviewed Mr C. Walker, the jockey of **COUNTRY BLUE**, regarding his use of the whip. Mr Walker was shown a recording of the closing stages of the race in which he had struck **COUNTRY BLUE** twice down the shoulder in a forehand position in breach of the rules regarding use of the whip under Instruction D of the Rules of Racing. Mr Walker said that he had not realised at the time that he had struck the horse in this way. The Stewards indicated to Mr Walker that they take whip offences extremely seriously. He was duly cautioned about his use of the whip and informed that if he appeared before the Stewards again this season for a whip offence then a fine would be imposed.

Following the running of the fifth race, the Stewards reviewed a recording of the start of the race where **ATHANIA**, being reluctant to race, appeared to have been struck by a whip under the control of one of the assistant starters. The Steward present at the start informed the Stewards that no contact had been made with **ATHANIA**. The Stewards therefore took no further action.

S. P. R. Vivian

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**Simon P R Vivian**  
**Senior Steward**

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