

CHANNEL ISLANDS RACING AND HUNT CLUB

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GOING : GOOD TO FIRM; FIRM IN PLACES

Senior Steward: Mr R. Morley-Kirk

Stewards: Mr. P. Edwards, Mr R. Michel, Mr J. Morley-Kirk, Mr J. Perrée

Stewards Secretary: Mr. J. Perrée

Non-Runner : REACH OUT – Vets Certificate

Prior to the commencement of racing the Senior Steward, with agreement of the trainers, changed the opening race from a hurdle to a flat race. The adverse weather conditions made it impossible for the Clerk of the Course to guarantee that the hurdles would remain in place for the duration of the race.

Mrs A. Corson, trainer of **ATHANIA** and **REBEL WOMAN**, running in the third, along with Mrs A. Malzard, trainer of **JACKPOT** also running in the third, together with **ROSSETTI** running in the last, requested that their horses be allowed to go post early and be led in, if so required. The Stewards considered the requests and duly granted them. The Stewards Secretary informed the Starter. **ROSSETTI** was also given permission to not parade before the Judge.

The Stewards interviewed the trainer Mr J. Moon after the running of the first race with regards to the behaviour of **POMANDER**, ridden by Mr H Cruickshank. It was noted that the horse had first misbehaved in the Parade ring and then had planted itself upon arrival at the start. This led to the horse being withdrawn by the Starter before it had come under orders, as it was clear the horse had no intention of participating in the race. Mr Moon was very apologetic, as a new trainer this was his first entry and obviously it hadn't gone as planned. **POMANDER** had not raced for a few years, but had been perfectly well behaved at home and when it had been brought to the course to run on the practice track. It was a new behaviour pattern the trainer had not seen in the horse. The Stewards considered his explanation and sought to reassure the trainer that they understood this was his first ever runner at Les Landes, nevertheless if the horse was unruly again they would have to take a much firmer line.

Following the running of the second race the Stewards along with the Starter interviewed the jockey Mr Quinlan rider of **NOVABRIDGE**, trained by Mr N Mullholland. The Starter was concerned that the jockey did not listen to his instructions to wait and had charged the tape thus leading to the false start. The jockey apologised but stated he was just trying to get a good start. The Stewards reviewed the tape of the start and having heard evidence from the

Starter warned the jockey that it was important to listen to the starter, failure to do so again would result in fine.

Following the running of the third race the Stewards interviewed Mr M. Batchelor rider of **ATHANIA** as to the behaviour of the horse at the start, the jockey reported that the horse had felt different to the one he had been on-board all season. The Stewards listened to his explanation and took no further action. The Stewards Secretary report that Mr C Walker was fit and well having been unseated from **REBEL WOMAN** on his way to the post.

Following the running of the fifth race the Stewards reminded the trainer Mr K. Kukk that he should seek permission from the Stewards if he required his horse to be mounted in the chute. The trainer offered his apologies and no further action was taken.

Having reviewed the recording of the race and having heard evidence from the Starter, as well as the Steward Mr J. Morley-Kirk, the Stewards fined Mr P Prince rider of **HERBALIST** £25 for excessive use of force with the whip. The Stewards did note that there was no visible marks on the horse, however this was Mr Prince's second appearance before them this season for a whip offence, and they had no choice but to impose a penalty. The Stewards Secretary can confirm that despite Mr Prince voicing his opinion quite vociferously after the enquiry he did pay the fine and will not be lodging an appeal.

The Senior Steward and the Stewards Secretary would like to record a note of thanks for Mr Edwards & Mr Michel for standing in as Stewards.