

Stewards Report at Annaghmore Raceway Saturday 19th May 2018

Venue:	Annaghmore Raceway
Stewards:	P. Clarke, J. O'Sullivan, J. Levis, I. Swindle, J. Nixon
Assistants:	(Starter/Gear), T. Duggan (Mobile/Brands), I. Swindle/J. Nixon (Paddock)
Veterinary Surgeon:	Dr. P. O' Scanail
Weather:	Dry
Track:	Standard

Race 1 Trot 4YO Series Grade G/G1/F Handicap (2400m):

¼: 37.4; ½: 1.10.4, ¾: 1.43.8, 1mile: 2.16.8, 1.25m:2.49.4, 1.5m: 3.22.4

DQ: Esles Du Bocage for exceeding the 25 strides in irregular gait.

There were no issues with the running of this race.

Race 2: Pace Grade G & G1 Handicap (1600m):

¼: 29.0, ½: 1.00.0, ¾: 1.29.8, 1m: 2.01.6,

An inquiry into the first ¼ of this race was held after the stewards believed there was some interference caused by the winner. After a long, deliberation, the stewards agreed that there was no such interference and the result was unaffected.

Race 3: Trot Grade F (FFA) (2400m):

¼: 31, ½: 1.05.3, ¾: 1.38.4, 1m: 2.11.2, 1 ¼: 2.42.0, 1 ½: 3.14.2

There was a change in gate position due to a handicap error of Dynamite Brouets who should have been automatically drawn one as she is a maiden trotter.

There were no issues with the running of this race.

Race 4: Pace Grade F -C Handicap (1600m):

¼: 29.8, ½: 1.00.9, ¾: 1.32.4, 1m: 2.02.6

The stewards were unhappy with a number of horses in this race as it was felt that the drivers in question did not ensure that the horse was driven to their full potential.

Mochart: seemed to have slowed down in the first quarter and finished in a time of 2.04.7, some 6.5 secs slower than his personal best. How-ever as it was his first race of the season, the stewards accepted the drivers explanation following an interview with Mr Kane after the race.

Porterstown Courage: Like in weeks previous, the driver drove the horse to finish when it was too late to win but did not push his horse throughout the race.

Race 5: Trot Grade E-C Handicap (2400m):

¼: 31, ½: 1.03.6, ¾: 1.36.2, 1m: 2.08.5, 1¼:2.41.0, 1½: 3.14.4

Non-Runner: Belina Royale

DQ: Calypso Des Coudre

There were no issues with the running of this race.

Race 6: Pace Grade C-A1 Handicap (1600m):

¼: 30.5, ½: 1.01.6, ¾: 1.32.3, 1m: 2.01.4

The stewards were concerned with the last stage of the race where it seemed a conversion was taking place between the drivers of Master Plan and Camden Tino, however after some deliberations, the stewards were happy with the race.

The driver of Master was interviewed after the race for the use of foul language towards the starter. Mr Stewart informed the stewards that the original start sheet had a different trail mark compared with the racecar. Taking this into account, the stewards accepted this explanation but cautioned Mr Stewart on the use of his language

Race 7: Trot Grade D & A2 Handicap (2400m):

¼: 33, ½: 1.05.9, ¾: 1.37.9, 1m: 2.10.4, 1.25m: 2.41.1, 1.5m:3.11.8

N/R: Bicosan

The stewards had no issues with the running of this race.

After the race meeting, the stewards decided that there are too many cases arising whereby, horses are not being raced to their full potential. Whilst this is very hard to prove and may be monitored by the stewards on a weekly basis, they have decided to not allow the run for the horse's handicap as an additional penalty. This will be enforced by all stewards in Portmarnock, Annaghmore & Cork.