

## Stewards Report at Portmarnock Raceway Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

<b>Venue:</b>	Portmarnock Raceway
<b>Stewards:</b>	P. Clarke, J. O'Sullivan, J. Levis
<b>Assistants:</b>	M. Behan (Starter/Gear), G. Kane (Mobile/Brands), A. Gosson (Paddock)
<b>Veterinary Surgeon:</b>	Dr. P. O' Scanail
<b>Weather:</b>	Dry/Wind
<b>Track:</b>	Dry

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### Race 1 4 YO Trot Grade G-F Handicap (1600m):

*¼: 31.19; ½: 1.05.4, ¾: 1.37.6, 1mile: 2.09.7*

Change of driver of Every De Beaum to Joesph Caffrey.

DQ: Eole de Nganda & Emeraude De Marzy due to exceeding 25 strides in the race.

There was a false start due to Emmeraude De Marzy breaking behind the gate and impeding the horses behind. In the rerun she was placed on the outside of the line.

Epsilon Du Lilas was a late entry and was accepted to race however he was placed on the outside of the 2<sup>nd</sup> line as a result.

There were no issues with the running of this race.

### Race 2: Apprentice Trot Handicap Heat 1 Reduced by 10Y (1600m):

*¼: 30.6, ½: 1.02.2, ¾: 1.34.3, 1m: 2.05.1*

Change of driver of Rocky Atout to Jack Killeen.

The steward noted the improved performance of Belina Royale from the previous week. The said horse had improved over four seconds from her last week. Therefore the stewards have agreed to observe her future performances.

### Race 3: Trot Grade F to A1 Handicap CW (1600m):

*¼: 31.6, ½: 1.01.6, ¾: 1.40.8, 1m: 2.04.5*

Sean Kane was interviewed in relation to the start of the race regarding his trailing. The stewards cautioned him about this as he directly impacted the other back horse in the race.

The stewards also interviewed Emma Kane in relation to an incident close to the half. The stewards were happy with her explanation. Billy Roche was also interviewed about this incident and was cautioned about the said incident. In his defense Mr. Roche said his horse was going in as he passed the other horses and he did realize that he took ground from Ms. Kane. The stewards were informed that it is not Mr. Roches intention to run the horse in any future clockwise races as a direct result.

#### Race 4: Pace Grade G-G1 Handicap (1600m):

$\frac{1}{4}$ : 29,  $\frac{1}{2}$ : 1.01.4,  $\frac{3}{4}$ : 1.32.2, 1m: 2.02.4

Fell: Streamside Skryne & One Cool Touch

After the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mark, Streamside Skryne broke his gait and his driver was unable to bring him back into a pace for at least 200meters. Continuing to break stride, the driver of One Cool Touch, preceded to pass at speed around Streamside Skryne and it was during this action which led to the accident.

Both drivers were interviewed separately in relation to the accident.

Mr. Caffrey was asked for his views on the incident. He felt that he was driving accordingly and in a safe and proper manner. Even though he is a very good driver in his driving class and inexperience being a contributing factor, the stewards believed that his actions were dangerous, and he was cautioned for dangerous driving as a result.

During his interview Mr. Gilligan informed the stewards that his hobble broke which resulted in the long break in stride. The stewards accepted his explanation but also indicated to him that his extremely long reins impose a safety risk not only for him but for the other competitors also. He was cautioned for dangerous driving also.

The driver of Tom Wood was interviewed by the stewards in relation to his driving conduct during the race. The stewards felt that Ronan Norton had very little control of the horse on several occasions during the race and cautioned him for dangerous driving. In his defense, Mr. Norton said his horse was very green and it was his first time driving him, however the stewards decided to issue him with a caution regardless.

The drivers involved in the accident were treated by the paramedics on site and were deemed to be clear to drive for the rest of the day.

Any similar offences by the drivers named above will be severely dealt with.

#### Race 5: Pace Gr F-C Handicap (1600m):

$\frac{1}{4}$ : 29.3,  $\frac{1}{2}$ : 1.00.1,  $\frac{3}{4}$ : 1.31.0, 1m: 2.02.4

The stewards interviewed the driver of Meadowbranch Roman as a result that the horse was not deemed to have been competitive in the field. Mr. Roche outlined to the stewards that he was unable to drive the horse following an undeclared injury which he picked up in one of the pre-race qualifiers earlier in the day. The stewards accepted his explanation and Mr Roche was stood down for the rest of the day.

The driver of Rhyds Boots was also interviewed with regards to both similar tactics as outlined above and to an brief incident on returning to the paddock. The stewards accepted Mr Duggan's explanation with regards to his horse's performance.

The horse Porterstown Courage was also noted in the steward's book, for similar tactics as in the previous weeks. The horse was tailed off for the first  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and was only set alight in the last  $\frac{1}{4}$ , therefore the stewards will carefully observe his future races and act accordingly should any major differences appear.

### **Race 6: Trot Gr F-E Handicap (1600m):**

*¼: 29.1, ½: 1.01.4, ¾: 1.35.5, 1m: 2.08.6*

Change of Driver of Brasilia Match to Joesph Caffrey.

Change in gate position of Dynamite Brouets due to an incorrect draw as maiden horses get preference on the gate.

There was no issues with the running of this race.

### **Race 7: Trot Gr E-D Handicap (1600m):**

*¼: 31.3, ½: 1.02.3, ¾: 1.34.7, 1m: 2.06.2*

Change of driver of Urbano De Selles to Shane Howard.

The driver of Urbano De Selles was noted for which looked like over use of the whip but on inspection, Mr Howard was hitting the shafts of the car. The stewards issued a caution to the driver for his actions and any future misconduct with the whip will be dealt with.

The stewards also felt that the horse Twist Du Layon was not driven to compete honestly. His future performances will be carefully observed.

### **Race 8: Pace Gr A Handicap (1600m):**

*¼: 28.6, ½: 58.0, ¾: 1.28.6, 1m: 1.59.2*

Change of driver of Porterstown Road to Shane Howard.

There was no issue with the running of this race.

### **Race 9: Pace Gr C-A Handicap (1600m):**

*¼: 31, ½: 1.02.0, ¾: 1.34.4, 1m: 2.05.0*

Change of driver of Solicitor to Jonathan Dunne & Vaillant De Gueham to Shane Howard.

There was no issue with the running of this race.