

# PRESS RELEASE

The Board of the Authority hereby advises of decisions taken at its meeting held on **Tuesday June 16, 2015**

1. **Appeal by Trainer Bobby Persad against the decision of the Stewards to fine him \$250.00 each for the withdrawal of FARAD (USA) and PRINCESS WARRIOR (JAM) in Race 8 on May 30, 2015**

The Board after hearing the evidence of Mr. Somdath Maharaj – Administrative Steward of the Arima Race Club, Ms. Denecia Martin- Accounts Clerk of the Arima Race Club and Mr. Linford Carrabon – President of the Arima Race Club, via conference call found as follows.

That the decision by the Steward to impose the fines on Mr. Persad for withdrawing his charges without their permission was in accordance with the Rules of racing and the information available to them at the time.

However, the Board agreed that there were factors which mitigated in Mr. Persad's favour arising out of the query regarding the appeal against the original rating allotted to **SOURSOP**, the question arising out of its eligibility for entry into the said race and the validity of the said appeal.

In view of the foregoing, the Board agreed that the fines imposed on Mr. Persad be rescinded.

Further to this, and based on the evidence supplied. The Board also found that the process of the appeal against the original rating allotted to **SOURSOP** was severely flawed and as such ruled that appeal be deemed invalid.

As such, the Board declared that the horse **SOURSOP** should revert to its original rating, be declared a non starter for the race in question and that race be deleted from its record. In the circumstances its entry fee for the race is to be refunded.

2. **Application for renewal of Apprentice Jockey's Licence by Mr. Kiran Razack**

The Board interviewed Mr. Kiran Razack regarding his application for renewal of his Jockey's licence noting that he had not ridden in Trinidad since August 2014 and allegations of his use of a prohibited device in another country.

After hearing his evidence the Board agreed to the renewal of his licence but warned him that at all times he must uphold the high ideals of his profession and maintain the highest degree of integrity.

**DAVID LOREGNARD**  
**SECRETARY**

JUNE 18, 2015