

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

The Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority hereby advises of the decisions taken at its meeting held on Tuesday December 5, 2017:

1. **INQUIRY INTO A MATTER REFERRED BY THE STEWARDS OF THE ARIMA RACE CLUB IN WHICH JOCKEY RYAN THOMAS WAS SUSPENDED FOR TEN (10) RACING DAYS IN RACE 7/DAY 28 - SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017**

The Board, having given due consideration to the evidence submitted by Mr. Ryan Thomas (Jockey), Dr. Kerri Sankar (Industry Veterinarian) and Mr. Lester Alexis (Trainer), determined that Mr. Thomas did not take all reasonable and permissible measures to ensure that 'HEAT OF THE MOMENT' was given a full opportunity to win or of obtaining the best possible placing and as such, was in breach of **Rule 51 (2)** of the Rules of Racing.

As such, the **Board agreed to uphold the Stewards' decision to suspend him from race riding for ten (10) consecutive race days.** No further increase in the suspension was imposed.

2. **REINSTATEMENT OF JOCKEY'S LICENCE - MR. SHELDON RODRIGO**

The Board approved the reinstatement of Mr. Sheldon Rodrigo's Jockey's licence upon the expiration of his suspension of five (5) racing days which was imposed by the Stewards of the Arima Race Club for not taking all reasonable and permissible measures to ensure that 'WHY KAPALUA' was given a full opportunity to win or of obtaining the best possible placing in Race 8/Day 24 - Saturday 12th August, 2017.

**His suspension expired on December 2, 2017.**

### **3. RESULTS OF TRAINERS AND ASSISTANT TRAINERS EXAMINATION**

The Board approved the issuance of licences to the following candidates who were successful in the November 2017 Trainers/Assistant Trainers exams:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TYPE OF LICENCE</b>
Mr. Krishna Sahadeo	Assistant Trainer
Mr. Nizam Ramkissoon	Private Trainer

The following candidates, were successful at the June 2017 exams and were granted licences by the Board, at a meeting of the Authority which was held on October 17th, 2017.

Mr. Allan Fraser	Assistant Trainer
Mr. Ravi Lacaille	Assistant Trainer
Mr. Richard Frederick	Open Trainer
Mr. Wayne Palmer	Assistant Trainer

**JOSETTE MC DAVID  
SECRETARY**

December 6, 2017