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MEDIA RELEASE

The Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority (TTRA) hereby informs of the decision taken at its Statutory Board Meeting held on **Thursday 24th March 2022** on the under mentioned matter:

Enquiry into removal of NEWS FLASH from the Overnight Programme for Race 6/Day 4 of the 2022 Racing Season – Saturday February 26th 2022

Having given due consideration to the evidence offered by Mr. Robert Bernard and Mr. Wade Stone - Stewards of the Arima Race Club (ARC), Mr. Wendell Dottin, Ag. Racing Secretary, Mr. Shaffique Khan, Trainer of News Flash and Mr. Glen Mohammed, the Board was of the view that there was no need to take further action against any of the parties.

The Board however, strongly advised that there should be consistency in decision making by the Stewards and the need to comply with the Rules of Racing was paramount. Issues such as these greatly impacted upon the integrity of the sport. Notwithstanding the paucity of entries on numerous race days, the Stewards, should not allow the view of expediency to overshadow the Rules of Racing. All Trainers should be given a fair and equal chance, at all stages of the process.

The Board reminded Trainer Shaffique Khan that withdrawal from any race without just cause, should result in the automatic imposition of a five hundred (\$500.00) dollar fine by the Stewards.

The Board further wished to reiterate that all Stewards needed to be more professional and responsible in carrying out their duties and that the rules and conditions applied to all stakeholders. Anyone acting in contravention of said rules or conditions will be liable to the requisite penalty.

The Stewards were severely cautioned to desist from putting the industry in any position that could bring it into disrepute. The Board further advised that whatever decisions were made, needed to be done in the best interest of the industry.

Josette Mc David (Ms.)
Secretary

March 24th 2022