

MEDIA RELEASE

The Authority hereby informs of decisions taken at its meeting held on Thursday January 07, 2010 on the undermentioned matters

1. HEARING OF APPEAL LODGED BY APPRENTICE RONALD ALI RIDER OF CANDY ALERT IN RACE 10 ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 26, 2009 AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE STEWARDS TO SUSPEND HIM FROM RIDING WITHOUT A WHIP FOR THE NEXT TWO RACEDAYS.

The Board after hearing the grounds of the appeal of Apprentice Ali and the evidence of Mr. Winston Govia Steward of the Arima Race Club, Mrs. Sharon Ferreira, Trainer of **CANDY ALERT** and Dr. Shivana Beharry Assistant Official Veterinarian found as follows.

That there was no merit in the grounds of the appeal and as such it was disallowed. Further, the Board found that the Stewards were lenient with Apprentice Ali when it considered his record of similar offences including a warning from the Stewards earlier on said day. It was agreed that he would be suspended from race riding for one raceday after which he will not be allowed to ride with a whip for the next four racedays. In addition, Mr. Ali has been directed to place himself under the supervision of the Tutor and Assistant Tutor of the Apprentice Jockey Training Programme to receive corrective tutoring in the proper use of the whip

2. ENQUIRY INTO REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICIAL AND ASSISTANT OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN ABOUT THE EXTREMELY POOR CONDITION OF RACEHORSE **BRIGADIER** TRAINED BY JASON PHILLIPS AND ITS CONTINUED DETERIORATION.

The Board after examining the reports of the veterinarians, viewing the photographs of the horse and the physical inspection by its Vice Chairman, Dr. David Kangaloo and considering the statement of Mr. Jason Phillip the Owner / Trainer of **BRIGADIER**, found trainer Phillip to be guilty of gross negligence in the performance of his duties as a licenced racehorse Trainer.

The Board agreed that no consideration will be given to the renewal of Mr. Phillips trainer's licence nor his registration as an Owner until he can fully satisfy the Board that he has all the resources necessary to properly care for racehorses. In addition he was directed to have the horse **BRIGADIER** remove from the paddock within seventy two (72) hours

3. ENQUIRY INTO THE POOR PERFORMANCE OF BLACKSTONE STREET IN THE GOLD CUP (GR. I) ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 26, 2009.

The Board heard submissions from Mr. Glenn Mendez trainer of **BLACKSTONE STREET** that in his opinion the horse was as fit and sound as at any stage of his career. He produced a certificate from Veterinarian Dr. Roger D'abadie attesting to this fact and indicated that the rider may have attempted unorthodox tactics which worked against the horses' natural running style.

His explanation was noted and the Stewards of the day came in for criticism because of their failure to question both the trainer and rider on the day in question about the horses' performance

4. HEARING OF AN APPEAL LODGED BY GLEN MENDEZ TRAINER OF BLUESINTHENITE AGAINST WEIGHT CARRIED BY RACEHORSE INCONCLUSIVE 2ND PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST CLASSIC (RACE 4) ON JANUARY 01, 2010 WHICH WAS 2 KG LESS.

The Board after hearing the grounds of the appeal from Mr. Mendez, the evidence of the Clerk of the Scale Mr. Winston Xavier, who confirmed the horse carried 2 kg less, Steward, Winston Govia and trainer of **INCONCLUSIVE**, Mr. Derick Mosca found as follows.

That Trainer Mosca was guilty of negligence in the performance of his duties as a racehorse trainer representing the interest of his owner and was fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The Board pointed out to Mr. Mosca that the conditions of the race when he paid the first nomination stipulated 'NO APPRENTICE ALLOWANCE'. The horse **INCONCLUSIVE** has been disqualified from 2nd place as a result of this. The revised results are as follows.

1 ST TREASURE HUNT	2 ND BLUESINTHENITE
3 RD ROYAL BABY	4 TH TODO BIEN
5 TH DEFINING MOMENT	

5. THE BOARD APPROVED THE RELEASE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED STATISTICS REGARDING THE TESTING OF URINE AND BLOOD SAMPLES TAKEN ON A RACEDAY OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

YEAR	TOTAL TESTED	NO. OF POSITIVE	% OF TOTAL
2008	699	14	2 %
2009	704	06	.85 %

The Board praised the Trainers for their diligence in the care and Management of their stables resulting in the marked decrease in positives for prohibited substances

David Loregnard
Secretary

January 8, 2010