

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Angela Graham – Bosendi

Date: 19 November 2019

Panel: D Aurisch, P Chadwick & A Spence

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance ALTRENOGEST was detected in a urine sample taken from BOSENDI (Gelding) at the Ipswich Turf Club on 24 May 2019.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) along with evidence from licensed trainer Ms Angela Graham.

After considering all of the evidence, Ms Graham was issued with a charge pursuant to AR 240(2) which states:

Subject to subrule (3), if a horse has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in any sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

The specifics of the charge being that Angela Graham as the trainer of BOSENDI brought that horse to the Ipswich Turf Club on 24 May 2019 for the purpose of engaging in the Maiden Handicap 1200m, and a post-race urine sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance ALTRENOGEST.

Ms Graham pleaded not guilty to the charge and made brief submissions in this regard.

After considering these submissions the panel was satisfied to the requisite standard that the charge could be sustained and Ms Graham was formally found guilty.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards acknowledged Ms Graham's unblemished record in the short time she has held a trainers license. However, Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents, the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing and the need for a penalty to serve as an appropriate deterrent to ensure racing is conducted free of prohibited substances.

Mr Graham was subsequently fined \$3000.

Pursuant to AR 240(1) Bosendi was disqualified from the above-mentioned race and the placings were amended as follows:

Ipswich – 24 May 2019 – Maiden Handicap 1200m

1st – LOPE DE LADY

2nd – AMERICAN LOVE

3rd – LUVDISC

4th – MT PILATUS

5th - TEEANCEE