

Stewards' Report

Kathy Stabe – KERBSIDE KAOS

Date: 11 November 2020

Panel: J Williamson, D Aurisch, A Turner

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry in respect of charges issued against licensed trainer Kathy Stabe regarding race day administration and a failure to report bleeding from the nostrils. These charges were issued to Ms Stabe following a race day stable inspection conducted by members of the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission's Integrity Investigations Team (IIT) on the morning of 2 August 2020.

During this stable inspection it was established that blood was present on the nearside jugular of KERBSIDE KAOS consistent with having been recently injected. Following this finding, Ms Stabe made admissions that she had treated the gelding earlier that morning upon which swab samples were subsequently collected from KERSIDE KAOS and the gelding was then declared a late scratching from Race 1, being the Eumindi Lager Maiden Handicap over 1200 metres at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 2 August 2020, on order of the Stewards.

Further, the IIT confiscated a number of veterinary products, syringes and needles, and also took possession of Ms Stabe's mobile phone, which was forensically examined and evidence obtained which established that KERBSIDE KAOS had previously bled, which Ms Stabe had failed to report to Stewards.

Having considered the evidence, Stewards issued the below charges:

Charge 1: Breach pursuant to AR249(1) of the Australian Rules of Racing

Kathy Stabe, as the licensed trainer of KERBSIDE KAOS did, at approximately 6:00am on race day 2 August 2020, administered KERBSIDE KAOS with medications, that being Diurex, Coforta and Hemoplex, prior to the commencement of the race for which it was engaged at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club, without the permission of Stewards

Plea: Guilty

Finding: Guilty

Penalty: A six (6) month disqualification reduced to **five (5) months and two (2) weeks disqualification** for Ms Stabe's guilty plea and cooperation (mandatory minimum AR283(6)) to commence at midnight on 11 November 2020 and to expire at midnight on 25 April 2021

Charge 2: Breach of Australian Rule of Racing 79(2)

Kathy Stabe, as the licensed trainer of KERBSIDE KAOS, was in breach of AR79(2) in that she failed to fulfil requirements after becoming aware that KERBSIDE KAOS had presented post-race with blood in both nostrils following racing at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 29 April 2020 of which she failed to notify Stewards without delay

Plea: Guilty

Finding: Guilty

Penalty: A monetary penalty in the amount of **\$1500.00**

Charge 3: Breach of Australian Rule of Racing 79(7)

Kathy Stabe, as the licensed trainer of KERBSIDE KAOS, was in breach of AR79(7) in that she failed to fulfil requirements after becoming aware that KERBSIDE KAOS had presented post-race with blood in a nostril following racing at the Lockyer Valley Turf Club on 16 May 2020 of which she failed to notify Stewards without delay

Plea: Guilty

Finding: Guilty

Penalty: A monetary penalty in the amount of **\$1,000.00**

Charge 4: Breach of Australian Rule of Racing 79(7)

Kathy Stabe, as the licensed trainer of KERBSIDE KAOS, was in breach of AR79(7) in that she failed to fulfil requirements after becoming aware that KERBSIDE KAOS had presented post-race with blood in a nostril following racing at the Gold Coast Turf Club on 26 June 2020 of which she failed to notify Stewards without delay

Plea: Guilty

Finding: Guilty

Penalty A monetary penalty in the amount of **\$1,000.00**

In assessing penalty, Stewards considered previous penalty precedents, the personal circumstances of Ms Stabe, and the need for penalties to be a deterrent not only for Ms Stabe but also for other likeminded industry participants. Stewards were also mindful of the mandatory minimum penalty of a six (6) month disqualification which applies to a breach of AR249, unless there is a finding that a special circumstance exists, in which case the mandatory minimum penalty of a six (6) month disqualification may be reduced. Stewards, in this case, considered that the plea of guilty entered by Ms Stabe, her frank admissions and her general co-operation throughout the inquiry established a finding of a special circumstance pursuant to LR117B(a) to warrant a reduction in penalty from the mandatory six (6) month disqualification.

In respect of the breaches pursuant to AR79(2) and AR79(7) respectively, Ms Stabe was advised that Stewards recorded KERBSIDE KAOS as having suffered an attack of bleeding and further advised that if KERBSIDE KAOS should suffer another attack of bleeding the gelding will be barred from racing in Australia.

Ms Stabe was informed of the prohibitions placed upon her pursuant to AR263 throughout her period of disqualification.

Further, Ms Stabe was permitted seven (7) days from the date of the decision to make suitable arrangements for the care and transfer of horses from her stable, with Ms Stabe being advised that any transfer of horses in her care to another trainer required the approval of Stewards.