Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Cairns - Trainer Mr. Trevor Rowe

Date: 11 February 2021

Panel: P Gillard, F Hartford

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report that CLEVER HUNTER had suffered a bleeding attack at the Cairns Jockey Club following trackwork on 9 February 2021.

Evidence was presented from trainer Mr T. Rowe, track rider Ms L. Giles, trainer Mr P. Rowe and Cairns Jockey Club employee Ms E. Solakof along with photographic evidence and post veterinary test results.

After considering all of the evidence, it was established CLEVER HUNTER had the presence of blood in its right nostril, Mr Rowe was issued a charge pursuant to AR.79(7) which reads:

AR 79 Horses with bleeding

(7) If a horse displays blood at one nostril, the trainer must report that to the Stewards without delay.

Mr Rowe pleaded not guilty. After hearing further submissions Stewards believed the charge could be sustained and Mr Rowe was found guilty under the charge of AR79(7).

The specifics of the charge being that as the Trainer of CLEVER HUNTER, Mr Rowe failed to report to Stewards the presence of blood in the right nostril of CLEVER HUNTER, following trackwork at the Cairns Jockey Club on Tuesday 9 February 2021. Mr Rowe was fined the sum of $1000.00. Mr Rowe was further advised CLEVER HUNTER would incur the mandatory ban from racing under the provision of AR79(8) which reads:

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(8) Unless the Stewards are satisfied that the presence of blood referred to in subrule (7) is attributable to external trauma, then before racing again the horse is required to undergo a satisfactory gallop of at least 1,000 metres in the presence of a Steward.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards were 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.

Mr Rowe was made aware of his right to an appeal into the finding of the Stewards.