

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mark Barnham

Date: 18/1/2023

Panel: B Cooke, S. Larkins, D. Aldred, H. Gillett

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the condition of retired thoroughbreds MARQUANT and PERFECTLY ALIGNED which are in the care of Mr Mark Barnham.

After taking into consideration the evidence tendered by Mr Barnham as well as the veterinary reports received by Dr Brad Johnstone. Mr Barnham was issued with the following charge:

AR 231 Care and welfare of horses

(1) A person must not:

(b) if the person is in charge of a horse – fail at any time:

(iv) to provide proper and sufficient nutrition for the horse.

The particulars of the charge being –

That Mr Barnham as the licensed person in charge of the registered thoroughbred's MARQUANT and PERFECTLY ALIGNED, failed to provide proper and sufficient nutrition to both animals leading up to and including the 21st of February 2022.

After providing submissions, Mr Barnham was found guilty of the charge.

In determining penalty stewards took the following into consideration:

- Ms Barnham's good record and amount of time in the industry.
- Mr Barnham's forthright evidence and cooperation.
- Mr Barnham's personal and financial circumstances.
- The seriousness of the breach.
- The negative impact that such actions have on the racing industry and the need for penalties to serve as both a specific and general deterrent.

Taking the above into consideration it was the opinion of the panel that Mr Barnham's licence be disqualified for a period of six calendar months to commence immediately on 18/1/2023 and to conclude midnight 18/6/2023.

Ms Barnham was also advised of his right to lodge an internal review regarding this decision.