

Stewards Report

20 October 2011

Present: L A Lane, J Lattenstein R Hamilton, B Merritt

Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the running of AGAINST THE DAY when that gelding run in the Dreamedia Events Handicap at Fannie Bay on Saturday 15th October.

Evidence was today taken from licensed jockey M McDuff rider of AGAINST THE DAY and Mr L Paech trainer of AGAINST THE DAY.

Mr McDuff was found guilty of a charge under AR 135(b) with failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures during the event to ensure his mount AGAINST THE DAY was given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible pace in the field. The details being that from shortly after the start until approximately the 600 metres he failed to ride AGAINST THE DAY with sufficient endeavour or vigour so as to encourage the gelding to obtain a more forward position in the race. Further that rounding the turn that he failed to attempt to save ground by shifting in towards the fence when there was ample opportunity to do so.

M McDuff was suspended from riding in races for a period of 2 months Acting under NT17 Stewards deferred the operation of the penalty until midnight on Saturday 22nd October to allow M McDuff to fulfil his riding engagement on Saturday 22nd.

Stewards advised Mr L Paech that in future he should ensure that by way of instruction to his riders all his horses are ridden in a manner so as to leave no room for query.

L A Lane
NT Chairman of Stewards