Stewards Report

1 November 2011

Present: M Hurley, B Lysaght

Stewards today opened an inquiry into an official complaint lodged by Chairman of Stewards Mr. David Westover regarding the conduct of licensed stable-hand Mr. D. Burgess at the race meeting on Pioneer Park Race Course on the 29th October 2011.

The specifics of the complaint being that when Mr. Westover approached Mr. Burgess in the mounting yard in regards to a concern he had with his behaviour, a conversation took place whilst walking towards the weighing in area where Mr. Burgess verbally threatened Mr. Westover.

Evidence was today taken from Mr. Burgess and Mr. Westover.

Mr. Burgess pleaded guilty to a charge under AR.175 (j) of insulting behaviour towards a Steward whilst in the course of his duties.

The Stewards found Mr Burgess guilty of the charge under AR.175 (j) and suspended his stable hand licence from midnight the 1st November 2011 up until and including the 31st January 2012 (3 months).

Mr. Burgess was notified of his right of appeal.

M Hurley Acting Chairman