



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – BARRY CAMPBELL & TANIA COWARD

MORPHETTVILLE OFFICES – FRIDAY, 14 JUNE 2019

Stewards have today concluded an inquiry, which commenced but was adjourned on Monday 11 March 2019 into the circumstances surrounding the late scratching of Eastender, a thoroughbred trained by Mr. Barry Campbell; the late scratching being on Monday, 11 March 2019 for its engagement, in Race 7 - the Adelaide Cup, at the Morphettville racecourse. The scope of the inquiry also included alleged conduct on the part of Mr. Barry Campbell and Ms. Tania Coward (Mr. Campbell's Stable Foreperson), in relation to Eastender, while this horse was stabled at premises at Morphettville. The inquiry, after its first adjournment, was heard on the following days:

Tuesday 21 May 2019, Thursday 30 May 2019, Thursday 13 June 2019 and Friday 14 June 2019. Over the course of the inquiry Stewards heard evidence from Barry Campbell, Tania Coward and a number of other parties which included medical practitioners and in addition Dr. Peter Horridge, the TRSA veterinarian. Evidence was also received from Stewards who attended the stable premises on 11 March 2019 where Eastender was stabled, which included surveillance video footage.

Charges

After considering the evidence, Stewards laid the following Charges (provided in abbreviated form):

In respect of Barry Campbell

Charge 1: AR.254(1)(a)(i)

That Mr. Barry Campbell, on Monday, 11 March 2019, as the trainer of the racehorse Eastender which was entered to race in Race 7 - the Adelaide Cup, while present at stable premises at Morphettville in the period from approximately 8.40am to 9.00am, and in the presence of Ms. Tania Coward, injected, without Stewards permission, the racehorse Eastender by inserting a hypodermic needle, with a syringe attached thereto, which syringe contained but not limited to; sterile potassium chloride Concentrate.

Charge 2: AR.249(1)(a)

That Mr. Barry Campbell, as the trainer of the racehorse Eastender which was entered in Race 7, the Adelaide Cup on Monday, 11 March 2019 while present at stable premises at Morphettville in the period from approximately 8.40am to 9.00am, and in the presence of Ms. Tania Coward, administered without the permission of Stewards a medication via hypodermic needle and syringe sterile potassium chloride Concentrate, but not limited to, to the racehorse Eastender.

Charge 3: AR.229(1)(b)

That Mr. Barry Campbell, on Monday, 11 March 2019, as the trainer of the racehorse Eastender which was entered to race in Race 7 - the Adelaide Cup, at the Morphettville Racecourse, engaged in conduct which was intended to corrupt the outcome of a race; That race being Race 7 at the Morphettville, and the conduct being that Mr Campbell, while present at the stables where Eastender was stabled, in the period from approximately 8.40am to 9.00am, and in the presence of Ms Tania Coward, injected via a hypodermic needle and syringe a solution pre mixed by him, which solution contained, but not limited to, sterile potassium chloride Concentrate to Eastender.

In respect of Tania Coward

Charge 1: AR.254(1)(d)(i)

That Ms. Tania Coward, being a licensed Stable Foreman, on Monday, 11 March 2019, in relation to the racehorse Eastender which was entered to race in Race 7 - the Adelaide Cup, at the Morphettville Racecourse on that day, while present at stable premises at Morphettville, in the period from approximately 8.40am to 9.00am, and in the presence of Mr. Barry Campbell, the trainer of the horse, was a party to the racehorse Eastender being injected, without Stewards permission, by Mr. Barry Campbell, who inserted a hypodermic needle, with a syringe attached thereto, which syringe contained but not limited to; sterile potassium chloride Concentrate.

Charge 2: AR.229(1)(b)

That Ms. Tania Coward, being a licensed Stable Foreman on Monday, 11 March 2019, and in relation to the racehorse Eastender which was entered to race in Race 7 - the Adelaide Cup at the Morphettville Racecourse on that day, engaged in conduct which was intended to corrupt the outcome of a race; That race being Race 7 at the Morphettville Racecourse and, the conduct being that Ms. Coward, while present at stable premises at Morphettville, (the stables where Eastender was stabled that morning), in the period from approximately 8.40am to 9.00am, and in the presence of Mr. Barry Campbell when he injected via a hypodermic needle and syringe a solution pre mixed by him, which solution contained, but not limited to, sterile potassium chloride Concentrate, to Eastender, was a party to and remained present with the horse and held such horse with the knowledge that a race day administration to Eastender by way of injection was about to take place, and did take place, and that such injection was contrary to the rules of racing.

Findings

After considering the evidence, Stewards made the following Findings:

In respect of Barry Campbell

Charge 1: Mr. Campbell pleaded guilty and was found guilty.

Charge 2: Mr. Campbell pleaded not guilty but was found guilty.

Charge 3: Mr. Campbell pleaded not guilty but was found guilty.

In respect of Tania Coward

Charge 1: Ms. Coward pleaded guilty and was found guilty.

Charge 2: Ms. Coward pleaded not guilty but was found guilty.

Penalty

In determining penalty, Stewards considered general sentencing principles, and had regard for various other factors, including the fact that charges 2 & 3, and 2, in respect of Barry Campbell and Tania Coward respectively, attracted minimum mandatory penalties under the rules of racing. In this regard, Stewards also considered whether special circumstances existed which would allow for a reduction in any of these minimum mandatory penalties.

Stewards determined special circumstances existed in respect of both parties, which would allow for any reduction in penalty.

Stewards also had regard for both parties' personal circumstances and their clean records in relation to breaches of this kind and imposed the following penalties;

In respect of Barry Campbell

Charge 1: A disqualification for a period of 18 months reduced to a 12-month disqualification.

Charge 2: A disqualification for a period of 18 months reduced to a 12-month disqualification. Stewards noted that a minimum mandatory penalty of 6 months for this breach is prescribed under the rules.

Charge 3: A disqualification for a period of 5 years reduced to a 3-year disqualification. Stewards noted that a minimum mandatory penalty of 5 years for this breach is prescribed under the rules.

In respect of Tania Coward

Charge 1: A disqualification for a period of 8 months reduced to a 6-month disqualification.

Charge 2: A disqualification for a period of 5 years reduced to an 18-month disqualification. Stewards noted that a minimum mandatory penalty of 5 years for this breach is prescribed under the rules.

Stewards further ordered acting under the provisions of AR.283(4) that the disqualifications in respect of all charges for both Mr. Campbell and Ms. Coward be served concurrently.

Further, acting under the provisions of the Rules Stewards deferred the commencement of the disqualifications for a period of 7 clear days. The effect of this decision means that the disqualifications are to commence at midnight on Friday, 21 June 2019, and that;

Mr. Campbell is to serve a total period of disqualification of 3 years, and

Ms. Coward is to serve a total period of disqualification of 18 months.

Both Mr. Campbell and Ms. Coward were advised of their rights of Appeal.

JOHAN PETZER
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS