

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Bryan Dais - Zumikon

Date: 4 February 2019

Panel: D Aurisch, P Zimmermann & C Albrecht

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today finalised an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a sample taken from ZUMIKON at Ipswich on 18 April 2018 contained the prohibited substances CAFFEINE & THEOBROMINE.

Evidence was taken from the trainer Mr Bryan Dais and an explanation was sought as to how the above-mentioned sample contained prohibited substances. Mr Dais stated that he had recently introduced a Raw Kombucha Vinegar supplement into his feeding regime. Following a stable inspection conducted by a QRIC steward a sample of the supplement was collected for analysis at the Racing Science Centre. CAFFEINE & THEOBROMINE were reported to be present in the liquid supplement.

After considering the documentation regarding the sample, including the explanation taken from Mr Dais at the today's Inquiry, and also the analysis of the supplements he was using, (QRIC) Stewards issued him with a charge pursuant to AR 178 which reads:

Subject to AR178G, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

The specifics of the charge being that as the trainer of ZUMIKON, which was brought to Ipswich on 18 April 2018, for the purpose of engaging in the BM 65 Handicap 1200 metres and a post-race blood sample taken from the gelding was found to contain prohibited substances, namely CAFFEINE & THEOBROMINE.

Mr Dais pleaded guilty to the charge and made further brief submissions.

When considering an appropriate penalty the Stewards took the following factors into account:

1. Mr Dais had one (1) previous breach of the same rule (different substance).
2. The testing of the supplements he was using, namely Raw Kombucha Vinegar, when analysed by the Racing Science Centre were found to contain Caffeine and Theobromine.
3. This supplement was not tested for use in thoroughbred racehorses previously.
4. Need for a penalty to serve as both a specific deterrent to Mr Dais and a general deterrent to the wider industry to illustrate the negative impact that breaches of this kind have on the image of the sport.
5. Personal circumstances and forthright evidence provided throughout the inquiry.

After considering the above-mentioned factors, the Stewards were of the view that a fine of \$2000 was appropriate.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR 177, ZUMIKON was disqualified from its 2nd placing in the above-mentioned race and the placings amended as follows:

Ipswich 18 April – Benchmark 65 Hcp 1200m

1st RIDEONABIGJETPLANE

2nd SOLARCRAFT

3rd NIGHT ATTIRE

4th FIVE STUD POKER

Mr Dais was advised of his rights to an internal review into the decision.