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GLAMOUR ART INQUIRY 26 JUNE 2017 – BIANCA HEENAN

Stewards have concluded an Inquiry which was opened on 15 April 2017 into GLAMOUR ART racing on two occasions when past the permitted threshold of 120 days of pregnancy.

Further evidence was heard from Ms Heenan and veterinary reports relating to pregnancy tests carried out and pathology reports into samples taken from the mare were also tendered.

Stewards issued two charges to Ms Heenan as the owner and trainer of the mare.

Charge 1. AHRR 87(1). *“If a horse is ineligible for a race, its connections shall not nominate it for the race, or allow it to start or fail to prevent it starting, in a race”*. The particulars of the charge were that Ms Heenan nominated and raced GLAMOUR ART on 7 April 2017 and 15 April 2017 when in excess of 120 days in foal and therefore ineligible to race. Ms Heenan pleaded not guilty to the charge however after giving due consideration to all of the evidence Stewards sustained the charge.

Charge 2. AHRR 187(2). *“A person shall not give false or misleading evidence or information at an Inquiry or investigation”*. The particulars of the charge were that Ms Heenan provided false evidence as to her knowledge of tests carried out in the early stages of pregnancy. Ms Heenan pleaded not guilty to the charge however after giving due consideration to all of the evidence Stewards sustained the charge.

After hearing submissions on penalty the following penalties were imposed.

Charge 1. A fine of \$750.

Charge 2. A fine of \$1000, \$500 of which was suspended for two years.

Under the provisions of AHRR 65 Stewards ordered that GLAMOUR ART be disqualified from both races and ordered that the placings for those races be amended accordingly.

Ms Heenan was advised of her rights of appeal.

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