

Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - M. Santoro (Chairman), P. Ryan and C. Deakin

Friday, 2 June 2023

Grant Young / Shane Collins

Stewards have concluded an inquiry, which was adjourned from Oakbank racecourse on Monday, 10 April 2023 into the circumstances relating to alleged conduct on that day by licensed Trainer, Mr. Grant Young. Mr. Young also alleged inappropriate conduct towards him by Oakbank Racing Club, CEO, Mr. Shane Collins.

After considering the evidence taken from Mr. Young, Mr. Collins, Oakbank Chairperson Arabella Branson, Oakbank Deputy Chairperson Barney Gask and Oakbank Committee member James Jordan, Stewards were comfortably satisfied that following Race 3, both parties were involved in an exchange of words which included foul language and inappropriate hand gestures.

Stewards were not comfortably satisfied that any charge of misconduct should be laid against Mr. Collins, however, Stewards were of the opinion that his conduct in retaliating with an inappropriate hand gesture was below what was expected of a person in his position and he should conduct himself appropriately in future should he find himself in a similar situation.

In respect of the allegation relating to the manner in which Mr. Young addressed and gestured to Mr. Collins, Stewards laid a charge against him under AR228(c).

The particulars of that charge being:

That Grant Young, a licensed trainer with Racing SA for the 2022/23 racing season engaged in insulting behaviour at the Oakbank racecourse on Monday, 10 May 2023, that insulting behaviour being that he directed foul language and an inappropriate hand gesture towards Mr. Shane Collins, the Oakbank Racing Club CEO, whilst he was attempting to carry out his official duties.

Mr. Young pleaded guilty to the charge and after considering his clean record, and the seriousness of the charge, Stewards imposed a penalty of a fine of \$1000 which was fully suspended for a period of two years provided Mr. Young did not breach any rules of racing relating to conduct during that period.

Grant Young was advised of his right of appeal.

M. Santoro
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS