



Daily Log Stewards Report Pre-Racing Season Delaware Park

Monday, April 9, 2018 to Friday, April 13, 2018

Monday, April 9, 2018 – The Department of Technology and Information (DTI) was contacted to install a webcam program on Chief State Steward James Lages computer, to be used when Steward's hearings are conducted. Racing Commission license applications were reviewed and approved. Forms that are commonly used in the Stewards office were scanned and saved to folders in the computer. An exercise rider, Jason Richardson, inquired about obtaining a jockey license instead of an apprentice jockey license, because of his weight, to start his career as a race rider. Chief Steward James Lages informed him that there are certain guidelines that all riders must follow to start a career as a jockey. Part of the protocol is that all steps outlined for apprentice jockeys are to be completed, and that the apprentice rides with the weight allowance for which the horses are entitled to. Chief Commission Veterinarian Dr. Susan Botts arrived for work today and reported to the Stewards office. Dr. Botts will be working with Commission Veterinarians Dr. Robert Calley and Dr. Virginia Gillam.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – A DTI technician called Steward Lages this morning and was able to remotely install needed software, to his computer. Investigator Teena Appleby submitted an investigative report to the Stewards concerning a positive from 2017 and an upcoming hearing. In a related topic, the medication analysis of the drug Acetanilide was studied. A barn report received from the stall superintendent shows that we currently have 33 trainers stabled on the grounds with live racing still seven weeks away. Jockey Jose Betancourt was advised that he may be issued a Jockey license at this time, even though he will not be riding races until the beginning of the meet. He will be exercising horses here in the morning and rode the required amount of races in 2017 to be covered by the Delaware Jockey insurance. The changes to model rules from the ARCI conference in Arkansas last week were read and reviewed. Steward Lages completed online security training that is required by the Delaware Department of Agriculture.

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – Informational documents were added to files for the incoming Safety Steward Robert Colton. A passing grade on an assistant trainer's test for applicant Mary Gutierrez was verified to confirm her eligibility for a 2018 license. The ARCI database was viewed to see how neighboring jurisdictions are penalizing licensees who are in violation of their rules. Steward Lages did a walk through the stable area and also visited the tack shop. Executive Director John Wayne conferred about numerous topics, including issues to be discussed at next week's continuing education ROAP conference, to be held at

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Delaware Park. Jockey Jeremy Rose came in with his agent to be licensed, and to inform us that Delaware Park would be his base this season. Mr. Kevin DeLucia, CFO for Delaware Park was sent an email of inquiry to determine the time frame that an owner will have to return purse money following purse redistribution. Notes were made on topics to discuss at the pre-race horsemen's meeting. Recently appointed Associate State Steward Cynthia Smith called the office to introduce herself and discuss details of a hearing that we have scheduled for April 20, 2018.

Thursday, April 12, 2018 – Racing Commission license applications were reviewed and approved. Stewards Ruling 01-2018 was executed reflecting an order made by the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission on March 8, 2018 to uphold the Stewards decision in ruling # 140-2017. The owner of Bing Cherry Racing, Mr. Tony Como, was notified that he will have to return the winner's purse money for "Bridget's Big Luvy." Trainer Michael Pino was notified that his penalties will include serving a 15 day suspension to begin May 30, 2018. Ambulance procedures for live racing were reviewed. D.T.R.C. Chairman Duncan Patterson stopped in the Stewards office and talked of the ARCI conference he attended last week. Files for the Safety Steward were scanned to the hard drive on the computer. Jockey Ryan Powell, who has never ridden races in the USA, provided us with his race record and letter of good standing from the British Horse Racing Authority.

Friday, April 13, 2018 – Stewards Lages and Colton participated in an Eastern Region ROAP Stewards Advisory Committee call. Several issues were discussed including topics that are on the agenda for next week's continuing education conference. Safety Steward Colton was able to use directions from DTI to give Steward Lages access to the Licensing drive on the Stewards office computer. Inspector Appleby and Administrative Assistant Church assisted in the distribution of ruling 01-2018 to neighboring jurisdictions and to equibase. Delaware Park security asked us not license a person because they were in poor health. Executive Director Wayne had discussed this with us previously and ascertained that we as a state agency cannot discriminate because of persons' "confidential" health issues. We are not involved in denying a license unless one is in violation of DTRC rules. Racing Commission license applications were reviewed and approved.

Steward James Lages