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THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – MR. J. ROWE / MELBOURNE HERO

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TRSA OFFICES – FRIDAY, 15 MARCH 2019

NARACOORTE – SUNDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2018

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken on Sunday, 9 September 2018 from the racehorse **Melbourne Hero**, which was presented to race in Race 4 - the Coopers Session Ale Maiden Plate run over 1000m at the Naracoorte Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of *Heptamino!*.

Evidence was taken from Mr. John Rowe, the Trainer of **Melbourne Hero**, Mrs. Karina Rowe, assistant trainer to Mr. Rowe, Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. R. Haensel – TRSA raceday veterinarian and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Scientific Manager, Mr. P. Zahra.

After considering the evidence Stewards charged Mr. J. Rowe under AR.240(2) (a strict liability rule) – **Charge 1**; the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse **Melbourne Hero** at all relevant times leading up to and including Sunday, 9 September 2018, he did bring the said racehorse to the Naracoorte Racecourse where it competed in Race 4 - the Coopers Session Ale Maiden Plate run over 1000m, after which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed upon analysis the substance *Heptamino!*. Mr. Rowe pleaded guilty to the charge.

Stewards also charged Mr. J. Rowe under AR.104(1) – **Charge 2**; the particulars being that he failed to record the treatment administered to **Melbourne Hero**, that treatment being *Dynajec* on Thursday 6 September 2018 in his treatment records by midnight that day. Mr. Rowe pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty, Stewards had regard for the circumstances in this case, Mr. Rowe's personal circumstances, the fact that this was his first offence under these rules of racing, personal and general deterrence and in relation to;

**Charge 1:** Suspended Mr. Rowe's license to train for a period to commence midnight Sunday, 17 March 2019 and to expire at midnight Wednesday, 31 July 2019 (the end of the 2018/19 racing season) – a period of four and a half months. Acting under the provisions of AR.267(c) Stewards consented to Mr. Rowe being allowed to continue to ride trackwork during his period of suspension.

**Charge 2:** Fined Mr. Rowe the sum of \$500.

Acting under AR.240(1), Stewards determined that **Melbourne Hero** be disqualified from Race 4 - the Coopers Session Ale Maiden Plate run over 1000m on 9 September 2018 at the Naracoorte Racecourse.

Consequently, the **new result** of the race is:

1<sup>st</sup> **Casino Magic**  
2<sup>nd</sup> **Wokit**  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Toffee Bell**  
4<sup>th</sup> **Man of Iron**  
5<sup>th</sup> **Star Flight**

Mr. Rowe was informed of his right of appeal.

**Johan Petzer**  
**CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS**

18 March 2019

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