



Daily Log Stewards Report Delaware Park

**Date: Monday, April 25, 2016 –to- Friday, April 29, 2016
prior to the 2016 racing season.**

Pre-Racing Season Activities:

Filed all Veterinarians daily treatment slips for each day.

Monday, April 25, 2016 Dr. John Whiston was the fill in state veterinarian for today. We are approving Racing Commission license applications.

We have had a discussion with commission inspector Francis Swift, about checking licenses and reporting personnel who are not licensed to be in the stable area. Steward Jack Houghton Jr. was at the starting gate, to check with the starter as to any new assistant starters for the upcoming racing season. We talked to a trainer and the outrider about some unruly two-year olds, that have unseated the riders on the racetrack, we are going to call the trainer of these two-year olds in and try to rectify the situation. We talked to Dr. Whiston about vaccinations for horses.

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 Dr. John Whiston was the fill in state veterinarian for today. We are approving Racing Commission license applications. We talked to Dr. Whiston about the list of trainers that need to update vaccinations for certain horses. All three Stewards were invited to the horsemen's office for a meet and greet session with the owners and trainers. Owner Trainer Paul McClelland came in this morning inquiring about the partnership license and percentage on a horse. We talked to the trainer of the two unruly horses reported by the outrider and another trainer; we believe the situation will be rectified after the meeting with the horse's trainer. All three Stewards had a discussion with Delaware Thoroughbred Inspector Mr. Mike Delaney about some issues from past cases.

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 Dr. Susan Botts was the fill in state veterinarian for today. We are approving Racing Commission license applications. We talked to Dr. Botts about the list of trainers that need to update vaccinations for certain horses. We had a trainer come in this morning asking us to help him with collecting a \$36,000.00 dollar debt from an owner. Steward Jack Houghton Jr. called the owner explaining to him that the debt needed to be paid as soon as possible as the trainer need to be paid so he could pay his bills. We received a phone call from the Stewards at Monmouth Park, inquiring as to the eligibility of a trainer that was supposedly stabled here. The trainer in question is not stabled at Delaware Park but was



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licensed and stabled here last year. We called the Stewards in New York about the form used to allow a horse to race without foal papers. After receiving the New York version of the form to permit horses to race without foal papers, the Stewards adopted and typed up a version with Delaware rules. We received a Delaware Court judgement from Andrew Simoff Horse transport in the amount of \$2250.00 from a trainer that was stabled here last year; a hearing notice will be issued for this matter. We talked to a groom who wanted to take the trainers test; the groom lacked the needed time of experience to move forward with the testing process.

Thursday, April 28, 2016 – Dr. John Whiston was the fill in state veterinarian for today. We are approving Racing Commission license applications. We interviewed and approved several jockeys that are returning to ride at Delaware Park. Dr. William Hawk came in this morning, demanding that we set up a hearing for the trainer that owns him money on a stop payment check. We are continually getting people coming in for help collecting bills from last year's racing meet. Most of the people who come in want the Stewards to collect money without a judgement. We spoke to Executive Director of Racing Mr. John Mooney about a licensee that was licensed here last year and who he had worked for. We questioned our inspectors about a licensee from last year that was supposedly in possession of syringes.

Friday, April 29, 2016 – Dr. John Whiston was the fill in state veterinarian for today. We are approving Racing Commission license applications. We had an owner/trainer come in to get a license but needed a waiver for workmen's compensation as he has no employees, and is doing all the work himself. A loose horse was caught on the front side by the slots area, the loose horse was a pony that is stabled on a farm near the racetrack. Steward Jim Lages walked the stable area checking out personnel. We talked to Steward Harvey Wardel at Monmouth about licensees that are not stabled here and telling the Stewards at Monmouth that they were, and trying to get licensed in New Jersey.

The Stewards
Jack Houghton Jr.
Fritz Burkhardt
James Lages