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HEARING RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 21 July 2010

SUBJECT: **HEARING RESULT – JUMPS JOCKEY ‘A’ JASON EVANS**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Bill Kneebone, Mr Ron Taylor

Appearances Mr Jason Evans appeared on his own behalf.

Mr Allan Reardon, Deputy Chairman of Stewards, appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards.

Charge Breach of AR 175(f)

The charge relating to Mr Evans refusal to attend a Steward’s inquiry on Monday, 28 June 2010, when requested to do so by the Stewards.

Plea Not Guilty

Decision Mr Evans licence to ride in races and trackwork suspended for a period of 3 months – expiring at midnight on Wednesday, 20 October 2010.

Georgie Curtis
Registrar - Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR W. KNEEBONE
MR R. TAYLOR

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

JOCKEY: JASON EVANS

MELBOURNE

WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY 2010

MR D. BROWN, with MR A. REARDON appeared on behalf of the
RVL Stewards

MR J. EVANS appeared on his own behalf

CHAIRMAN: The Board has heard the evidence from the Stewards and Mr Evans. Mr Evans' defence really comes down to putting to the Board that an inquiry, the so-called inquiry or the proposed inquiry, was an invasion of his privacy and that it related to matters raised by his ex-girlfriend and a trainer. In the circumstances, he believed that he was entitled not to comply with the Stewards' request.

Unfortunately, whatever Mr Evans thinks concerning the inquiry, he is bound by the Rules of Racing. It was a matter appropriate for the Stewards to inquire into and the evidence therefore is clear that there was a refusal and that there was no valid basis for the refusal. Accordingly, the Board finds the charge proved.

DISCUSSION

In this case, the Board has taken into account what Mr Evans has told us concerning his medical condition. We have only his say-so to act upon, but the Board is prepared to accept that he has been given a diagnosis of a bipolar condition for which, apparently, the condition is able to be controlled by medication. We take that into account, however, in fixing the penalty, and it is the Board's decision that Jason Evans' licence to ride, including riding trackwork, be suspended for three months, to expire at midnight on 20 October 2010.

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