

HEARING RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 29 April 2014

SUBJECT: **HEARING RESULT – STABLE EMPLOYEE: JEFFREY WALKER**

Panel Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Chris Fox, Mr Darren McGee.

Appearances Mr Gary Sullivan of the Moonee Valley Legal Service appeared on behalf of Mr Walker.

Mr Dayle Brown appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

Charge 1 Breach of AR 175A - withdrawn at the hearing.
Charge 3 Breach of AR 175(f) - withdrawn at the hearing.

Charge 2 Breach of AR 175(q)

The Committee of any Club or the Stewards may penalise any person who in their opinion is guilty of any misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour.

Charge 2 relates to an incident between Mr Walker and licensed trainer Mr Wayne Hawkes during July 2013.

Plea Charge 2 – guilty.

Decision Mr Walker convicted and fined \$500.
Fine due on or before 30 July 2014.

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman
MR C. FOX
MR D. McGEE**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF JEFFREY WALKER

MELBOURNE

TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2014

MR D. BROWN appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR G. SULLIVAN appeared on behalf of Mr J. Walker

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Through his counsel, Mr Sullivan, Mr Walker has pleaded guilty to a charge of misconduct and improper conduct contrary to AR 175(q). The conduct complained of occurred in July 2013 and was directed towards the former employer of Mr Walker, Mr Wayne Hawkes, licensed trainer.

It is accepted by Mr Sullivan for present purposes that what occurred between Mr Walker and Mr Hawkes is set out in an agreed statement of facts which has been filed before the Board. It is unnecessary for the Board to repeat those facts.

Having regard to the circumstances of the offence and the submissions of Mr Brown on behalf of the Stewards, and Mr Sullivan as to the background material in relation to the disposition of other matters related to the circumstances and involvement of Mr Hawkes and Mr Walker, it is the decision of the Board to dispose of this matter and the appropriate penalty is a fine of \$500, payable on or before 30 July 2014.
