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APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 4 February 2016

SUBJECT: APPEAL HEARING RESULT – PICNIC JOCKEY: REECE GOODWIN

<u>Panel</u> Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Mr John Didham appeared on behalf of Mr Goodwin.

At Yea on Saturday 23 January 2016, picnic jockey Reece Goodwin was found guilty of a charge under AR 137(b) for failing to ride his mount out to the end of Race 3.

The charge relating to his ride on Secretwina which placed third.

Mr Goodwin had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 26 January 2016 and to conclude at midnight on Sunday 28 February, 2016 - a total of 5 picnic race meetings.

In assessing the charge, Stewards indicated that they were of the opinion that his actions had affected both first and second placings, and also took into consideration his mount's tendency to lay in under pressure in the straight.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 26 January 2016.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Wednesday, 3 February 2015.

On Wednesday, 3 February 2016 an application was made on behalf of Mr Goodwin seeking leave to withdraw his appeal against conviction. This application was accepted by the Board.

DECISION: Appeal against severity of penalty dismissed.

Georgie Gavin Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board