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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, October 15, 2007 through Sunday, October 21, 2007. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

10/15/07 (1) Dark Day

Tuesday

10/16/07 (1) Single Draw

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday October 19th. Twelve (12) races filled with a total of one hundred two (102) horses scheduled to go postward.

10/16/07 (2) Dark Day

Wednesday

10/17/07 (1) Scratch Time

Scratch time for Friday, October 19th was held at 9:00 a.m. One (1) scratch and fourteen (14) driver changes took place before the deadline.

10/17/07 (2) Qualifying Races

Five (5) qualifying races were held this afternoon prior to the eleven (11) race pari-mutuel card. Of the twenty-six (26) participants, twenty (20) made the grade.

10/17/07 (3) **Nate Kemp Ruling****Ruling # 48**

Trainer Nate Kemp, who started “Lost Then Found” in the Third Race on Saturday, October 13, 2007, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer – Failure to Name the Proper Driver by the Prescribed Time Necessitating a Late Driver Change).

The ruling above was issued by the stewards after speaking with Trainer Nate Kemp. Mr. Kemp stated he inadvertently named the wrong driver on his horse at entry time and respectfully requested a ‘late change’.

10/17/07 (4) **Official Change**

Paddock Judge Jack Williams is off indefinitely for personal reasons. Wayne Short will fill in for him during his time off.

10/17/07 (5) **First Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this race in order to investigate the actions of fourth place finisher, #3 “Married For Money” (Jason Maier).

Just past the 1/2 pole, while racing in mid pack, #3 “Married For Money” pulls out, forcing #1 “Eaton’s Valhalla” (Fern Paquet, Jr.) to a three wide position. The stewards spoke with both drivers involved and conducted film review. It was of the unanimous opinion of the stewards that this incident afforded #1 “Eaton’s Valhalla” an opportunity for a better placing. #4 “Married For Money” was disqualified and placed eighth. Driver Jason Maier was ordered to film review.

Original order of finish: 7-5-4-3-6-1A-2-1

Official order of finish: 7-5-4-6-1A-2-1-3

10/17/07 (6) **Eighth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing an incident regarding a ‘minor’ placing at the 3/4 pole #9 “Rainyniteingorgia” (Rick Plano) is in second position along the pylons. At this point Driver Plano shifts out in front of eighth place finisher, #2 “Careys Royal Flush” (Rick Kuebler), forcing that rival to bobble while having a ‘wheel’ under him. The stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #9 “Rainyniteingorgia” and placed him eighth.

Original order of finish: 6-8-3-4-9-5-1A-2-7

Official order of finish: 6-8-3-4-5-1A-2-9-7

10/17/07 (7) **Program Changes**

- 5th Race Declaration - #3 “Fishy’s Sushi” – Trainer Raul Escobedo
 Refund: \$4 Stewards – Ownership
- 8th Race Declaration - #1 “Flash The Sign” – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Refund: \$0 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
- 9th Race Declaration - #4 “Nikoleta” – Trainer Tom Wine II
 Refund: \$2 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
- 10th Race Declaration - #1A “Unda Investigation” – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Part of Entry Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
- 11th Race Declaration - #10 “Nad N” – Trainer Denise Maier
 Refund: \$12 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
- 11th Race Driver Change - #2 Scott Cisco for Frank Petrelli
 Owned another horse in the race

10/17/07 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	150
Live Handle (On Track)	\$45,406
Handle (In State)	\$431,822
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$251,675</u>
Total Handle	<u>\$728,903</u>

Thursday10/18/07 (1) **Entries for Saturday October 20th**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, October 20th. Twelve (12) races filled with a total of one hundred six (106) horses scheduled to start. Scratch time was held at the draw.

10/18/07 (2) **Jason Maier – Film Review**

Driver Jason Maier appeared in the stewards’ office to review his drive behind #3 “Married For Money” in last night’s (October 17) first race. Race replays show Driver Maier ‘pull late’, thereby stopping the momentum of rival #1 “Eaton’s Valhalla” (Fern Paquet).

In the opinion of the stewards, Driver Maier made a bad driving decision by not having sufficient clearance when pulling out in front of Driver Paquet. Driver Maier acknowledged he could have given more clearance in this case. However he did not agree with the following ruling:

Ruling # 49

Driver Jason Maier, who drove “Married For Money” in the First Race on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (F) (Driving Rules – Carry a Horse Out Past the 1/2 Mile Pole Resulting in a Disqualification).

10/18/07 (3) **Rick Plano Film Review**

Driver Rick Plano appeared in the stewards' office to review his drive behind #9 "Rainyniteingorgia" in last night's eighth race. Driver Plano shifted outward [Ref: 10/17/07 (5)] in front of #2 "Careys Royal Flush" (Rick Kuebler), which forced that horse to bobble.

The stewards all agreed that Driver Plano's actions were worthy of a penalty but fell short of a suspension mitigated by the fact the race leader at the time of the incident (#7 "Red Star Billy") was tiring badly. The stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 50

Driver Rick Plano, who drove "Rainyniteingorgia" in the Eighth Race on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I) (Driving Rules – Pulled Late Resulting in a Disqualification).

10/18/07 (4) **Smooth Card**

Tonight's ten (10) race card went smoothly as it was free of stewards' inquiries or driving objections.

10/18/07 (5) **Program Changes**

3rd Race - #2 claiming price should read \$4,350

10/18/07 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	219
Live Handle (On Track)	\$35,187
Handle (In State)	\$326,852
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$223,214</u>
Total Handle	\$579,253

Friday10/19/07 (1) **Carl Sobey Complaints (Case No's. 07SW-0071 & 07SW-0072)**

Senior Special Investigator Martin Snezek presented two (2) complaints in front of the stewards regarding Cal Expo Horse Identifier Carl Sobey. Esther Swartz (Capitol Reporters) recorded the proceedings that were combined as one (1) hearing.

The first complaint involved Identifier Sobey allegedly failing to properly identify the winner of the fourth race at Cal Expo on August 17, 2007. The horse in question was the Vickie Desomer trained "Cat Burgler". Trainer Desomer registered the horse "Cat Burgler" with the USTA (United States Trotting Association) as a 'gelding'. The horse is actually a filly. Identifier Sobey allegedly failed to recognize the sex difference while conducting his duties prior to the aforementioned fourth race (August 17, 2007).

10/19/07 (1) continued

The second complaint involved the Cal Expo receiving barn reporting that the identification numbers of the horse “Jungle Girl” did not match identification numbers given to the receiving barn. “Jungle Girl” raced in the second race on August 24, 2007. The alleged mistake involved a corrected tattoo number.

Identifier Sobey was asked several questions by the stewards regarding the circumstances around these two (2) events. Decision to follow.

10/19/07 (2) **Petrelli and Wiseman Film Review**

Drivers Frank Petrelli and Steve Wiseman appeared together to review their drives in last nights (October 18th) sixth race.

Both Petrelli (eighth place, #1 “Bomb Breeze”) and Wiseman (seventh place, #4 “N Wong N”) ‘burned themselves out’ in an over spirited (56.3) half mile duel. Both of their horses finished ‘up the track’ and the stewards’ goal in this informal hearing was to cool the macho tactics of both drivers. Both drivers appeared to speak with sincerity as they said they understood. Warning issued.

10/19/07 (3) **First Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing first place finisher #5 “Cherry Tree Duke” (Steve Hyman) make a slight ‘break’ inside the final 1/16th of a mile.

After film review the stewards felt the incident was minor in nature and allowed the original results to stand. No change.

10/19/07 (4) **Fourth Race – Recall**

Prior to the start of this race Starter Bill Vallandingham flashed his recall lights. Starter Vallandingham told the stewards that he heard a tire pop on #1A “Bronte Anas Boy”. Vallandingham therefore enforced California Horse Racing Board Rule #1730 (Recalls (C) – Broken Equipment) shortly before the arms of the starting gate opened by ordering a recall.

The second attempt at a start went without a hitch.

10/19/07 (5) **Program Changes**

2nd Race - #3 trainer should read B. Wolin (program error)

3rd Race Declaration - #4 “Abullinachinashop” – Trainer Bob Johnson
Refund: \$19 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

8th Race Declaration - #5 “Mighty Fella” – Trainer Jason Ricco

Refund: \$6 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

11th Race Driver Change - #1A Scott Cisco for Frank Petrelli
(sick)

10/19/07 (6)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	383
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$63,471
	Handle (In State)	\$561,111
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$312,460</u>
	Total Handle	\$937,042

Saturday10/20/07 (1) **Double Draw**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Wednesday, October 24th and Thursday, October 25th. Eleven (11) races were drawn for October 24th with eighty (80) horses scheduled to start.

The card for October 25th is made up of twelve (12) races with ninety-two (92) horses scheduled to start.

10/20/07 (2) **Tim Maier Ruling****Ruling # 51**

Driver Tim Maier, who drove "Take Possession" in the Third Race on Friday, October 19, 2007, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Late Leaving Paddock).

The ruling above was issued after Driver Tim Maier acknowledged not being ready to post parade his horse when ordered by Paddock Judge Wayne Short.

10/20/07 (3) **Carl Sobey Ruling****Ruling # 52**

Horse Identifier Aubrey Carl Sobey is hereby fined the sum of Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1554 (Duties of Horse Identifier – Failed to Properly Identify "Cat Burgler" as a Filly) on Friday, August 17, 2007, at Cal Expo.

The stewards issued the ruling above after deliberating over testimony given at yesterday's [Ref: 10/19/07 (1)] formal hearing. This case revolved around a first time starter ("Cat Burgler" – August 17th) being programmed as a gelding, but actually being a filly.

This mistake was initiated by the breeder (Desomer Stables) incorrectly listing the sex of this horse as a gelding with the United States Trotting Association (USTA). Horse Identifier Carl Sobey missed the sex difference when identifying the horse before its first start.

A second complaint filed against Sobey (Case No. 07SW-0072) was dismissed due to lack of evidence.

10/20/07 (4) **Driver Film Review**

Driver Fern Paquet came into the stewards' office to review his drive behind sixth place finisher #4 "Roll Bar Hanover" in last night's first race. Driver Paquet was driving erratically around the far turn. Driver Paquet pointed out, and the stewards concurred, that a newspaper blowing on the racetrack led to this unusual action.

10/20/07 (5) **Official Change**

Sacramento Harness Association (SHA) Controller is filling in as a placing judge tonight. Brent Bridges is off for personal reasons.

10/20/07 (6) **Smooth Card**

Tonight's twelve (12) race card went well as there were no stewards' inquiries or driver objections.

10/20/07 (7) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Declaration - #5 "Blue Canyon" – Trainer Etienne Desomer

Refund: \$2 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

5th Race Driver Change - #1A S. Wiseman for F. Petrelli (sick)

6th Race Driver Change - #1 F. Paquet for F. Petrelli (sick)

7th Race Driver Change - #1 S. Wiseman for F. Petrelli (sick)

10th Race Declaration - #4 "My Promise" – Trainer Matias Ruiz

Refund: \$0 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

12th Race Declaration - #3 "Dokey's Tees" – Trainer Rick Plano

Refund: \$3 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

10/20/07 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	454
Live Handle (On Track)	\$53,431
Handle (In State)	\$514,910
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$312,130</u>
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W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT -

The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
17-Oct	8	1	FLASH THE SIGN	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
	9	4	NIKOLETA	WINE II	Injured	Goodbary	\$2.00
	10	1A	UNDA INVESTIGATION	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	PART OF ENTRY
	11	10	NAD N	MAIER	Injured	Goodbary	\$12.00
19-Oct	3	4	ABULLINACHINASHOP	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$19.00
	8	5	MIGHTY FELLA	RICCO	Injured	Goodbary	\$6.00
20-Oct	3	5	BLUE CANYON	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$2.40
	10	4	MY PROMISE	RUIZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
	12	3	DOKEY'S TEES	PLANO	Injured	Goodbary	\$2.60

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	10,312.10
Bay Meadows	\$	124,087.20
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	7,795.70
Fresno Club One	\$	4,890.60
Golden Gate	\$	69,043.90
Monterey	\$	7,956.30
Pleasanton	\$	41,538.40
Sacramento	\$	154,369.80
San Jose	\$	64,251.70
Santa Rosa	\$	13,043.00
Stockton	\$	27,277.80
Tulare	\$	1,285.20
Turlock	\$	2,641.10
Vallejo	\$	27,914.30
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	1,099,478.26

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SUMMARY

2007/2008

	Mon 10/15	Tues 10/16	Wed 10/17	Thurs 10/18	Fri 10/19	Sat 10/20	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	0	0	0	0	0	13
Claims	R	R	3	2	0	0	5	56
Disqualifications	K	K	2	0	0	0	2	15
Inquiries	D	D	2	0	1	0	3	51
Refunds	A	A	3	0	2	3	8	86
Rulings	Y	Y	1	2	0	2	5	52

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Baker, Oke and Meyers were in attendance.

All drivers submitted to a breathalyzer test.

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke