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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, April 07, 2008 through Sunday, April 13, 2008. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

04/07/08 (1) **Entries/Draw for Thursday 04/10/08**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Thursday April 10, 2008. The box closed at 9:00 a.m.

At 12:30 p.m. the draw was conducted with ninety six (96) horses drawn in to twelve (12) events.

Scratch time is Tuesday April 08, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

04/07/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

04/08/08 (1) **Scratch Time for Thursday 04/10/08**

At scratch time there were two (2) driver changes and no scratches.

04/08/08 (2) **Entries/Draw for Friday 04/11/08 & Saturday 04/12/08**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Friday, April 11, 2008 and Saturday, April 12, 2008. The box closed at 9:00 a.m.

At 3:15 p.m. the draw for Friday was conducted with one hundred eighteen (118) head drawing in to fourteen (14) races. Immediately

following, the draw for Saturday was held with one hundred fourteen (114) head to compete in fourteen (14) events.

Scratch time for both cards is Wednesday, April 09, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

04/08/08 (3) **California Sires Stakes Events**

Sires Stakes action returns to Cal-Expo this weekend with Friday's card having eight (8) three year old filly trotters competing for a Fifteen (\$15,000) Thousand Dollar purse and ten (10) three year old filly pacers also competing for a similar purse.

Saturday's card have seven (7) three year old colt and gelding trotters competing for a Fifteen (\$15,000) Thousand Dollar purse and seven (7) three year old cold and gelding pacers competing for a similar prize.

04/08/08 (4) **Sire Stake Eligibility and Regulation**

At draw time for Friday's and Saturday's card (both programs carded Cal Sire Stake events) there was not a list of horses eligible for these events provided to the race office. This omission obviously makes it extremely difficult to draw these events. The stewards feel that these lists should be produced regularly as the stake payments are made.

04/08/08 (5) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

04/09/08 (1) **Qualifying Race Draw for 04/09/08**

Entries were taken for qualifiers to be contested Thursday, April 09, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Thirty six (36) horses were programmed to compete in six (6) races.

04/09/08 (2) **Scratch Time for Friday 04/11/08 & Saturday 04/12/08**

At scratch time for Friday, April 11, 2008 there were twelve (12) driver changes and one (1) scratch.

At scratch time for Saturday, April 12, 2008 there were nine (9) driver changes and no scratches.

04/09/08 (3) **California Sires Stakes Ineligibles**

The race office received a telephone call from Susan Travers, informing them that the three year old filly pacer "Tonight Is Mine", owned and trained by Gilbert Herrera, was not eligible due to a missed stake payment. The duty steward was unable to substantiate this information, thus the horse was left in the program and will be declared if and when this information is verified.

04/09/08 (4) **Dark Day**

Thursday

04/10/08 (1)

Qualifying Races

Qualifying races were conducted today at 4:00 p.m. with Stewards Meyers and McLaren officiating. Twenty six (26) of thirty five (35) participants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

04/10/08 (2)

Ricco Film Review

Driver Jason Ricco appeared in the steward's office to view films of Race #9 on Saturday, April 05, 2008. The films clearly show that #4 "Mighty Fella" (J. Ricco) comes out at the head of the stretch, striking the front legs of #8 "Mac Jonathan VP" (L. Pena) causing #4 to break stride. Driver Ricco took full responsibility for the incident (which while potentially very dangerous, there were no serious consequences). Thus, the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 20

Driver Jason Ricco, who drove "Mighty Fella" in the Ninth Race on Saturday, April 05, 2008, is hereby Suspended from driving only for Three (3) Days in Pari-mutuel Races only, April 17, 18 and 19, 2008 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1721 (I) (Driving Rules – Commit any Act Which Shall Impede the Progress of Another Horse or Cause Him to Break – Incident Occurred Mid Stretch – Resulting in a Disqualification).

04/10/08 (3)

David Siegel Ruling

Driver David Siegel, as a result of an inquiry and subsequent disqualification after Race #8 on Saturday, April 05, 2008 and Driver Siegel's admission of responsibility in a telephone conversation with the stewards, the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 19

Driver David Siegel, who drove "AZ Mutanto" in the Eighth Race on Saturday, April 05, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (K) (Driving Rules – Careless Driving – Raced Inside Multiple Pylons in the Stretch Resulting in a Disqualification – Unfair Advantage).

04/10/08 (4)

Program Changes

6th Race Declaration - #5 "Awesome Way" – Trainer Diane Short

Refund: \$4 Stewards

9th Race Declaration - #4 "Sun And Water" – Trainer James Guagliardo

Refund: \$294 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

10th Race Declaration - #1 "Westernorchard" – Trainer Earl Kennedy

Refund: \$1 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

11th Race Declaration - #2 "Photo Delight"- Trainer Brian Solden

Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

04/10/08 (5)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	302
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$41,517
	Handle (In State)	\$372,741
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$194,743</u>
	Total Handle	\$609,001

Friday04/11/08 (1) **Cameraman Robert L. Isola Informal Hearing/Disorderly Conduct**

Robert L. Isola, who holds a license as a camera operator, appeared before the stewards in an informal hearing to respond to a claim filed as a result of an incident that occurred at Cal-Expo on February 15, 2008. Also appearing was Frank Matthews, the on site manager for Pegasus.

Mr. Isola took complete responsibility for his actions and the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 22

Camera Operator Robert Isola is placed on Probation for a period of Six Months April 11, 2008 through October 12, 2008 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Boisterous Behavior) on California Horse Racing Board February 15, 2008.

04/11/08 (2) **Ernest Smith/Loose Dog Complaint**

Licensee Ernest Smith appeared before the stewards to answer a complaint concerning a loose dog in the backstretch, which subsequently got onto the racetrack and caused a five (5) to six (6) minute delay in the start of Race #8 on Thursday, April 10, 2008.

Mr. Smith ultimately agreed (although somewhat reluctantly) that the dog was his responsibility and he would exercise better control over the animal. The stewards, for their part made, it abundantly clear that any further incidents of this nature would be dealt with severely.

04/11/08 (3) **Tim Clevenger Film Review**

Driver Tim Clevenger appeared as ordered to review films of Race #6 on Thursday, April 10, 2008.

Mr. Clevenger pulled late while driving #1 “Pacific Pace” and struck the front legs of #2 “Jill’s Scooter” (Ed Hensley) causing him to break stride.

Mr. Clevenger accepted full responsibility for his actions. However, when informed of the penalty imposed, Mr. Clevenger expressed his displeasure with the penalty imposed. The stewards explained to Mr. Clevenger that their position was if there was actual contact with a competitor, the element of danger was increased, thus the severity of the penalty was increased proportionately. Thus the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 21

Driver Tim Clevenger, who drove "Pacific Pace" in the Sixth Race on Thursday, April 10, 2008, is hereby Suspended from Driving only for Three (3) Days in Pari-mutuel Races only, April 17, 18 and 19, 2008 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1721 (I) (Driving Rules – Commit any Act Which Shall Impede the Progress of Another Horse or Cause Him to Break – Incident Occurred Mid Turn – Resulting in a Disqualification).

04/11/08 (4) **Driver Bruce Clarke – No Show/Airline Problems**

Driver Bruce Clarke, who had two (2) drives on this evening's card, fell victim to the American Airlines situation and was unable to attend.

04/11/08 (5) **Race #3 – Tote Problem**

At the conclusion of Race #3 the tote 'froze up' and had to be manually reset by Scientific Games personnel. No explanation was given.

04/11/08 (6) **Race #6 – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the 'inquiry sign' following the conclusion of Race #6 to investigate an incident approaching the 3/4 mile marker when #1 "Pacific Pace" (Tim Clevenger) appeared to pull late on #2 "Jill's Scooter" (Ed Hensley) striking the horse's front legs, causing him to go offstride. After viewing films, the stewards confirmed their initial suspicions. Thus #1 was disqualified from his third (3rd) place finish and placed fourth (4th). Driver Clevenger was ordered to film review.

Original order of finish: 4-3-1-2

Official order of finish: 4-3-2-1

04/11/08 (7) **Race #8 – Delayed Start/Loose Dog**

The start of Race #8 was delayed when a loose dog was spotted on the edge of the racetrack in the first turn. The dog was chased back to the barn area by Outrider Billy Don Wainscott and the card resumed after a 5 - 6 minute delay. The dog's owner, Licensee Ernest Smith, has been ordered to appear before the stewards.

04/11/08 (8) **Thirteenth Race - Claim**

#2 "Prospect Speed" was claimed from Matias Ruiz by R. Floyd for \$4,500. The new trainer will be B. Wolin.

04/11/08 (9) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Driver Change - #1 Todd Ratchford for Bruce Clarke

8th Race Declaration - #7 "Octavia" – Trainer Patty Harris

Refund: \$3 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

9th Race Driver Change - #1A – Rocky Stidham for Bruce Clarke

9th Race Declaration - #8 "Tonight Is Mine" – Trainer Gilbert Herrera

Refund: \$1 Stewards – Not Eligible

04/11/08 (10)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	447
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$64,474
	Handle (In State)	\$565,070
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$353,787</u>
	Total Handle	\$983,331

Saturday

04/12/08 (1) **Race #2 - Driver Change**

For the second consecutive program, Driver Bruce Clarke was unable to attend due to scheduling problems with American Airlines. Driver Clarke was replaced in his only drive by Todd Ratchford.

04/12/08 (2) **Race #3 - Tote Problem**

At the conclusion of Race #3, the infield tote board 'locked up' and wouldn't accept the input from the placing judge's computer. The personnel from Scientific Games were able to post the results on the television screens throughout the plant. The situation was rectified through the hub. However, the actual cause has not been isolated as of this writing.

04/12/08 (3) **Excellent Card – No Problems**

With the exception of the aforementioned incidents, we had an excellent card with many tight finishes.

04/12/08 (4) **Program Changes**

5th Race Declaration - #7 "Bordgame" – Trainer Vickie Desomer
 Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Goodbary
 6th Race Declaration - #3 "N V Warlord" – Trainer Rocky Stidham
 Refund: \$3 Stewards – 30 Days
 12th Race Declaration - #2 "Life's Honor" – Trainer Jean Mac Donell
 Refund: \$2 Injured – Dr. Goodbary
 #3 "Youaskedforit" – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Refund: \$3 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

04/12/08 (5) **Attendance and Handle**

	Attendance	570
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$74,978
	Handle (In State)	\$549,662
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$367,271</u>
	Total Handle	\$991,911

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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
10-Apr	9	4	SUN AND WATER	GUAGLIARDO	Injured	Goodbary	\$294.00
	10	1	WESTERNORCHARD	KENNEDY	Injured	Goodbary	\$1.00
	11	2	PHOTO DELIGHT	SOLDEN	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
11-Apr	8	7	OCTAVIA	HARRIS	Injured	Goodbary	\$3.00
12-Apr	5	7	BORDGAME	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
	12	2	LIFE'S HONOR	MAC DONELL	Injured	Goodbary	\$2.00
	12	3	YOUASKEDFORIT	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$3.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	14,755.90
Bay Meadows	\$	109,241.50
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	11,149.90
Fresno Club One	\$	3,274.60
Golden Gate	\$	50,590.40
Monterey	\$	10,288.50
Pleasanton	\$	35,374.90
Sacramento	\$	160,133.80
San Jose	\$	53,287.00
Santa Rosa	\$	12,130.70
Stockton	\$	31,369.60
Tulare	\$	1,174.90
Turlock	\$	4,612.70
Vallejo	\$	26,343.60
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	915,800.12

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2008**

	Mon 04/07	Tues 04/08	Wed 04/09	Thurs 04/10	Fri 04/11	Sat 04/12	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	2	2	4	4
Claims	R	R	R	0	1	0	1	10
Disqualification's	K	K	K	1	1	0	2	15
Inquiries	D	D	D	1	1	0	2	19
Refunds	A	A	A	3	2	3	8	48
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	2	2	0	4	22

**Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, McLaren and Meyers were in attendance.
All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.**

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward