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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, May 12, 2008 through Sunday, May 18, 2008. Steward Will Meyers was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

05/12/08 (1) **Entries for Thursday**

Eighty (80) horses are entered in Thursday's ten (10) race card. No Cal-Bred races were carded

05/12/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

05/13/08 (1) **Scratches for Thursday/Entries for Friday**

Scratch time was held at the normal 9:00 a.m. with minimal changes.

Entries for Friday were taken and the thirteen (13) races have a total of one hundred eight (108) horses entered. No Cal-Bred races were used.

05/13/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

05/14/08 (1)

Scratches for Friday/Entries for Saturday

Numerous driver changes and one (1) scratch were taken for the 9:00 a.m. scratch time. With the recent exodus of horses, Race Secretary Fred Kuebler was only able to card eleven (11) races for Saturday. Eighty-one (81) horses are entered with no Cal-Bred races used.

05/14/08 (2)

Dark Day**Thursday**

05/15/08 (1)

Qualifiers

Thirteen (13) of twenty-two (22) horses made the grade in today's four (4) qualifiers.

05/15/08 (2)

Executive Director and Assistant Visit

Kirk Breed and Bon Smith visited the judges stand to inform the stewards that superfecta quick picks could still be purchased from mutuel clerks although self service machines did not allow such wagers. The stewards had ordered all superfecta quick pick wagering stopped last Saturday until further notice. Bay Meadows Tote (the 'hub') informed the stewards the wager was halted at that time. Today's information was relayed to Mutuel Manager Glenn Harris with an order to stop any further quick pick superfecta wagering, period! Mr. Breed and Mr. Smith stated that an ongoing investigation was taking place and we would be notified of future results.

05/15/08 (3)

First Race – Inquiry/No Change

#1 "Shalana" (Luke Plano) went 'off stride' before the 1/4 pole, causing confusion to trailing horses. The inquiry sign was posted to insure #1 was not interfered with and after review it was determined #1 made a break on its own and finished last. No change.

05/15/08 (4)

Fifth Race – Inquiry/No Change

#5 "Just Hunky Dory" (Leon Smith) went off stride before the first 1/4 and ended up fourth (4th) in this superfecta race. The inquiry sign was lit to ensure #5 complied with the breaking rule. It was determined that he complied and no interference occurred. No change.

05/15/08 (5)

Program Changes

8th Race Declaration - #1A "Catmando" – Trainer Tom Wine

Refund: \$0

Judges – Re-enter

#5 "Little Walter" – Trainer Lou Pena

Refund: \$1

Judges – Re-enter

05/15/08 (6)

Attendance and Handle

Attendance	246
Live Handle (On Track)	\$34,385
Handle (In State)	\$277,814
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$226,934</u>
Total Handle	\$539,133

Friday**05/16/08 (1) Juan Pablo Ramirez Hearing – Case #08SW-0057**

A hearing was held today for Owner Juan Pablo Ramirez for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1489 (J) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1890 (Possession of Contraband), and #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) all stemming from contraband found in Ramirez' tack room on a routine barn area inspection on April 03, 2008.

Present were the Board of Stewards, Owner Juan Pablo Ramirez, Senior Special Investigator Martin Snezek and Court Reporter Esther Schwartz.

Ramirez was afforded his rights at the commencement of the hearing.

Ramirez admitted that all the contraband was in his possession, but swore he did not use anything on his horses. The contraband consisted of numerous syringes (with and without needles) and many empty and partially full inject able vials (all containing therapeutic drugs). Also found were materials that could possibly be used for 'tubing' a horse with a 'milkshake'.

All relevant evidence and testimony was accepted on the record and the hearing closed. Disposition to follow.

05/16/08 (2) Third Race – Inquiry/No Change

#2 "My Trying Ryan" (Kent Fox) went off stride at the start and finished third (3rd). The inquiry sign was posted to verify compliance with the breaking rule. Horse and driver complied. No change.

05/16/08 (3) Fourth Race – Recall

The starting gate suffered a broken chain which would not allow the wings to close. A recall was declared and a nine (9) minute delay occurred while Starter Bill Vallandingham procured the backup gate. Original post 7:24, off time 7:33.

05/16/08 (4) Eleventh Race – Recall

The original starting gate, (which had been placed back in action after an earlier mishap which was fixed), broke another part, necessitating another recall and switch to the backup. Starter Vallandingham was told to use the backup for the rest of the evening.

05/16/08 (5) Program Changes

11th Race Declaration - #8 "Mask N" – Trainer Tom Wine
Refund: \$4 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

05/16/08 (6) Attendance and Handle

Attendance	551
Live Handle (On Track)	\$55,702
Handle (In State)	\$495,084
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$336,259</u>
Total Handle	\$887,055

Saturday05/17/08 (1) **Jose Ramirez Ruling****Ruling # 30**

Trainer Jose Ramirez, who started "Chicote" in the Thirteenth Race on Friday, May 16, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Failure to Name the Proper Driver by the Prescribed Time Necessitating a Late Driver Change).

The above ruling was issued after Ramirez was contacted and admitted that named driver "Gilbert Herrera" had told him not to name him on horses. "Chicote" ended up being driven by Etienne Desomer.

05/17/08 (2) **Petrelli Ruling****Ruling # 31**

Trainer Frank Petrelli, who started "Dawnlikesillies" (03/29/08 – 12th Race – 1st), "Hoosier Punk" (03/29/08 – 6th Race – 1st), "Tycoon Ernesto" (04/03/08 – 6th Race – 2nd), "Battleshoe Deal" (04/11/08 – 14th Race – 1st), "Tirade" (04/03/08 – 5th Race – 1st), "Sassy Brenda" (04/10/08 – 4th Race – 2nd), "C Easter Sunrise" (04/10/08 – 8th Race – 3rd), is hereby fined the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred (\$2,100) Dollars pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer To Insure Condition Of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (D) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances – Methocarbamol (Robaxin) In Excess Of Permitted Level) Class VI – multiple violations.

The above ruling was issued following approval from Executive Director Kirk Breed to have the stewards negotiate a settlement on the matter.

The following mitigating circumstances and logic behind the settlement are as follows:

- 1) All the alleged positives stemmed from races contested between March 29, 2008 and April 11, 2008. Petrelli was not notified of the first positive until April 15, 2008 and had no opportunity to change barn procedure until that date.
- 2) The normal penalty for a first Class VI violation has been Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars.
- 3) Petrelli should be accountable for all seven positives, but an increase in each case would be exorbitant.
- 4) Logically, seven (7) times Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars would make the penalty Two Thousand One Hundred (\$2,100) Dollars, making him responsible for all seven, while not unduly penalizing him.

05/17/08 (3) **Good Racing**

This evening's eleven (11) races were contested without incident.

05/17/08 (4) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Declaration - #1 "Fishy's Sushi" – Trainer Raul Escobedo

Refund: \$1 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

8th Race Declaration - #9 "Smileifyoucan" – Trainer Ed Hensley

Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

9th Race Declaration - #4 "Downtown Guy" – Trainer Brian Solden

Refund: \$1 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

05/17/08 (5) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	495
Live Handle (On Track)	\$50,876
Handle (In State)	\$428,299
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$280,380</u>
Total Handle	\$759,555

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
16-May	11	8	MASK N	WINE	Injured	Goodbary	\$4.00
17-May	2	1	FISHY'S SUSHI	ESCOBEDO	Injured	Goodbary	\$1.00
	8	9	SMILEIFYOUCAN	HENSLEY	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
	9	4	DOWNTOWNGUY	SOLDEN	Injured	Goodbary	\$1.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	13,182.90
Bay Meadows	\$	69,384.30
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	5,443.60
Fresno Club One	\$	1,897.70
Golden Gate	\$	57,025.80
Monterey	\$	7,042.40
Pleasanton	\$	29,601.10
Sacramento	\$	120,455.40
San Jose	\$	38,281.20
Santa Rosa	\$	10,340.70
Stockton	\$	31,369.60
Tulare	\$	1,228.60
Turlock	\$	1,320.20
Vallejo	\$	21,732.20
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	843,573.51

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

- 05/15/08 29 Owner Gene Kelly, having paid the fine assessed in Ruling # 04, dated March 07, 2008, Ruling #15 issued by Cal Expo Harness Association Board of Stewards, dated March 22, 2008, suspending Licensee Gene Kelly, is hereby set aside, restoring him to good standing.
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SUMMARY

2008

	Mon 05/12	Tues 05/13	Wed 05/14	Thurs 05/15	Fri 05/16	Sat 05/17	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	12
Claims	R	R	R	0	0	1	1	12
Disqualification's	K	K	K	0	0	0	0	21
Inquiries	D	D	D	0	1	0	1	31
Refunds	A	A	A	1	1	4	6	89
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	1	0	2	3	31

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

All drivers submitted to a breathalyzer test.

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward