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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, February 16, 2009 through Sunday, February 22, 2009. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

02/16/09 (1) **Entry Day**

The racing office was open today, accepting entries for Thursday, February 19. Eleven (11) races filled with eighty five (85) horses scheduled to go postward.

02/16/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

02/17/09 (1) **Scratches and Entries**

Scratch time for Thursday, February 19 was held this morning in the racing office. Nine (9) driver changes were taken by the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

Entries were taken this morning for the races on Friday, February 20. Fifteen (15) races filled. Eighty five (85) horses are scheduled to go postward.

02/17/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

02/18/09 (1) **Scratches and Entries**

Scratch time for Friday, February 20 was held this morning in the racing office. Sixteen (16) driver changes were taken at the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

An overnight of all the races for Saturday, February 21 was put out today by the racing office staff. Fifteen (15) races are slated. One hundred fifteen (115) horses are scheduled to start.

02/18/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

02/19/09 (1) **Scratch Time for February 21st**

Scratches were held this morning in the racing office. Nine (9) driver changes were activated at the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

The duty steward went to the 'frontside' (grandstand area) to time a workout this morning. Open division trotter "Fox Harbor" (Trainer Lou Pena) worked out the one mile in a time of 2:02.

02/19/09 (2) **Pierre Girard Film Review**

Driver Pierre Girard appeared in the steward's office to view replays of his drive of #1 "Bankers Babe", in the second race on Saturday, February 14. "Bankers Babe" was disqualified [Ref: 02/14/09 (1)] for a pylon violation going into the first turn.

The stewards considered the February 14th track condition (off track) and Girard's clean driving record before issuing a warning in this matter.

02/19/09 (3) **Qualifying Races**

Three (3) qualifying races were held prior to tonight's pari-mutuel card. Of the fifteen (15) participants thirteen (13) made the grade.

02/19/09 (4) **Official Change**

Steward Wayne Oke is off this week for personal reasons. Steward Paul Nicolo will substitute and judge forty one (41) pari-mutuel races in three (3) race nights.

02/19/09 (5) **Sixth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to view an incident involving several horses approaching the 3/4 pole. The following horses were involved in the incident.

- A. #2 "Jill's Sooter" – Driver James Lackey
- B. #3 "Maxalax" – Driver Steve Wiseman
- C. #4 "Apache Red" – Driver James Kennedy
- D. #6 "One More Molly" – Driver Tim Maier
- E. #7 "Looking At You" – Driver Lou Pena

At the point of the incident #2 "Jill's Sooter" breaks stride. Nearest rival and sixth place finisher #3 "Maxalax" hooks the wheels of #2 "Jill's Sooter". The drivers of #4, #6 and #7 were forced to alter course to avert a more serious incident than what actually took place. The offending horse in this race (#2 "Jill's Sooter") 'did not finish' (DNF). After a lengthy film review, the stewards let the results of this race stand. No change.

02/19/09 (6) **James Kennedy Film Review**

Driver James Kennedy appeared in the steward's office to view his drive of #3 "High Maintenance" (2nd place, 11th Race) who was defeated by a nose margin for the win in this race. Driver Kennedy was called in for racing a slow second quarter mile (31.4 seconds). The stewards determined that no 'confusion' was caused by this occurrence, but felt attention needed to be called to the backing up of the pace.

02/19/09 (7) **Gene Vallandingham Ruling****Ruling # 24**

Trainer Gene Vallandingham, who started #7 "Minnie's Surprise" in the Fourth Race on Thursday, February 19, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Late Arriving in Paddock).

The ruling above was issued after Horse Identifier Carl Sobey telephoned the stewards to report the Gene Vallandingham trained "Minnie's Surprise" reported late to the paddock for the fourth race. Identifier Sobey reported arrival at 6:36 p.m.

02/19/09 (8) **Tenth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fourth place finisher #5 "Sin Princess" (Steve Wiseman) go on a break about eighty (80) yards before the finish. After film review, the stewards unanimously ruled that #5 "Sin Princess" complied with the 'breaking rule'. No change was made in the order of finish.

02/19/09 (9) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Declaration - #2 "Outlawsong N Dance" – Trainer Robley Johnson
 Refund: \$21 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
 3rd Race Declaration - #3 "Red Star Ruffles" – Trainer Robley Johnson
 Refund: \$43 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
 8th Race Declaration - #1A "Astonished" – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Refund: \$0 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
 9th Race Declaration - #8 "Little Bit Country" – Trainer Steve Hyman
 Refund: \$10 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
 10th Race Declaration - #3 "Flo Nice And Easy" – Trainer Jason Ricco
 Refund: \$225 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

02/19/09 (10) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	217
Live Handle (On Track)	\$37,451
Handle (In State)	\$322,699
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$193,990</u>
Total Handle	\$554,140

Friday**02/20/09 (1) Fitness Hearing**

A fitness hearing was held for unlicensed association employee James Hines who is seeking to get reinstated by the California Horse Racing Board. James Hines spoke with Golden Gate Fields Stewards on January 23, 2009 (Ref: GGF Stewards Minutes 01/23/09 (6)) with the intent of getting re-licensed. Golden Gate Fields stewards referred Mr. Hines to Cal Expo as Hines indicated he wants to initially work here in Sacramento.

James Hines was given a six (6) month suspension by San Joaquin County Fair stewards on September 11, 2008 [Ref Hearing: San Joaquin County Fair Stewards Minutes 09/10/08 (2)] for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Ruling).

Present today at the hearing were California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator Greg Fabbri and Kim Hines (James Hines' daughter), who works in the receiving barn here at Cal Expo. Mr. Hines has completed a sixty (60) day in-house alcohol rehabilitation program and showed proof of currently attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

He has a history of alcohol abuse and disorderly behavior while working in the horse racing industry. Mr. Hines has indicated he plans to work for Trainer Tim Maier here at Cal Expo and then will pursue employment on the 2009 summer fair circuit if reinstated. Decision to follow.

02/20/09 (2) Twelfth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification

The stewards posted the inquiry sign in order to review two (2) breaking incidents.

Fourth place finisher #2 “Andover Victory” (Rick Plano) broke stride in mid-stretch. Driver Plano complied with the ‘breaking rule’ by losing sufficient ground. Also on a longer break in the stretch, was third place finisher #1 “Giles LS Hanover” (Bruce Clarke). This horse was also on a ‘break’ crossing the finish line.

For violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (Breaking), #1 “Giles LS Hanover” was disqualified and placed sixth.

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

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

02/20/09 (3) Program Changes

1st Race Declaration - #1 “Mordecai Jones” – Trainer Darren Lupul
Refund: \$349 Sick – Henry Cook, D.V.M.

10th Race Declaration - #4 “Scruggs” – Trainer Donald Ratchford
Refund: \$68 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

14th Race Driver Changes - #5 R. Wojcio for E. Desomer (bad back)
#6 J. Lackey for J. Ricco (not excused)

02/20/09 (4)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	366
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$51,485
	Handle (In State)	\$558,492
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$328,180</u>
	Total Handle	\$938,157

Saturday02/21/09 (1) **Eighth Race Recall**

Starter Bill Vallandingham flashed his recall lights prior to the eighth race. #9 "Above Timberline" (Richard Wojcio) was out of position. His assigned post position was post 10, which is supposed to start out of the 'second tier' currently at Cal Expo.

02/21/09 (2) **Good Program**

Tonight's fifteen (15) race card was free of steward's inquiries and/or driver objections.

02/21/09 (3) **James Hines Ruling (Case No: 08GG-099)****Ruling # 25**

Association Employee James Hines, having now completed a One Hundred Twenty (120) Day Suspension and satisfactorily completed a Sixty (60) Day certified in-house rehabilitation program, Ruling #06 issued by San Joaquin County Fair Stewards dated September 11, 2008 suspending James Hines, is hereby Set Aside restoring him to good standing.

Further James Hines is now eligible to apply for a groom's license only.

Further James Hines is hereby placed on probation for the term of his new groom's license. Any California Horse Racing Board violations may result in a full suspension of his license.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1485(D) (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements) Licensee James Hines further agrees to submit to a testing agreement during his probationary period.

The ruling above was put out by Cal Expo stewards after an informal hearing involving James Hines [Ref: 02/20/09 (1)] was held yesterday, February 20.

02/21/09 (4) **Jason Ricco Ruling****Ruling # 26**

Driver Jason Ricco is fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for failure to fulfill his driving engagement on "Steady As A Rock" in the Fourteenth Race February 20, 2009 at Cal Expo, California. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey (Driver) Agreement).

The ruling above was issued after Driver Jason Ricco ‘took off’ his assigned drive without permission last night (February 20). Driver Ricco had mentioned the officiating, or lack thereof, in a prior race. This apparently led to his disinterest in participating in this late night event. This is his third violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 since December 13, 2008.

02/21/09 (5) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Declaration - #3 “Keystone Eli” – Trainer Bob Johnson
 Refund: \$1,170 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
 14th Race Declaration- #7 “Giveittoemstaight” – Trainer Gilbert Herrera
 Refund: \$132 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M
 15th Race Driver Change - #1 T. Maier for Jason Maier (sick)
 #5 J. Ricco for J. Kennedy (sick)

02/21/09 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	398
Live Handle (On Track)	\$56,335
Handle (In State)	\$566,977
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$325,224</u>
Total Handle	\$948,536

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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
19-Feb	2	2	OUTLAWSONG N DANCE	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$21.00
	3	3	RED STAR RUFFLES	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$43.00
	8	1A	ASTONISHED	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00
	9	8	LITTLE BIT COUNTRY	HYMAN	Injured	Goodbary	\$10.00
	10	3	FLO NICE AND EASY	RICCO	Injured	Goodbary	\$225.00
20-Feb	1	1	MORDECAI JONES	LUPUL	Sick	Cook	\$349.00
	10	4	SCRUGGS	RATCHFORD	Injured	Goodbary	\$68.00
21-Feb	2	3	KEYSTONE ELI	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$1,170.00
	14	7	GIVEITTOEMSTRAIGHT	HERRERA	Injured	Goodbary	\$132.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	12,195.80
Bay Meadows	\$	-
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	8,492.40
Fresno Club One	\$	3,935.10
Golden Gate	\$	59,294.30
Monterey	\$	11,102.30
Pleasanton	\$	33,994.00
Sacramento	\$	120,061.70
San Jose	\$	49,997.00
San Mateo	\$	75,772.00
Santa Rosa	\$	14,829.40
Stockton	\$	23,459.40
Tulare	\$	20.50
Turlock	\$	6.10
Vallejo	\$	23,790.80
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	847,394.24

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2009**

	Mon 02/16	Tues 02/17	Wed 02/18	Thurs 02/19	Fri 02/20	Sat 02/21	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	0	0	0	0	15
Disqualifications	K	K	K	0	1	0	1	17
Inquiries	D	D	D	2	1	0	3	34
Refunds	A	A	A	4	1	2	7	65
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	0	1	2	3	26

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Grant Baker, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward