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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, April 13, 2009 through Sunday, April 19, 2009. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

04/13/09 (1) **Entries & Draw for Thursday 04/16/09**

Entries were taken and a draw conducted for Thursday's card. At the 11:30 a.m. draw ninety-three (93) horses were drawn to compete in twelve (12) races. Scratch time is Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. for Thursday's program.

04/13/09 (2) **Ship-In Policy Concerns**

The 'Ship-in policy' came under scrutiny as some interested parties expressed concern with the current situation. The Association, California Horse Racing Board Investigative Staff, California Harness Horsemen's Association Representatives and the Board of Stewards are working on a resolution. (More to follow).

04/13/09 (3) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

04/14/09 (1) **Scratch Time for Thursday 04/16/09**

At scratch time for Thursday's card there were nine (9) driver changes, one (1) trainer change and one (1) injured scratch.

04/14/09 (2) **Trainers Test/Jason Maier**

Licensee Jason Maier took his trainers test under the supervision of the duty steward. Jason was successful in his effort with a score of eighty-three (83). The Board of Stewards wishes Jason well in his new venture.

04/14/09 (3) **Entries & Double Draw – Friday 04/17/09 & 04/18/09**

Entries were taken and a draw held for Friday and Saturday's card. At the 1:30 p.m. draw one hundred twelve (112) horses were drawn to compete on Friday's fifteen (15) race card. For Saturday's fifteen (15) race card one hundred ten (110) head are scheduled to compete. Scratch time for both cards is Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

04/14/09 (4) **Ship-In Policy Resolution**

After discussion with all concerned parties, the Cal-Expo Board of Stewards issued the following relative to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1588:

The Cal Expo Board of Stewards have allowed a blanket exception to CHRB Rule 1588 as follows:

Effective immediately, all ship-in horses must be on grounds of Cal Expo by 12 noon on the day they are scheduled to race. Any horses arriving late will be automatically scratched and the offending trainer subject to sanction by the Board of Stewards. In addition, any trainer in violation of the exception will immediately come under the control of CHRB Rule 1588 as outlined above.

04/14/09 (5) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

04/15/09 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday 04/17/09 & Saturday 04/18/09**

At scratch time for Friday's card there were sixteen (16) driver changes and one (1) injured scratch.

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were twenty nine (29) driver changes.

04/15/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

04/16/09 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

Entries were taken and qualifying sheet produced for a qualifying program to be conducted at 4:30 p.m. today. There will be seventeen (17) head competing in three (3) qualifying races.

04/16/09 (2) **Qualifying Races**

Three (3) qualifying events were held commencing at 4:30 p.m. under the supervision of Stewards Meyers and McLaren. In these events eleven (11) of seventeen (17) participants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

04/16/09 (3) **Clean Card**

Thursday's card was conducted with only one minor incident, that occurring when the stewards lit the inquiry sign to ensure compliance with the breaking rule by #4 "Cinnamon" (Steve Wiseman), the eventual third (3rd) place finisher. Compliance was confirmed. No change.

04/16/09 (4) **Driver Sanctions**

The following rulings were issued after the drivers involved waived their right to a hearing and accepted their penalties without objection:

Ruling # 51

Driver Steve Desomer, who drove "Novelist" in the Early Non-Betting Race at Cal-Expo on Saturday, April 11, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1731(G) (Starting Rules – Failure to Come up into Position).

Ruling # 52

Driver Steve Wiseman, who drove "Flirtiscape" in the Second Race on Saturday, April 11, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1721 (L) (Driving Rules – Drive or Cause to be Driven any Unreasonably Slow Quarters or Fractions) (Second Offense).

04/16/09 (5) **Program Changes**

5th Race Declaration - #1A – "Rare Wine" – Trainer Vickie Desomer
 Refund: \$2 Lame – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 8th Race Program Correction - #5 "Cherry Tree Rojo"
 Claiming price should read: \$8,250
 10th Race Declaration - #9 "Fishy's Sushi" – Trainer Robley Johnson
 Refund: \$60 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

04/16/09 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	229
Live Handle (On Track)	\$42,129
Handle (In State)	\$371,299
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$262,005</u>
Total Handle	\$675,433

Friday04/17/09 (1) **Tenth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The stewards lit the 'inquiry' sign at the conclusion of Race #10 to investigate an incident as the field entered the stretch when #3 "An Electricmachine" (R. Plano) darted inside the pylons and then returned to the racing surface to ultimately finish third (3rd).

In reviewing films and speaking to the drivers involved, the stewards observed that #8 "Nightscreamer" (Jason Rico), who had been 'parked' from the start, shifted in, forcing #3 to take evasive action. Since #3 finished ahead of #8 in the official order of finish, no change was warranted. Driver Jason Ricco was ordered to film review.

04/17/09 (2) **Fourteenth Race – Claims**

1 “Little Gary Perry” was claimed from David M. Shell by Owen Eiler, Jr. for Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500) Dollars. The new trainer will be Frank Petrelli.

#3 “Fullback In Motion” was claimed from Osmin A. Carrera by Sean David and John Lastufka for Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500) Dollars. The new trainer will be Lou Pena.

#5 “Mood Lighting” was claimed from Gretchen Suzanne Smith by Bada Bing Stables for Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars. The new trainer will be Frank Petrelli.

04/17/09 (3) **Program Corrections**

3rd Race Declaration - #6 “Champolina” – Trainer Donald Ratchford

Refund: \$67 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

15th Race Declaration - #6 “Married For Money” – Trainer Tim Maier

Refund: \$82 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

04/17/09 (4) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	398
Live Handle (On Track)	\$57,406
Handle (In State)	\$509,880
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$280,227</u>
Total Handle	\$847,513

Saturday04/18/09 (1) **Driver Jason Ricco/Film Review**

Driver Jason Ricco appeared in the steward’s office to review his drive in Race #10 on Friday night. After reviewing film and a rather lengthy discussion, Driver Ricco acknowledged his culpability in the incident. Thus the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 53

Driver Jason Ricco, who drove #8 “Nightscreamer” in the Tenth Race on Friday, April 17, 2009, is hereby Suspended Three (3) Racing Days/Driving Only April 23, 24 and 25 2009 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (J) (Driving Rules – Change Course After Selecting a Position in the Home Stretch, or Bear In or Out, in Such a Manner as to Interfere with Another Horse or Cause Him to Change Stride or Break – Bore In on #3 “An Electricmachine” (R. Plano) Forcing #3 Inside the Pylons).

04/18/09 (2) **Ship-In Registration**

Cal Expo Management, in concert with the Board of Stewards, has designed a document to record the arrival of all “Ship In” horses, in order to ensure compliance with the ship-in arrival times.

- 04/18/09 (3) **Pre-Race Pari-Mutuel Problem**
Prior to Race #1, while the systems in the steward's stand were being tested, wagering was inadvertently halted. The problem was immediately noticed and corrected. The system was 'down' for approximately four (4) minutes.
- 04/18/09 (4) **Third Race - #2 Failure to Come Up into Position**
During the start of this race #2 "Cherry Tree Nicole" (Jason Maier) was observed by the stewards to be 'off the gate', a fact that was also reported by Starter Bill Vallandingham. Driver Jason Maier was ordered to film review.
- 04/18/09 (5) **Fifth Race – Recall**
The starter, Bill Vallandingham flashed the 'recall lights' late in the starting process when #5 "Cyber Boy" (Tom Parris) came to the gate 'out of position'. Because the recall came so late in the starting process, the placing judge locked the wagering. Because the resetting process is a lengthy process, wagering remained locked. The restart was handled with no problems. Provisional Driver Parris was ordered to film review.
- 04/18/09 (6) **Fifth Race – Driver Sanction**
During the stretch drive, the driver of #2 "Carl Lewis N" was observed with his right foot out of the stirrup. Provisional Driver Leon Smith was ordered to film review.
- 04/18/09 (7) **Ninth Race – Claim**
8 "Leadmeastray" was claimed from Gretchen Suzanne Smith by Ronald Lingle for Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$6,750) Dollars. The new trainer will be Frank Petrelli.
- 04/18/09 (8) **Program Changes**
5th Race Declaration - #4 "Ms KMC" – Trainer Lou Pena
Refund: \$17 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
7th Race Program Correction - #1 "Whitman"
Claiming price should read: \$12,500
8th Race Declaration - #10 "Gimme Hope" – Trainer James Covemaker
Refund: \$585 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
9th Race Declaration - #9 "Mac's Derrick T" – Trainer Frank Petrelli
Refund: \$100 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
11th Race Declaration - #8 "Party Bunny" – Trainer Brian Solden
Refund: \$80 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
13th Race Declaration - #6 "Writer" – Trainer Frank Petrelli
Refund: \$82 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
15th Race Declaration - #8 "Just Hunky Dory" – Trainer Lester Smith
Refund: \$119 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
- 04/18/09 (9) **Attendance and Handle**
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| Attendance | 485 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$53,167 |
| Handle (In State) | \$482,347 |
| Handle (Out of State) | <u>\$316,942</u> |
| Total Handle | \$852,456 |

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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
16-Apr	5	1A	RARE WINE	DESOMER	Lame	Goodbary	\$2.00
	10	9	FISHY'S SUSHI	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$60.00
17-Apr	3	6	CHAMPOLINA	RATCHFORD	Injured	Goodbary	\$67.00
	15	6	MARRIED FOR MONEY	MAIER	Injured	Goodbary	\$82.00
18-Apr	5	4	MS KMC	PENA	Injured	Goodbary	\$17.00
	8	10	GIMME HOPE	COVEMAKER	Injured	Goodbary	\$585.00
	9	9	MAC'S DERRICK T	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$100.00
	11	8	PARTY BUNNY	SOLDEN	Injured	Goodbary	\$80.00
	13	6	WRITER	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$82.00
	15	8	JUST HUNKY DORY	SMITH	Injured	Goodbary	\$119.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	9,041.80
Bay Meadows	\$	-
Eureka	\$	4.00
Fresno	\$	7,100.30
Fresno Club One	\$	3,072.50
Golden Gate	\$	54,157.00
Monterey	\$	8,271.00
Pleasanton	\$	32,941.10
Sacramento	\$	124,709.80
San Jose	\$	48,446.20
San Mateo	\$	72,210.20
Santa Rosa	\$	12,384.50
Stockton	\$	31,449.90
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	18,653.60
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	568,536.80
Out of State	\$	859,174.50

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY 2009**

	Mon 04/13	Tues 04/14	Wed 04/15	Thurs 04/16	Fri 04/17	Sat 04/18	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	4
Claims	R	R	R	0	3	1	4	31
Disqualifications	K	K	K	0	1	0	1	28
Inquiries	D	D	D	1	1	0	2	52
Refunds	A	A	A	2	2	6	10	136
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	2	0	1	3	53

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

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward