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## CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION

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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, January 03, 2011 through Sunday, January 09, 2010. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

### **Monday**

01/03/11 (1) **Entry Day**

The racing office was open this morning accepting entries for Thursday January 6. Eleven (11) races were drawn today. Eighty one (81) horses are scheduled to start.

01/03/11 (2) **Dark Day**

### **Tuesday**

01/04/11 (1) **Entry and Scratch Day**

Scratch time was held at 9:00 a.m. today for the racing card to be conducted on January 6. One (1) scratch and twelve (12) driver changes/selections were activated.

Races for January 7 and 8 were drawn today in the racing office. Fourteen (14) races filled for January 7. One hundred seven (107) horses are scheduled to start. Fifteen (15) races filled for January 8. One hundred seventeen (117) horses are scheduled to start.

01/04/11 (2) **Dark Day**

### **Wednesday**

01/05/11 (1) **Scratch Time**

Scratches and changes for January 7 and January 8 were conducted this morning in the racing office. One (1) scratch and nineteen (19) driver changes/choices were made for Friday January 7.

One (1) scratch and twenty four (24) driver changes/choices were made for Saturday January 8. All changes were activated shortly after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

01/05/11 (2) **Dark Day**

**Thursday**

01/06/10 (1) **Qualifying Races**

Three (3) qualifying races were held prior to tonight's eleven (11) race pari-mutuel card. Of the nineteen (19) competitors fifteen (15) made the grade.

01/06/11 (2) **Third Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing second place finisher #2 “Meringue” (James Kennedy) go on a ‘break’ before and after the start of this race. The stewards unanimously voted that #2 “Meringue” complied with the breaking rule (CHRB Rule #1722) by losing ground after the break. There was ‘no change’ made in the order of finish.

01/06/11 (3) **Tote Problems**

Prior to the running of the fifth race, the infield toteboard malfunctioned. At ten (10) minutes to post, the odds froze and patrons were directed to TV monitors throughout the grandstand for current odds.

The last night we raced here (January 1) there are two (2) other tote related issues/problems that were memorialized in last week's minutes [Ref: 01/01/11 (2) and 01/01/11 (3)].

01/06/11 (4) **Seventh Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing #5 “Mr Friendly” (Rick Plano) go on a ‘break’ entering the first (clubhouse) turn. After film review it was unanimously determined the #5 “Mr Friendly” complied with CHRB Rule #1722 (Breaking) by losing ground. No change was made in the order of finish.

01/06/10 (5) **Ninth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this race after viewing sixth place finisher #2 “British Spirit” (Rocky Stidham) go on a break and ‘run’ for the final 3/8<sup>ths</sup> of a mile. Driver Stidham was unable to get his horse to comply with the breaking rule (CHRB Rule #1722). For this violation the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #2 “British Spirit” and place him ninth (last).

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

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

01/06/11 (6) **Eleventh Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing an incident after the 1/2 mile pole. After entering the far turn seventh place finisher #7

“Cinnamon” (Scott Cisco) ‘pulls late’ in front of ninth (last) place finisher “Gee Up” (Lemoyne Svendsen). At this point “Gee Up’s” left leg strikes the sulky wheel of #7 “Cinnamon”, forcing “Gee Up” to break stride.

The stewards conducted a film review and spoke to both of the drivers involved. For interference causing a break, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #7 “Cinnamon” and place her ninth (last). Driver Scott Cisco was ordered to film review.

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

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

01/06/11 (7)

**Program Changes**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration - #1 “Say It Best” – Trainer Tim Maier

Refund: \$280                      Poor Performance – Stewards

5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #3 “Sassy Lil Beach” – Trainer Alexander Lavery

Refund: \$37                      No Worker’s Compensation – Stewards

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #7 “At A Boy Eric” – Trainer Ralph Silvestri III

Refund: \$368                      Injured –Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

10<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #8 “Seneca Falls” – Trainer James Turton

Refund: \$26                      Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

01/06/10 (8)

**Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	167
Live Handle (On Track)	\$48,965
Handle (In State)	\$292,940
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$226,022</u>
Total Handle	\$567,927

**Friday**

01/07/11 (1)

**Scott Cisco Film Review**

Driver Scott Cisco appeared in the steward’s office to review his drive in last night’s (January 5) eleventh race [Ref: 01/06/11 (6)]. Driver Cisco was sitting behind #7 “Cinnamon”, who was disqualified and placed ninth in this race for interference before the 3/4 pole.

During film review Driver Cisco placed blame on the horse he was driving as far as any eleventh race interference was concerned. He said his mount ‘stalled’ and was ‘lugging in’. The stewards, however, unanimously felt it was ‘driver error’ that caused eleventh race rival #1 “Gee Up” (Lemoyne Svendsen) to strike the sulky wheel of “Cinnamon”. The stewards issued the following ruling:

**Ruling # 04**

*Driver Scott Cisco, who drove #7 “Cinnamon” in the Eleventh Race on Thursday, January 06, 2011 is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars 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 after the half mile pole – resulting in a disqualification.*

01/07/11 (2) **Sharon Vickroy Hearing (Case #10SW153)**

An informal hearing was held today in the Cal Expo steward's office regarding Stable Foreman Sharon Vickroy. Ms. Vickroy is allegedly delinquent in payment of \$3,230 in rent for use of a trailer space on the state property here.

Along with the stewards present today were California Horse Racing Board Senior Special Investigator Carol Nolan, Trainer Rick Plano (Ms. Vickroy's employer) and Ms. Vickroy herself. Representing Cal Expo was Marcia Shell, who serves as Admissions and Parking Manager. Ms. Shell and Ms. Vickroy signed a 'Financial Complaint Agreement' (CHRB Form 51) on September 27, 2010. Ms. Vickroy has failed to abide by the agreement. Trainer Rick Plano, on behalf of Ms. Vickroy, made an offer to Cal Expo's Shell, which she will entertain. Ms. Shell will inform Ms. Vickroy tomorrow (January 8) of the action that Cal Expo will take.

More to follow.

01/07/11 (3) **Eighth Race Recall**

Starter Bill Vallandingham flashed his 'recall' lights after observing #6 "WD Cowboy Justice" (Quentin Schneider) and #8 "Vic The Brick" (Steve Hyman) break their equipment before the start. A second attempt at a start went off without a hitch.

01/07/11 (4) **Program Changes**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration - #1 "Imagine The Chase" – Trainer Matias Ruiz

Refund: \$78 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

4<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #5 "Twentyten" – Trainer Alexander Lavery

Refund: \$57 No insurance – Stewards

5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #2 "Slicker N Quicker" – Trainer Rick Plano

Refund: \$255 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #1 "Itza Free For All" – Trainer Steve Wiseman

Refund: \$72 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #1 "Majestic Lass" – Trainer Rick Plano

Not eligible – Stewards

#6 "Rosridge Elberta" – Trainer Nathalie

Tremblay.

Refund Total: \$622 Not eligible – Stewards

11<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #9 "Speed Delinquent" – Trainer Alexander Lavery

Refund: \$14 No insurance – Stewards

12<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #3 "Café Art" – Trainer Robley Johnson

Refund: \$47 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

13<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #4 "Freedoms My Style" – Trainer Jose Ramirez

Refund: \$75 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

14<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #8 "Cherry Tree Kate" – Trainer Larry Alterman

Refund: \$76 Injured – Henry Cook, D.V.M.

01/07/11 (5)	<b><u>Attendance and Handle</u></b>	
	Attendance	257
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$48,529
	Handle (In State)	\$369,012
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$243,528</u>
	Total Handle	\$661,069

**Saturday**01/08/11 (1) **Recreation Hall Closes**

Two (2) large modular trailers that served as a recreation hall for Cal Expo horsemen were removed this week. The rec. hall was named in honor of the late Track Chaplin Jim Bordenkirscher. Ping-pong is now played in a room inside the Racing/Steward's Office Building.

01/08/11 (2) **Sharon Vickroy Hearing (continued)**

Marcia Shell (Cal Expo Admissions and Parking Manager), Stable Foreman Sharon Vickroy and Trainer Rick Plano appeared in the steward's office again [Ref: 01/07/11 (2)] today to address CHRB Complaint #10SW153. Trainer Rick Plano gave Ms. Shell a check in the amount of \$3,230 in order to bring his employee, Sharon Vickroy, in compliance with a 'Financial Complaint Agreement' that Ms. Vickroy signed on September 27, 2010. Now that Sharon Vickroy is current with her trailer park rent here at Cal Expo, this complaint has been withdrawn.

01/08/11 (3) **Official Visits**

United States Trotting Association (USTA) Director of Officials T.C. Lane paid the stewards a visit during the evening's races. Mr. Lane arrived here today, traveling from USTA Headquarters in Columbus Ohio. The annual meeting for USTA District 3 will be held at the nearby Sacramento Hilton tomorrow.

01/08/11 (4) **Ninth Race – Inquiry/Accident**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing an accident just after the 3/4 pole. In this Race, #3 "Check Raisin" (David Siegel) attempts to pass rival #1 "Bullet Tooth Tony" (Marco Rios) at the 3/4 pole. At this point, the left leg of "Check Raisin" gets caught in the sulky of #1 "Bullet Tooth Tony". This led to an accident in which both drivers hit the ground. #3 "Check Raisin" fell in this incident. #1 "Bullet Tooth Tony" did not fall; however, the sulky of this horse was severely damaged.

Both drivers involved were cleared to drive by human ambulance attendants. The horses involved were examined by Track Veterinarian Henry Cook and CHRB Veterinarian Goodbary, who did not report injuries of any kind.

Driver David Siegel was ordered to film review. Accident report attached.

01/08/11 (5) **Program Changes**

4 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #6 “The Ridge” – Trainer Raul Escobedo	Refund: \$212	Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
7 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #7 “Falcon Forte N” – Trainer Lester Smith	Refund: \$588	Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
10 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #5 “Looking At You” – Trainer Brian Solden	Refund: \$107	Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
11 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #4 “Develish Donnie” – Trainer Tim Brown	Refund: \$219	Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
12 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #7 “Sayitoutloud” – Trainer Tim Brown	Refund: \$252	Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

01/08/11 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	290
Live Handle (On Track)	\$46,655
Handle (In State)	\$433,089
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$309,803</u>
Total Handle	\$789,547

**RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK**

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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 after the half mile pole – resulting in a disqualification.

**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
6-Jan	7	7	AT A BOY ERIC	SILVESTRI II	Injured	Goodbary	\$368.00
	10	8	SENECA FALLS	TURTON	Injured	Goodbary	\$26.00
7-Jan	3	1	IMAGINE THE CHASE	RUIZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$78.00
	5	2	SLICKER N QUICKER	PLANO	Injured	Goodbary	\$255.00
	6	1	ITZA FREE FOR ALL	WISEMAN	Injured	Goodbary	\$72.00
	12	3	CAFÉ ART	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$47.00
	13	4	FREEDOMS MY STYLE	RAMIREZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$75.00
8-Jan	14	8	CHERRY TREE KATE	ALTERMAN	Sick	Cook	\$76.00
	5	6	THE RIDGE	ESCOBEDO	Injured	Goodbary	\$212.00
	7	7	FALCON FORTE N	SMITH	Injured	Goodbary	\$588.00
	10	5	LOOKING AT YOU	SOLDEN	Injured	Goodbary	\$107.00
	11	4	DEVILISH DONNIE	BROWN	Injured	Goodbary	\$219.00
	12	7	SAYITOUTLOUD	BROWN	Injured	Goodbary	\$252.00

**WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Bakersfield	\$	8,569.60
Fresno	\$	3,603.90
Fresno Club One	\$	2,084.40
Golden Gate	\$	34,104.20
Monterey	\$	14,600.70
Pleasanton	\$	24,507.30
Sacramento	\$	104,684.40
San Jose	\$	30,504.40
San Mateo	\$	51,490.30
Santa Rosa	\$	8,502.70
Stockton	\$	12,190.20
Vallejo	\$	13,864.70
So. California	\$	397,343.10
Out of State	\$	779,353.00

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION  
SUMMARY 2011**

	Mon 01/03	Tues 01/04	Wed 01/05	Thurs 01/06	Fri 01/07	Sat 01/08	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	1	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	0	0	2	2	3
Disqualifications	K	K	K	2	0	0	2	3
Inquiries	D	D	D	4	0	1	5	6
Refunds	A	A	A	4	10	5	19	19
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	0	1	0	1	4

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

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Will Meyers, Steward

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Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward