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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 28, 2011 through Sunday, April 3 2011. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

03/28/11 (1) **Entry Day**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Thursday March 31. Ten (10) races filled with seventy eight (78) horses scheduled to start.

03/28/11 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

03/29/11 (1) **Scratch & Double Entry Day**

Scratches and changes for March 31 were held this morning in the racing office. There were eight (8) driver changes activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

Races for Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 were drawn this morning in the racing office. Fourteen (14) races filled for April 1. One hundred seven (107) horses are scheduled to start.

Fourteen (14) races were also drawn for April 2. One hundred eight (108) horses are scheduled to start.

03/29/11 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

03/30/11 (1) **Scratch Time**

Scratches and changes for April 1 and April 2 took place this morning in the racing office. Nineteen (19) driver changes/selections took place for April 1.

Three (3) scratches and twenty one (21) driver changes/selections took place for April 2. All changes were activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

03/30/11 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

03/31/11 (1) **Executive Director Visits**

California Horse Racing Board Executive Director Kirk Breed and California Horse Racing Board Lead Investigator Carol Nolan met informally with the stewards, on their Holiday day off (Cesar Chavez Day) before tonight's racing card. Racing matters were discussed.

03/31/11 (2) **Karen Isbell Film Review**

Provisional Driver Karen Isbell appeared in the steward's office to review video replays of her drive of #6 "Cheyne's Train" in the fourth race on Friday, March 25. In the final twenty (20) yards, #6 "Cheyne's Train" ducks inward in front of fourth place finisher #4 "Anelectricmachine" (Luke Plano). Ms. Isbell accepted responsibility in the matter, stating she exhibited "bad horsemanship". The stewards showed race replays several times, emphasizing racing safety.

03/31/11 (1) **David Dawson Ruling (Ref: 03/18/11 [1] and 03/25/11 [1])**

The ruling below was issued following a hearing held at Cal Expo on March 18, 2011. Groom Dawson has indicated he wants an owner's license. He was issued a groom's license while his owner's license was under suspension for failing to abide by a financial agreement. That ruling was issued by Cal Expo stewards on July 14, 2001.

Ruling #25

Following a hearing held on March 18, 2011, Groom David Dawson is found to be in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered) and is ordered to abide by the terms of a written financial agreement with Owner Phillip Campbell, dated March 25, 2011, for the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) Dollars. Failure to adhere to the terms of this financial agreement (total amount due June 15, 2011) shall result in the immediate suspension of all licenses held by David Dawson.

The Cal Expo stewards also order that a fitness for licensure hearing be held prior to any other category of California Horse Racing Board license being issued to David Dawson.

This ruling sets aside Capitol Racing Association Ruling #158, dated July 14, 2001 that suspended Owner David Dawson for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$2,727.00 Owed to Phillip Campbell).

03/31/11 (2) **First Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing original fourth place finisher #1 "No Strings" (Steve Desomer) go on a 'break' about 3/16ths of a mile before the finish. #1 "No Strings" became somewhat unruly following the 'break' and raced inside at least three (3) track pylons before returning to the racetrack to compete.

The stewards ruled that ‘No Strings’ failed to lose ground while on a break, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (Breaking). Cal Expo pylon rules were also violated. In a unanimous vote, #1 “No Strings” was disqualified and placed seventh (last).

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

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

03/31/11 (3) **Second Race – Inquiry**

The inquiry sign was posted after the leader at the 3/4 pole, #2 “Dancing Barry” (sixth place – Rick Plano) went on a ‘break’. Driver Steve Desomer and #3 “Millions” (third place finisher) were impeded by “Dancing Barry” at this point and forced to go inside pylons. The offending horse #2 “Dancing Barry” finished behind #3 “Millions”; therefore there was ‘no change’ in the order of finish.

03/31/11 (4) **Third Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing first place finisher #7 “Final Chapter” (Richard Wojcio) racing ‘rough gaited’ for the final 1/2 mile of this one (1) mile race. There was also an inquiry into the actions of third place finisher #4 “Winsom Kelly” (Scott Cisco), who made a ‘break’ shortly after the start.

The stewards determined #7 “Final Chapter” did not make a break. The stewards also determined #4 “Winsome Kelly” complied with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (Breaking) by losing ground. The stewards made ‘no change’ in the order of finish after reviewing both of these occurrences.

03/31/11 (5) **Sixth Race – Inquiry**

The inquiry sign was posted after the stewards viewed 6/5 favorite #1 “Franky Provolone” (Luke Plano) check sharply in tight quarters while racing along on the inside with about one hundred (100) yards to race. The horse in dispute in this race was first place finisher #8 “Miss In Love” (Steve Wiseman), who was racing directly in front of #1 “Franky Provolone”. The stewards unanimously ruled that #8 “Miss In Love” raced ‘straight’ in the final one hundred (100) yards and that no change in the order of finish was required.

03/31/11 (6) **Tenth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign for the fifth time (50% of the card) this evening after viewing second place finisher #1 “Cherry Tree Rojo” (Tim Maier) go on a ‘break’ before the start. After film review, the stewards unanimously ruled #1 “Cherry Tree Rojo” complied with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (Breaking). No change.

03/31/11 (7) **Program Changes**

6th Race Declaration - #3 “Maledictorian” – Trainer Gary Barbere
 Refund: \$282 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
 7th Race Declaration - #7 “Big Baller” – Trainer Vickie Desomer
 Refund: \$217 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

03/31/11 (8)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	159
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$40,185
	Handle (In State)	\$245,676
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$319,131</u>
	Total Handle	\$604,992

Friday04/01/11 (1) **Fourth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing second place finisher #2 “Dreamway Clocker” (Richard Schneider) go on a ‘break’ before the start. The stewards ruled after film review that there was no interference or any other violation in this matter. In a unanimous decision no change was made in the order of finish.

04/01/11 (2) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Program Correction - #2 “Dani California”

Program should read ‘Regular Lasix’

4th Race Program Correction - #1 “MVP Selena N Nick”

Ownership should read ‘Ron Lingle, Cottage Grove, MN’

11th Race Driver Change - #8 David Siegel for Frank Petrelli
(stomach problems)

04/01/11 (3) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	274
Live Handle (On Track)	\$57,274
Handle (In State)	\$507,773
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$401,721</u>
Total Handle	\$966,768

Saturday04/02/11 (1) **Steve Hyman Ruling****Ruling # 26**

Driver Steve Hyman, who drove #7 “Vic The Brick” in the First Race on April 1, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Violation of ‘Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule’ – (2) Drivers Must Keep One Line or Rein or Handhold In Each Hand At All Times During the Race Except When the Horse and Driver Reach the 7/8 Pole Marker During the Race. (4)(A) Any Blatant or Exaggerated Movements of the Whipping Arm Which Will Result From Raising the Elbow Above the Driver’s Shoulder Height and/or Allowing the Hand Holding the Whip to Reach Behind the Driver During the Use of the Whip).

Driver Steve Hyman violated the ‘Cal Expo whipping rule’ by whipping one-handed before the 7/8ths pole and taking his arm behind his shoulder when whipping in the stretch. He waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty stated above.

04/02/11 (2) **Tim Maier Ruling****Ruling # 27**

Driver Tim Maier, who drove #1 “Cherry Tree Nicole” in the Second Race on Friday April 1, 2011 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).

Driver Tim Maier was ‘off the gate’ several lengths when driving 4/5 shot “Cherry Tree Nicole” in the second race April 1, 2011. This horse finished third. The stewards unanimously ruled to issue the penalty above.

04/02/11 (3) **Qualifying Races**

Four (4) qualifying races were held prior to tonight’s fourteen (14) race pari-mutuel card. Of the twenty five (25) participants, twenty (20) made the grade.

04/02/11 (4) **Hot Driver**

Fifth leading driver Luke Plano celebrated his thirty first (31st) birthday tonight by guiding five (5) horses into the Cal Expo winner’s circle.

04/02/11 (5) **Third Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after this race to view two (2) incidents.

The first incident involved third place finisher #4 “Achy Breaky Art” (Steve Wiseman), who goes on a ‘break’ while pacing at the mid-way point of the ‘first turn’. Driver Wiseman ‘takes back’ on his mount, thereby complying with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (Breaking) by losing ground. The stewards ruled (unanimously) that this incident did not warrant a disqualification.

The second incident involved original fourth place finisher #5 “Deano’s Hi Ho” at the finish necessitating the stewards to enforce California Horse Racing Board Rule #1723 (Lapped-on Break). For this violation, #5 “Deano’s Hi Ho” was disqualified and placed fifth.

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

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

04/02/11 (6) **Program Changes**

5th Race Declaration - #6 “Victory Felicia” – Trainer Amanda Fraser

Refund: \$84

Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

7th Race Declaration - #4 “Above Timberline” – Trainer Liberio Pacheco

Refund: \$266

Deceased – Stewards

10th Race Declaration - #9 “Fearless Sahbra” – Trainer Liberio Pacheco

Refund: \$452

Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

04/02/11 (7)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	409
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$56,260
	Handle (In State)	\$471,067
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$392,239</u>
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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
31-Mar	6	7	MALEDICTORIAN	BARBERE	Injured	Goodbary	\$282.00
	7	7	BIG BALLER	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$217.00
2-Apr	5	6	VICTORY FELICIA	FRASER	Injured	Goodbary	\$84.00
	10	9	FEARLESS SAHBRA	PACHECO	Injured	Goodbary	\$452.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	10,821.60
Fresno	\$	10,165.20
Fresno Club One	\$	4,749.00
Golden Gate	\$	54,514.40
Monterey	\$	10,028.10
Pleasanton	\$	28,070.90
Sacramento	\$	119,117.50
San Jose	\$	40,111.10
San Mateo	\$	63,696.30
Santa Rosa	\$	9,770.80
Stockton	\$	23,381.40
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	20,120.60
So. California	\$	496,575.45
Out of State	\$	1,113,091.71

CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY

2011

	Mon 03/28	Tues 03/29	Wed 03/30	Thurs 03/31	Fri 04/01	Sat 04/02	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	0	1	2	3	23
Disqualifications	K	K	K	1	0	1	2	18
Inquiries	D	D	D	5	1	1	7	56
Refunds	A	A	A	2	0	3	5	148
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	1	0	2	3	27

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward