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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, May 30, 2011 through Sunday, June 05, 2011. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the period.

Monday

05/30/11 (1) **Entry Day**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Thursday, June 2. Eight (8) races were drawn. Sixty Four (64) horses are scheduled to start.

05/30/11 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

05/31/11 (1) **Scratch/Entry Day**

Scratch time for Thursday, June 2 took place this morning in the racing office. Two (2) scratches and thirteen (13) driver changes/selections were activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline. Eleven (11) races filled for Friday, June 3. Thirteen (13) races filled for Saturday, June 4.

05/31/11 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

06/01/11 (1) **Scratch Time**

Scratch time for Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4 was held this morning in the racing office. Two (2) scratches and twenty four (24) driver changes/selections took place for June 3.

Twenty one (21) driver changes/selections were made for June 4. All changes were activated after this morning's 9:00 a.m. deadline.

06/01/11 (2) **Michael P. Marchand Hearing (Case No. 11SW0034)**

Mike Franga (Owner - Cal Expo Tack) appeared in the steward's office to address an alleged delinquent tack bill that had been credited to Groom

Michael P. Marchand. Groom Marchand failed to appear at today's hearing. More to follow.

- 06/01/11 (3) **Brian Marchand VS Expo Tack (Case No. 11SW0033)**
 Driver/Trainer (expired) Brian Marchand, whose trainer's license expired last month, appeared in the steward's office to address an unpaid tack bill owed to vendor Expo Tack. Marchand signed a financial payment agreement in which he agrees to pay his bill in full by June 4.
- 06/01/11 (4) **Brian Marchand VS Kathryn Jones, DVM (Case 11SW0033 [A])**
 Driver/Trainer (expired) Brian Marchand appeared today to address bills, for lasix administrations, that he incurred before his trainer's license expired on April 30, 2011. Marchand and Dr. Kathryn Jones signed a payment agreement where Marchand agrees to pay \$278 in full by June 18, 2011.
- 06/01/11 (5) **Dark Day**

Thursday

- 06/02/11 (1) **Quentin Schneider Film Review**
 Driver Quentin Schneider appeared in the steward's office to review his drive in the third race on May 28, 2011. Driver Schneider was aboard post time favorite (odds 7/5) #1 "Lakers R Electric" who finished fourth in this race.
 Shortly after the 1/2 mile pole #1 "Lakers R Electric" pulls out in front of a fast moving #2 "Hell N Damnation" (Scott Cisco) who was 'first to pull' and eventually went on to finish second. This action forced Driver Cisco ("Hell N Damnation") to 'check' his horse.
 Driver Schneider was candid during film review, accepting responsibility for misjudging his clearance of #2 "Hell N Damnation" when he 'pulled late'. The stewards unanimously voted to issue the following ruling:

Ruling # 57

Driver Quentin Schneider, who drove "Lakers R Electric" in the Third Race on Saturday, May 28, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (F) (Driving Rules – Carry a Horse Out). Incident occurred near the 1/2 mile marker.

- 06/02/11 (2) **Trish McConnell Hearing (Case #11SW0018) (Ref: 04/07/11 [1])**
 Trainer Trish McConnell appeared in the steward's office to address a complaint filed against her by the California Horse Racing Board for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), Rule #1989 (Removal or Denial of Access), Rule #1899 (Offenses Requiring Suspension) and Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation). Wendy Frazier (Frazier Reporting) was on hand to transcribe the proceedings. This hearing is a continuance of our initial hearing which was held on April 7, 2011. A major portion of this hearing stems from an

outstanding warrant for \$1,500 issued on November 13, 2007 by Sacramento Superior Court for vehicle code violations.

At this hearing Trainer McConnell brought paperwork showing she had paid all bills due to Cal Expo (shavings) and George Dorr (sulky/jog card repair). Trainer McConnell was ordered to complete fourteen (14) hours of community service in order to comply with an alternative sentencing agreement ordered by Sacramento County Superior Court in regards to the vehicle code violations. Ms. McConnell has four (4) more hours of community service to complete. She told the stewards that she will complete the remaining hours by the end of this week. More to follow.

06/02/11 (3) **Tote Problems**

Prior to the first, second and third races, the placing judge console in the steward's stand was unable to activate the 'stop betting' mechanism. The tote department was called prior to these races and they were able to stop all betting. Cal Expo Mutuel Manager Glen Harris came upstairs to the judge's stand to adjust some wiring that 'corrected' this issue for the rest of the evening.

06/02/11 (4) **Second Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after observing fourth place finisher #2 "Red Star Tweedy" (Richard Wojcio) 'step in' slightly after the 3/4 pole. This incident seemed to have some effect on fifth place finisher #3 "Just Plum Lucky" (Luke Plano) who angled inward in reaction to the actions of #2 "Red Star Tweedy".

After film review, the stewards unanimously ruled that this incident did not warrant a disqualification. No change.

06/02/11 (5) **Eighth Race – Objection**

Following the running of the eighth race, Driver James Lackey, who drove original sixth place finisher #4 "Try This", called the stewards to lodge an objection. This claim of foul was against original fifth place finisher #3 "Mr Me" (Susan Boyce).

Race replays show Driver Boyce (#3 "Mr Me") pull out in front of #4 "Try This" who was trotting well in mid-pack before the 3/4 pole. In the unanimous opinion of the stewards, this incident cost #4 "Try This" an opportunity for a better placing. The stewards disqualified #3 "Mr Me" and placed him sixth. Driver Sue Boyce will be contacted for the purpose of attending a film review with the stewards.

Original order of finish: 7-6-8-9-3-4-1-2-10-5

Official order of finish: 7-6-8-9-4-3-1-2-10-5

06/02/11 (6) **TVG Returns**

For the first time in several months, Cal Expo Harness Races were shown on the TVG nationwide network. Races five (5), six (6) and seven (7) were all shown in their entirety.

06/02/11 (7) **Program Changes**

None

06/02/11 (8)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	245
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$25,477
	Handle (In State)	\$290,428
	<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$248,644</u>
	Total Handle	\$564,549

Friday06/03/11 (1) **Luke Plano Film Review**

Driver Luke Plano appeared in the steward's office to review his drive aboard #1 "One And Only" who finished first in last night's (June 2) first race. The stewards observed Driver Plano dropping his left foot out of his sulky stirrup and make contact with the 'hock area' of his mount. The stewards told Driver Plano there was 'no excuse' for this action. Driver Plano agreed. The stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 58

Driver Luke Plano, who drove #1 "One And Only" in the First Race on June 2, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Driving With Foot Out of Stirrup/Urging by Contact).

06/03/11 (2) **Tote Problem**

The mutuel wagering system wouldn't lock via our placing judge console prior to this evening's 10th Race. The tote department was telephoned immediately and that department stopped all wagering. Tote Technician Michelle Arendt came upstairs to the judge's stand to work on the malfunctioning placing console. She also contacted the QDC (Sacramento) hub for assistance.

06/03/11 (3) **Smooth Card**

Tonight's eleven (11) race card went well, racing wise, as it was free of steward's inquiries and/or driver objections.

06/03/11 (4) **Very Hot Driver**

Driver Steve Wiseman, who is second in the driver standings at Cal Expo, had a career night this evening at Cal Expo. Driver Wiseman guided seven (7) horses into the winner's circle on this evening's eleven (11) race card. Driver Wiseman now has ninety eight (98) wins since our August 13, 2010 opening.

06/03/11 (5) **Program Changes**

4 th Race Declaration - #8 "Laughs Last" – Trainer Alan Anderson	
Refund: \$181	Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM
8 th Race Declaration - #6 "Dine N Wine" – Trainer Vickie Desomer	
Refund: \$403	Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM
9 th Race Declaration - #5 "Fullback In Motion" – Trainer Tim Brown	
Refund: \$614	Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM
10 th Race Declaration - #2 "Freedoms My Style" – Trainer Jose Ramirez	
Refund: \$159	Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

06/03/11 (6)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	429
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$44,777
	Handle (In State)	\$381,135
	<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$236,206</u>
	Total Handle	\$662,118

Saturday06/04/11 (1) **Susan Boyce Film Review**

Driver Susan Boyce appeared in the steward's office to review her drive in the eighth race on Thursday, June 2. Driver Boyce sat behind #3 "Mr Me" who finished fifth but was disqualified [Ref: 06/02/11 (5)] and placed sixth following a driver's objection, for interference before the 3/4 pole. Driver Boyce accepted responsibility for this drive in which she impeded race rival #4 "Try This" (James Lackey) by forcing him wide before entering the homestretch. The stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 59

Driver Susan Boyce, who drove "Mr Me" in the Eighth Race on Thursday, June 2, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (F) (Driving Rules – Carry a Horse Out- Resulting in a Disqualification). Incident Occurred Near the 3/4 Mile Marker.

06/04/11 (2) **Off Track**

Heavy and unseasonable June rain led the steward's to rate tonight's first race as a 'sloppy track'.

06/04/11 (3) **Second Race – No Show Wagering**

The late scratches of #2 "Stanza" and #3 "Haggin Oaks" reduced tonight's second race to a four (4) horse field. The stewards cancelled show wagering. #5 "Red Star Popeye" (Lemoyne Svendsen) went on to win this race at the odds of 7/2.

06/04/11 (4) **Sixth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing an incident as the horses entered the stretch. Fourth place finisher #4 "Lodi Nickolus" (Pierre Girard) drifts outward while passing the 3/4 pole. At this point #4 "Lodi Nickolus" steps out into the path of original fifth place finisher #7 "Winsom Kelly", forcing that rival off his path and also forcing him to break stride. The stewards spoke with both drivers involved. Following race replays, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #4 "Lodi Nickolus" and place him fifth.

Driver Pierre Girard was ordered to film review with the stewards.

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

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

06/04/11 (5) **Track Upgraded**

The stewards upgraded the track condition to 'good' prior to this evening's seventh race.

06/04/11 (6) **Ninth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fifth place finisher #8 “Pedal On The Right” (Driver Nick Casale) make two (2) breaks in the homestretch. “Pedal On The Right” was 11 ¾ lengths in front of nearest rival, sixth place finisher #4 “Agirlthing” (Bennie Mancino). After film review, in a unanimous vote, the stewards made ‘no change’ in the order of finish.

06/04/11 (7) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Declarations - #2 “Stanza” – Trainer Steve Wiseman
 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM
 #3 “Haggin Oaks” – Trainer James Kennedy
 Total Refund: \$286 Track Condition – Stewards
 3rd Race Declaration - #5 “Bronte Anas Boy” – Trainer Liberio Pacheco
 Refund: \$135 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM
 6th Race Declaration - #2 “I’m So Sulky” – Trainer Alan Anderson
 Refund: \$44 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM
 9th Race Declaration - #3 “Askmetootherball” – Trainer Lester Smith
 Refund: \$55 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM
 11th Race Declaration - #2 “Falcon Forte N” – Trainer Lester Smith
 Refund: \$132 Track Condition – Stewards
 12th Race Driver Change - #1
 T. Succarotte for J. Kennedy (Kennedy trains rival horse)
 13th Race Declaration - #4 “Natty Lite” – Trainer Raul Escobedo
 Refund: \$161 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

06/04/11 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	308
Live Handle (On Track)	\$41,888
Handle (In State)	\$388,982
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$373,410</u>
Total Handle	\$804,280

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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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
3-Jun	4	8	LAUGHS LAST	ANDERSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$1,818.00
	8	6	DINE N WINE	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$403.00
	9	5	FULLBACK IN MOTION	BROWN	Injured	Goodbary	\$614.00
	10	2	FREEDOMS MY STYLE	RAMIREZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$159.00
4-Jun	2	2	STANZA	WISEMAN	Injured	Goodbary	\$172.00
	3	5	BRONTE ANAS BOY	PACHECO	Injured	Goodbary	\$135.00
	6	2	I'M SO SULKY	ANDERSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$44.00
	9	3	ASKMETOOTHEBALL	SMITH	Injured	Goodbary	\$55.00
	11	2	FALCON FORTE N	SMITH	Injured	Goodbary	\$132.00
	13	4	NATTY LITE	ESCOBEDO	Injured	Goodbary	\$161.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	6,805.50
Fresno	\$	5,063.60
Fresno Club One	\$	4,613.10
Golden Gate	\$	40,339.00
Monterey	\$	9,853.30
Pleasanton	\$	24,956.30
Sacramento	\$	86,971.20
San Jose	\$	33,857.80
San Mateo	\$	45,473.50
Santa Rosa	\$	7,738.00
Stockton	\$	16,962.80
Tulare	\$	599.90
Turlock	\$	599.90
Vallejo	\$	16,945.70
So. California	\$	390,788.00
Out of State	\$	858,260.11

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2011**

	Mon 05/30	Tues 05/31	Wed 06/01	Thurs 06/02	Fri 06/03	Sat 06/04	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	13
Claims	R	R	R	0	0	0	0	33
Disqualifications	K	K	K	1	0	1	2	38
Inquiries	D	D	D	2	0	2	4	104
Refunds	A	A	A	0	4	8	12	216
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	1	1	1	3	59

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