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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Thursday, September 12, 2011 through Sunday, September 18, 2011. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

09/12/11 (1) **Entry Day**

The race office was open today, accepting entries for Friday and Saturday's program.

Additionally, the steward's list was checked and ownership transfers and trainer changes were processed.

09/12/11 (2) **Trainer Test**

Licensee Sue Boyce, who is anticipating a return to the training ranks, wrote the California Horse Racing Board Trainers Test today. More to follow.

09/12/11 (3) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

09/13/11 (1) **Weekly Draws**

At 9:00 a.m. a draw was conducted for Friday's card with one hundred fourteen (114) head programmed to start in fourteen (14) overnight events.

Immediately following, a draw was held for Saturday's card with one hundred twenty (120) head drawn to compete in fifteen (15) overnight events.

Scratch time for both cards is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

09/13/11 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

09/14/11 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday and Saturday's Cards**

At scratch time for Friday's card there were numerous driver corrections and five (5) injured scratches.

For Saturday's card there were numerous driver corrections and three (3) injured scratches.

09/14/11 (2) **Trainer's Test**

Prospective Trainers Jeff Olsen and Alberto Pacheco were in to take their California Horse Racing Board Trainer's Test. More to follow.

09/14/11 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

09/15/11 (1) **Formal Hearing – CHRB Complaint #11SW-0049**

Citing violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 and #1530, the aforementioned complaint was scheduled to be heard today, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Stewards, along with California Horse Racing Board Investigators Carol Nolan and Rodney MacDonovich, with recording by Yvonne Fenner of Wendy Fraser Reporting, opened the hearing.

Licensee David A. Dawson, having failed to appear, the Board of Stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 07

Groom David A. Dawson, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Cal-Expo (Sacramento) on or before Thursday September 15, 2011 to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1530 (Cases Not Covered By Rules and Regulations) is hereby Suspended pending an appearance before the Board of Stewards for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of Suspension all licenses and license privileges David A. Dawson are Suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

09/15/11 (2) **Dark Day**

Friday**09/16/11 (1) Film Review – R. Bertrand**

Driver Richard Bertrand appeared to review his drive in Saturday's (09/10/11) 3rd Race.

Film clearly demonstrates Driver Bertrand's violation of the Cal Expo House "Whipping Rule".

After some discussion, Driver Bertrand accepted the Board of Steward's assessment of the situation and the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 08

Driver Richard Bertrand, who drove "Stand Out Girl" in the Third Race on September 10, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Violation of 'Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule' – (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).

09/16/11 (2) Driver Luke Plano – Film Review

Driver Luke Plano appeared as requested to review his drive on #6 "Sayitoutloud" in Saturday's (09/10/11) 8th Race.

Driver Plano, whose horse won the event, was observed with his left foot out of the stirrup during the stretch drive.

Owing to the poor quality of the video and Plano's candor, the Board of Stewards issued a stern warning and informed Driver Plano that any future violations would result in 'days'.

Plano assured the Board of Stewards that he would make a concerted effort to do better.

09/16/11 (3) Film Review – Driver Bernie Mancino

Driver Bernie Mancino, who drove "Sayitoutloud" in Saturday's 11th Race and was ordered to film review failed to appear.

He did, however, contact the Board of Stewards by telephone and accepted responsibility for his actions.

In light of these facts, the Board of Stewards issued the following ruling. Driver Mancino was advised that an order to film review should not be regarded as an RSVP invitation and repeat of this failure would result in serious consequences.

09/16/11 (3) *continue*

Ruling # 09

Driver Bernie Mancino, who drove #4 "Looking At You" in the Eleventh Race on Saturday September 10, 2011 is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1721 (A) (Driving Rules – Change Either to the Right or Left During Any Part of the Race When Another Horse is So Near That In Altering the Position of His Horse He Compels the Horse Behind Him to Shorten His Stride, or Causes the Driver of Such Other Horse to Pull Such Horse Out of His Stride). Incident Occurred as the Field Approached the 1/2 Mile Marker, Resulting in a Disqualification.

09/16/11 (4) **Driver Illness / Excused**

Driver Ralph Silvestri III contacted the stewards by telephone, asking to be excused from his driving commitments on this evening's card due to illness.

The Board of Stewards granted the request and the following driver changes were made:

Race Three - #6 "Deano's Hi Ho"

Tony Succarotte for Ralph Silvestri III

Race Six - #1 "Deal Me In"

Scott Cisco for Ralph Silvestri III

Race Thirteen - #5 "Freedomize"

Tony Succarotte for Ralph Silvestri III

Race Fourteen - #8 "Don't Dally Witch"

Tony Succarotte for Ralph Silvestri III

09/16/11 (5) **Fourth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The 'inquiry' sign was posted to review the actions of #5 "Twice The Ruckus" (James Kennedy), the eventual race winner who broke stride immediately after the start.

After reviewing video, the stewards unanimously concluded that #5 complied with the 'breaking rule', thus no change.

09/16/11 (6) **Drivers to Film Review**

During the course of this evening's card, Drivers Steve Wiseman(2nd), Gene Vallandingham (8th), Luke Plano (14th) and David Siegel (14th) were ordered to film review. (More to follow)

09/16/11 (7) **Program Changes**

4th Race Declaration - #2 "K D Amazin Spirit" – Trainer Keith Willey

Refund: \$60 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

10th Race Program Correction - #9 "King Carver"

Program should read: "1st Time Lasix"

09/16/11 (8)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	281
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$42,861
	Handle (In State)	\$347,964
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$360,148</u>
	Total Handle	\$750,973

Saturday

09/17/11 (1) **Qualifying Entries and Sheet**

Entries were taken and a qualifying sheet produced for five (5) qualifying races commencing at 4:00 p.m. today, with twenty seven (27) horses scheduled to attempt to qualify.

09/17/11 (2) **Qualifying Races**

Qualifying races were held commencing at 4:00 p.m. with twenty (20) of twenty seven (27) participants successful in their qualifying efforts.

09/17/11 (3) **Film Review / Steve Wiseman [Ref: 09/16/11 (6)]**

Leading Driver Steve Wiseman appeared as requested to review his drive in Friday's 2nd Race.

Driver Wiseman was very candid in acknowledging his violation of the Cal Expo 'House Whipping Rule' and consequently, the Board of Stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 10

Driver Steve Wiseman, who drove "Scooter Babe" in the Second Race on September 16, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Violation of 'Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule' – (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).

09/17/11 (4) **Film Review / Gene Vallandingham [Ref: 09/16/11 (6)]**

Veteran Driver Gene Vallandingham appeared to review his drive in Friday's 8th Race.

The stewards were concerned with two (2) possible violations of the 'Starting Rule'.

Despite problems with video available to the stewards for review, Driver Vallandingham acknowledged the rule violations offering the 'difficulty controlling his horse' as an explanation.

09/17/11 (4) *continued*

The Board of Stewards, referring to Driver Vallandingham's history in this area, after some discussion, issued the following ruling. Driver Vallandingham concurred.

Ruling # 13

Driver Gene Vallandingham, who drove #5 "Exquisite Gem" in the Eighth Race on Friday, September 16, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1731 (E) (Driver Infractions [Starting Rules] – Crossing Over Before Reaching the Start) and 1731 (G) (Driver Infractions – Fail to Come Up Into Position).

09/17/11 (5) **Film Review / Luke Plano [Ref: 09/16/11 (6)]**

Driver Luke Plano appeared as requested to review his drive in Friday's 14th Race.

Video verifies Driver Plano's violation of the Cal Expo 'House Whipping Rule'. Driver Plano acknowledged the violation and the Board of Stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 11

Driver Luke Plano, who drove "Charmer" in the Fourteenth Race on September 16, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Violation of 'Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule' – (2) Driver Must Keep One Line in Each Hand at All Times During the Race Except When the Horse and Driver Reach the 7/8 Mile Marker During the Race.

09/17/11 (6) **Film Review / David Siegel [Ref: 09/16/11 (6)]**

Similarly, Driver David Siegel appeared to review his drive in Friday's 14th Race.

Video verifies Driver Siegel's violation of the Cal Expo 'House Whipping Rule'. Driver Siegel concurred with the Board of Steward's assessment of the situation and the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 12

Driver David Siegel, who drove "Spanish Rosey" in the Fourteenth Race on September 16, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Violation of 'Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule' – (2) Driver Must Keep One Line in Each Hand at All Times During the Race Except When the Horse and Driver Reach the 7/8 Mile Marker During the Race.

09/17/11 (7) **Driver Illness / Driver Changes**

Driver Ralph Silvestri III again contacted the Board of Stewards reporting an illness and inability to fulfill his driving commitments.

Consequently, the stewards initiated the following driver changes:

Race Six - #7 "At A Boy Eric"

Steve Wiseman for Ralph Silvestri III

Race Seven - #6 "Amcam"

Tony Succarotte for Ralph Silvestri III

Race Nine - #5 "TJ Beach Poker"

Rich Wojcio for Ralph Silvestri III

Race Ten - #1 "Nikoleta"

Rich Wojcio for Ralph Silvestri III

Race Eleven - #9 "Natty Lite"

Jason Maier Rich Wojcio for Ralph Silvestri III

Race Fourteen - #8 "Bullet Tooth Tony"

Tony Succarotte Rich Wojcio for Ralph Silvestri III

Driver Silvestri was informed he would need to provide a medical clearance before being allowed to accept drives.

Additionally, Driver Frank Petrelli reported ill on Saturday and was replaced on his only drive of the evening by David Siegel.

09/17/11 (8) **CHRB Trainer's Test Aspirants [Ref: 09/12/11 (2) & 09/14/11 (2)]**

Of the three (3) licensees writing the Trainer's Test, Licensee Jeff Olsen was successful. The Board of Stewards offers their congratulations.

09/17/11 (9) **Twelfth Race – Inquiry/No Change – Film Review [Ref: 09/16/11 (6)]**

The 'inquiry' sign was lit to examine the stretch drive, particularly the actions of #5 "High Maintenance" (Luke Plano), the eventual eighth (8th) place finisher.

Video revealed that as the field entered the stretch, #5 suddenly veered inside the pylons for no apparent reason.

After reviewing video and speaking with Driver Plano who said that he was taking 'evasive action' as #6 "Ravenswood Racey" (George Luster) was in very close quarters and acting aggressively in attempting to move forward.

The stewards felt these actions did not cost #5 a chance at a better placing, thus no change.

Driver George Luster was ordered to film review. More to follow.

09/17/11 (10) **Fourteenth Race – Accident**

As the field approached the 3/8 mile marker, #8 “Bullet Tooth Tony” (Tony Succarotte) broke stride. #1 “Western Hurricane” (James Kennedy), who was following closely behind #8, was unable to avoid #8’s sulky and subsequently ‘hooked wheels’ with #8.

#8 was dragged sideways, unseating Driver Succarotte, who was propelled inside the pylons. #8 was caught by Outrider Billy Don Wainscott without incident.

#1 recovered and managed to complete the course, many lengths in arrears. #’s 4, 5 and 6, while somewhat compromised, were able to complete the course.

Both drivers involved were cleared by the EMTs and participated in the evening’s final event. Both horses were uninjured.

09/17/11 (11) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Declaration - #6 “Got The Giggles” – Trainer Robley Johnson
 Refund: \$139 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 14th Race Declaration - #3 “Air Ivy” – Trainer Harris Levin
 Refund: \$188 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

09/17/11 (12) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	391
Live Handle (On Track)	\$44,329
Handle (In State)	\$292,921
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$265,252</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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
16-Sep	4	2	K D AMAZIN SPIRIT	WILLEY	Injured	Goodbary	\$60.00
17-Sep	3	6	GOT THE GIGGLES	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$139.00
	14	3	AIR IVY	LEVIN	Injured	Goodbary	\$188.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	4,468.50
Fresno	\$	2,446.60
Fresno Club One	\$	1,471.10
Golden Gate	\$	31,201.40
Monterey	\$	-
Pleasanton	\$	16,428.60
Sacramento	\$	76,724.70
San Jose	\$	26,567.20
San Mateo	\$	40,505.40
Santa Rosa	\$	4,668.90
Stockton	\$	13,777.40
Tulare	\$	654.80
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	9,599.60
So. California	\$	283,477.20
Out of State	\$	625,400.41

CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY

2011

	Mon 09/12	Tues 09/13	Wed 09/14	Thurs 09/15	Fri 09/16	Sat 09/17	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	1	1	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	0	0	5
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	2	2	4	15
Refunds	A	A	A	A	1	2	3	7
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	4	7	13

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

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward