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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, September 26, 2011 through Sunday, October 02, 2011. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

09/26/11 (1)

**Entry Day**

The Cal Expo racing office staff was on duty today. Entries were taken for races to be contested on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1.

**Tuesday**

09/27/11 (1)

**Draw Day**

The racing office drew races this morning for Friday September 30 and Saturday October 1. Fifteen (15) races filled for September 30. One hundred twenty six (126) horses are scheduled to start. Fifteen (15) races were also drawn for October 1. One hundred thirty two (132) horses are scheduled to start.

**Wednesday**

09/28/11 (1)

**Scratch Day**

Scratches and changes were taken today for Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1. Three (3) scratches and thirty seven (37) driver changes/selections were submitted for September 30. The overnight for October 1 saw three (3) scratches and forty one (41) driver changes/selections. All changes were activated after this morning's 9:00 deadline.

**Friday**

09/30/11 (1)

**James Ruchotzke Ruling**

**Ruling # 14**

*Trainer (Expired) James Ruchotzke; having now discharged the outstanding financial obligation owed to Barbara Arnold (\$5,042) by*

*submittal of documentation from the United States Bankruptcy Court (Eastern District – California – Case No. 09-47432-C-7) to the stewards at Cal Expo is hereby declared eligible for re-licensing and Sacramento Harness Ruling #19, dated January 20, 2006 suspending James Ruchotzke for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is set aside.*

James Ruchotzke, who last carried a trainer's license in California in 2008, paid a visit to the steward's office last week. He brought paperwork with him from the United States Bankruptcy Court (Eastern District) that was titled 'Discharge of Debtor'. This paperwork was filed April 19, 2010.

The stewards set aside Sacramento Harness Ruling #19, which was dated January 20, 2006. The stewards approved James Ruchotzke today for a qualifying driver's license.

- 09/30/11 (2) **Meet Schedule**  
Cal Expo announced today that racing scheduled for next week, Thursday October 6 and the following week, Thursday, October 13, has been cancelled.
- 09/30/11 (3) **First Race - Recall**  
Starter Bill Vallandingham flashed his 'recall lights' prior to the start of the evening's first race. #4 "Nirvana Gold" (Tony Succarotte) had a loose shoe and subsequently, returned to the paddock for shoe repair.
- 09/30/11 (4) **Second Race – Inquiry**  
The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing eventual second place finisher, #4 "Twice The Ruckus" (Luke Plano) go on a 'break' while racing in second position after the 1/4 mile pole.  
"Twice The Ruckus" was offstride for over twenty (20) strides, however Driver Luke Plano swiftly took his mount to the outside and then to fifth (last) position, thereby complying with CHRB Rule #1722 (Breaking). The stewards, in a unanimous decision, voted for 'no change' in the order of finish.
- 09/30/11 (5) **Tenth Race – Inquiry**  
The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing third place finisher #9 "Racetrack Diva" (Jason Maier) drift out during homestretch competition in the final 1/16<sup>th</sup>. This action appeared to force fourth place finisher, #1 "Moody Miss (Lemoyne Svendsen), off his straight path. The margin between these two (2) rivals was one (1) length at the finish.  
The stewards conducted a thorough film review and spoke to both drivers involved. In a unanimous decision, 'no change' was made in the order of finish. Driver Jason Maier was ordered to film review with the stewards tomorrow October 1.

09/30/11 (6) **Fifteenth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fourth place finisher #3 “TJ Beach Poker” (Richard Wojcio) shift out in front of sixth place finisher #6 “Cash Allowance” (Luke Plano) while approaching the 3/4 mile marker. Following film review, the stewards felt this action did not warrant changing the original order of finish. After speaking to both drivers involved, the stewards unanimously voted for no change.

09/30/11 (7) **Program Changes**

1<sup>st</sup> Race: #1 “Ravenswood Racey” should read “off lasix”

6<sup>th</sup> Race: #2 “Day Tripper” should read “regular lasix”

9<sup>th</sup> Race: #9 “Precious Few” should read “off lasix”

11<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #5 “Blissfull Winds” – Trainer Gene Vallandingham

Refund: \$357                      Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

13<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #2 “At A Boy Eric” – Trainer Frank Petrelli

Refund: \$3                         Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

14<sup>th</sup> Race: #7 “Looking At You” should read “first time lasix”

09/30/11 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	278
Live Handle (On Track)	\$42,409
Handle (In State)	\$376,701
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$386,512</u>
Total Handle	\$805,622

**Saturday**10/01/11 (1) **Qualifying Races**

Seven (7) qualifying races were held prior to this evening’s fifteen (15) race pari-mutuel card. Of the forty two (42) participants, thirty (30) made the grade.

10/01/11 (2) **Eleventh Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after observing third place finisher #6 “Still Stylin” (Tony Succarotte) become ‘rough gaited’ with 3/16 of a mile left to race. After film review, it was determined that “Still Stylin” would not be carded with a break and there was nothing to warrant a disqualification. No change.

10/01/11 (3) **Program Changes**

6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #5 “Tequila On Ice” – Trainer James Wilkinson

Refund: \$98                         Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #1 “Eggwhite Inmy Beer” – Trainer Kennedy Lindsey

Refund: \$60                         Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

8<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change - #8 J. Lackey for S. Cisco (office error)

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #3 “Diamond Player” – Trainer Bob Johnson

Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

#8 “Sun On The Rocks” – Trainer Libero Pacheco

Refund Total: \$173     Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

12<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #9 “Big Guy Two Win” – Trainer Denise Maier

Refund: \$170                         Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

15<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change - #3 H. Herrera for R. Wojcio (excused – stewards)

10/01/11 (4)	<b><u>Attendance and Handle</u></b>	
	Attendance	364
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$43,560
	Handle (In State)	\$353,641
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$352,739</u>
	Total Handle	\$749,940

**RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK**

09/30/11      14      Trainer (Expired) James Ruchotzke; having now discharged the outstanding financial obligation owed to Barbara Arnold (\$5,042) by submittal of documentation from the United States Bankruptcy Court (Eastern District – California – Case No. 09-47432-C-7) to the stewards at Cal Expo is hereby declared eligible for re-licensing and Sacramento Harness Ruling #19, dated January 20, 2006 suspending James Ruchotzke for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is set aside.

**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>
30-Sep	11	5	BLISSFULL WINDS	VALLANDINGHAM	Injured	Goodbary	\$357.00
	13	2	AT A BOY ERIC	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$3.00
1-Oct	6	5	TEQUILA ON ICE	WILKINSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$98.00
	8	1	EGGWHITE INMY BEER	LINDSEY	Injured	Goodbary	\$60.00
	9	3	DIAMOND PLAYER	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$76.00
	9	8	SUN ON THE ROCKS	PACHECO	Injured	Goodbary	\$96.00
	12	9	BIG GUY TWO WIN	MAIER	Injured	Goodbary	\$170.00

**WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Bakersfield	\$	6,317.60
Fresno	\$	5,422.70
Fresno Club One	\$	1,297.30
Golden Gate	\$	38,956.80
Monterey	\$	10,259.60
Pleasanton	\$	21,201.50
Sacramento	\$	74,545.50
San Jose	\$	25,114.80
San Mateo	\$	43,450.70
Santa Rosa	\$	7,443.60
Stockton	\$	13,394.20
Tulare	\$	230.70
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	739,249.64
So. California	\$	335,717.70
Out of State	\$	739,249.64

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION  
SUMMARY  
2011**

	<b>Mon 09/26</b>	<b>Tues 09/27</b>	<b>Wed 09/28</b>	<b>Thurs 09/29</b>	<b>Fri 09/30</b>	<b>Sat 10/01</b>	<b>Total Week</b>	<b>Total Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>

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

**All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.**

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**Grant Baker, Steward**

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**Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**