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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, June 11, 2012 through Sunday, June 17, 2012. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

6/11/12 (1)

Entry Day

The racing office was open today and accepting entries for closing weekend, Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16.

6/11/12 (2)

Raymond Andrew Burt

Steward Grant Baker met with Trainer Raymond Burt today in the steward's office. Acting upon a 'stipulated agreement' between Raymond Burt and the California Horse Racing Board Trainer Burt was approved for a driver's license in California.

6/11/12 (3)

Dark Day

Tuesday

6/12/12 (1)

Double Draw Day

Twenty four (24) races were drawn today in the racing office for cards to be held on Friday, June 15 and closing day Saturday, June 16. Eighty seven (87) horses are scheduled to start on June 15. Ninety four (94) horses are scheduled to start on June 16.

6/12/12 (2)

Dark Day

Wednesday

6/13/12 (1)

Scratch Time

The racing office was open today accepting driver changes and request to scratch for Friday, June 15 and closing day Saturday, June 16. There were two (2) scratches and twenty seven (27) driver changes/selections for June 15. There were twenty one (21) driver changes/selections and no scratch requests submitted for June 16. All changes were activated after today's 9:00am deadline.

6/13/12 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

6/14/12 (1)

Carlos Garcia Donis Hearing (Case No: 12SW0034)

A formal hearing was held today for groom/stable employee (expired) Carlos Garcia Donis. Donis allegedly worked in the capacity of a groom for the horse "Schemes" in the twelfth race on May 18, 2012 at Cal Expo. Donis' groom's license expired August 30, 2011. This complaint was prepared and presented by CHRB Investigator Rod Ciganovich. Wendy Frazier (Fraizer Reporting) transcribed the proceedings. The alleged violation addresses CHRB Rule #1481 (Occupational Licenses and Fees). Robert Chavez (CHRB Employee) was present today and served as an interpreter for Mr. Donis.

The complaint states that Donis, while licensed as an owner, performed duties as a groom. This case will now be deliberated upon following today's hearing. Decision to follow.

6/14/12 (2)

Gene Vallandingham Hearing (Case: 12SW0035)

A formal hearing was held this morning for Trainer Gene Vallandingham for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1482 (Employment of Unlicensed Person) and Rule #1895 (Trainer's Duty to Ensure Licensed Participation). Trainer Vallandingham allegedly had an unlicensed groom working for him on May 18, 2012. CHRB Investigator Rod Ciganovich was present today. He prepared and presented an eight (8) page complaint packet for this hearing. Trainer Vallandingham pled guilty to the charges that were filed in this case.

Trainer Vallandingham stated that Mr. Donis owns a horse in his stable and he assumed Donis has a groom's license along with his owner's license. Decision to follow.

6/14/12 (3)

Luke Plano (Case No: 12SW0037)

Trainer Luke Plano waived his right to a hearing in this case that alleges violations of CHRB Rule #1843 (A)(B) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1887 (a) (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse). This case involved the horse "Franky Provolone" who finished second in this sixth race on May 18, 2012. The official test sample (UC Davis Laboratories) from this horse showed the presence of Methylprednisolone, a prohibited Class 4 drug substance. Trainer Luke Plano signed a 'waiver of proper notice' and a 'waiver of appearance' for this matter. He came to our office today to finalize the case. Ruling to follow.

6/14/12 (4)

Dark Day

Friday

6/15/12 (1)

David Siegel Film Review

Driver David Siegel appeared in the steward's office to view his drive of #2 "Lucky To Live" who finished first in the twelfth race on Saturday, June 9, 2012. The stewards wanted to review this race with Driver Siegel after his mount traveled the second quarter mile of this race in a very 'pedestrian like' thirty-three (33) seconds flat. Another issue that received attention from the stewards in this race was the appearance of 'confusion' to trailing horses after the ¼ mile pole. For playing a part of the confusion in this race the stewards felt a penalty was very possible. However a fairly strong mitigating factor was the fact that strong headwinds were prevalent as race horses were entering the backstretch all evening (June 9, 2012) at Cal Expo. In a unanimous decision Driver Siegel was given a warning in this matter.

6/15/12 (2)

James Lackey Film Review

Driver James Lackey appeared in the steward's office to review his drive in the thirteenth race on Saturday, June 9, 2012. Lackey drove second place finisher #5 "Falcon Forte N" who drifted out badly in the final 1/8th of a mile of this race. The winner of this race #4 "Bo Knows Power" (David Siegel) drifted out in this race also, however was very well clear of the second place finisher "Falcon Forte N" while doing so. The stewards felt Lackey could have fared better if his own horse would have stayed straight. Driver Lackey directed his attention, and attempted to direct ours, on his rival's (Bo Knows Power) actions during this film review. He was not as interested in his own driving performance. Driver Lackey was told to make stronger efforts to maintain a straight course. No penalty assessed as there did not appear to be an actual rule violation.

6/15/12 (3)

Luke Plano Ruling (Case No: 12SW0037) [REF: 6/14/12 (3)]**RULING # 46**

TRAINER LUKE PLANO, WHO STARTED "FRANKY PROVOLONE" IN THE SIXTH RACE ON FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012, AT CAL-EXPO, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED (\$500)* DOLLARS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (A)(B) (MEDICATIONS, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – METHYLPREDNISOLONE) CLASS IV VIOLATION WITH A CLASS C PENALTY.

The stewards met yesterday with Driver/Trainer Luke Plano. Plano had previously signed a waiver of hearing while accepting a penalty in this matter. After an informal meeting with Plano yesterday (June 14) and a review of his license history, which was free of any medication violations, the stewards issued the ruling written above.

6/15/12 (4)

Carlos Donis Ruling (Case No: 12SW0034) [REF: 6/14/12 (1)]**RULING # 47**

GROOM CARLOS GARCIA DONIS IS FINED FIFTY (\$50.00)* DOLLARS FOR FAILURE TO SECURE THE PROPER LICENSE WHILE WORKING AS A GROOM AT CAL-EXPO ON MAY 18 2012. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1481 (OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES AND FEES).

A hearing was held yesterday for Carlos Garcia Donis. The ruling above was issued after the steward's deliberated over testimony and documents presented yesterday.

6/15/12 (5) **Gene Vallandingham Ruling (Case No: 12SW0035)**

RULING # 48

TRAINER GENE GAYLE VALLANDINGHAM, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SCHEMES" IN THE TWELFTH RACE AT CAL-EXPO ON MAY 18 2012, IS HEREBY FINED ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1482 (EMPLOYMENT OF UNLICENSED PERSON) AND #1895 (TRAINER'S DUTY TO INSURE LICENSED PARTICIPATION – UNLICENSED GROOM).

The ruling above is the result of a steward's hearing that was held yesterday at Cal Expo. Gene Vallandingham, who is a well known longtime owner/trainer/driver, acknowledged yesterday that he had an individual (Carlos Donis) doing work for him that was not properly licensed at the time.

6/15/12 (6) **No Show Wagering**

There was no show wagering offered in tonight's fourth race. This race had six (6) betting interests. #6 "Putoneonnetformom" (James Kennedy) finished first in this race at odds of three to two (3/2).

6/15/12 (7) **Sixth Race Recall/Inquiry**

Starter Bill Vallandingham flashed his 'recall lights' prior to the start of this race when #1 "Boo Coo Blush" (Karen Isbell) was unmanageable and out of position prior to the start.

A second attempt at a start was problem free but the race itself was not without incident. The inquiry sign was posted after the stewards observed the aforementioned #1 "Boo Coo Blush" make a break while being well off the gate before the start. Race replay shows that this horse got back on his trotting gait before the start. There was no violation of CHRB Rule #1722 (Breaking). In a unanimous vote 'no change' was made in the order of the finish.

6/15/12 (8) **Program Changes**

None

6/15/12 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	435
Live Handle (On Track)	\$43,422
Handle (In State)	\$261,140
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$246,595</u>
Total Handle	\$551,157

Saturday

6/16/12 (1)

Sixth Race Recall

Starter Bill Vallandingham flashed his recall lights prior to the start as post time favorite #2 "Tax Relief" (David Siegel) became unmanageable and would not come to the starting gate. A second attempt at a start went off without a hitch.

6/16/12 (2)

No Show Wagering/Sixth Race

Tonight's sixth race which had seven (7) starters did not offer show wagering. #1 "Split Ticket" (James Lackey) finished first in this race at odds of five to one (5/1). Post time favorite #2 "Tax Relief" (David Siegel) was sent off at the odds of seven to five (7/5) and finished third.

6/16/12 (3)

Seventh Race Driver Change

Paddock Judge Walter Petersen called the steward's to inform us Driver Luke Plano would not drive #2 "Right After Disbeer" in the seventh race. Plano didn't agree with the trainer's choice of racing equipment. Driver James Lackey replaced Plano and went on to win this race at odds of three (3) to one (1). Plano waived his right to a hearing and accepted the following sanction which will be written next week:

RULING # 49

DRIVER LUKE PLANO, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO DRIVE "RITE AFTER DISBEER" IN THE SEVENTH RACE SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2012 AT CAL EXPO CALIFORNIA IS HERBY FINED FIFTY (\$50.00)* DOLLARS FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS DRIVING ENGAGEMENT; A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY (DRIVER) AGREEMENT).

6/16/12 (4)

Williams Hernandez-Arriaga**RULING # 50**

PROVISIONAL DRIVER WILLIAMS HERNANDEZ-ARRIAGA, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO DRIVE "SHOULD BE SLEEPIN" IN THE ELEVENTH RACE SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012 AT CAL EXPO CALIFORNIA IS HERBY FINED FIFTY (\$50.00)* DOLLARS FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS DRIVING ENGAGEMENT; A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY (DRIVER) AGREEMENT).

Provisional Driver Williams Hernandez-Arriaga failed to show in the paddock to drive #2 "Should Be Sleepin" in the eleventh race tonight. Hernandez-Arriaga drove two (2) other horses on tonight's card and told the stewards he forgot of his eleventh race obligations. This incident led to the late scratch of #2 "Should Be Sleepin" as there were not any eligible driver's available to drive in this next to last race of the meet. The ruling above will be issued next week.

6/16/12 (5) **Twelfth Race Objection**

Starter/Patrol Judge Bill Vallandingham radioed the steward's to inform us that Driver George Luster wished to lodge a driver's objection. Driver Luster sat behind #2 "Girls Lie Too" who finished sixth in this race. His claim of foul was against fourth place finisher #6 "Barona Hickory" (David Siegel).

Film review revealed that #6 "Barona Hickory" had absolutely nothing to do with any alleged incident in this race. In the steward's view, after the field of horses entered the stretch, Driver Luster and #2 "Girls Lie Too" drift out slightly. #3 "JC's Lucky Dreamer" then struck the sulky wheel of #2 "Girls Lie Too" and subsequently flattened the tire of George Luster's race bike. This driver objection was unanimously disallowed. No change.

6/9/12 (6) **Program Changes**

7th Race Driver Change - #2 "Rite AfterDisbeer"

James Lackey for programmed Driver Luke Plano

7th Race Declaration - #5 "El Azteca" – Trainer Marco Rios

Refund:\$267 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

10th Race Declaration - #3 "Badger Creek" – Trainer Harold Herrera

Refund:\$269 Lamé – Robert Goodbary, DVM

11th Race Declaration - #2 "Should Be Sleepin" – Dario Solares

Refund:\$1,750 No Driver Available – Stewards

6/9/12 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	481
Live Handle (On Track)	\$45,314
Handle (In State)	\$335,522
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$363,764</u>
Total Handle	\$744,600

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
16-Jun	7	5	EL AZTECA	MARCO RIOS	Injured	Goodbary	\$266.80
16-Jun	10	3	BADGER CREEK	HAROLD HERRERA	Lame	Goodbary	\$269.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	4,825.80
Fresno	\$	2,822.40
Fresno Club One	\$	760.80
Golden Gate	\$	21,869.30
Monterey	\$	2,863.10
Pleasanton	\$	15,497.10
Sacramento	\$	71,576.50
San Jose	\$	16,112.00
San Mateo	\$	25,857.60
Santa Rosa	\$	3,305.80
Stockton	\$	6,122.40
Tulare	\$	879.70
Turlock	\$	1,477.10
Vallejo	\$	7,517.50
No. California	\$	-
So. California	\$	237,039.90
Out of State	\$	-

CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION**SUMMARY 2012**

	Mon 06/11	Tues 06/12	Wed 06/13	Thurs 06/14	Fri 06/15	Sat 06/16	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	16
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	0	0	31
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	0	0	20
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	1	1	2	62
Refunds	A	A	A	A	0	3	3	204
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	2	5	50

**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