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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, November 12, 2012 through Sunday, November 18, 2012. Steward William Meyers was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

11/12/12 (1) **Track Closed for Renovation**

Following Saturday nights racing the track was officially closed to allow a total renovation to proceed. The track remains closed to training as of this writing and the “back” track is being used for exercise. More to come.

11/12/12 (2) **Entries Flourish**

The entry booths were full this morning as the races were filling strong for this weeks Friday and Saturday Cards. Director of Racing and Racing Secretary Fred Kuebler is optimistic that three (3) days of racing can be filled starting the week after Thanksgiving. Management may seek approval from the CHRB for permission if the horse population warrants running extra days.

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

Tuesday

11/13/12 (1) **The Draw**

Fridays fifteen (15) race card drew one hundred and thirty six (136) entrants. Saturdays fifteen (15) races were carded with one hundred and thirty eight (138) entries. An incredible 9.13 average of starters per race.

11/13/12 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

11/14/12 (1)

Track Renovation Continues

The racetrack continues to undergo renovation for this weeks racing. Track Superintendent J.R. Williams has enlisted the help of peers Steve Wood and Richard Tedesco for the project.

11/14/12 (2)

Scratch Time

Numerous driver changes were taken for Friday and Saturday. No scratches were submitted.

11/14/12 (3)

Dark Day**Thursday**

11/15/12 (1)

Dark Day**Friday**

11/16/12 (1)

Tim Brown Ruling**RULING # 03**

TRAINER **TIM BROWN**, WHO STARTED **“BEACH CRISIS”** IN THE THIRTEENTH RACE ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2012, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF FIFTY (**\$50.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE **#1894** (DUTIES OF TRAINER – FAILURE TO NAME PROPER DRIVER BY THE PRESCRIBED TIME NECESSITATING A LATE DRIVER CHANGE).

The above ruling was issued after Brown accepted the penalty. He had mixed up the names of recent members of the driver colony.

11/16/12 (2)

Track Listed Good

Rain caused the newly renovated surface to be listed as good for tonight’s racing. Luckily it was sporadic and did not cause problems other than slower than usual racing times.

11/16/12 (3)

Third Race Recalls

Two recalls were called prior to the start of tonight’s third race by Starter Bill Vallandingham. The first incident was broken equipment reported on #4 “Shelby County”. The horses reassembled and then broken equipment was reported on #1 “Franky Provolone”. After about ten (10) minutes of delay the race was off with no further incident.

11/16/12 (4)

Fifth Race Inquiry – Disqualification

The inquiry sign was posted to review #5 “Rich Dessert” (Tim Maier) for possibly pacing in this trotting event. #5 finished seventh. After review it was determined that #5 paced at least ¼ mile. #5 was placed ninth for the violation.

11/16/12 (5)

Seventh Race Inquiry – No Change

A general steward’s inquiry was posted to review numerous breaking horses. After review it was determined no interference or other violations occurred and the race made official.

11/16/12 (6) **Thirteenth Race Inquiry – Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was posted and an announcement that the Stewards were looking at minor placings was made, then the sign was dropped and the race made official. #6 “Mighty Fine Hi Ho” was moved from ninth to tenth place for a lapped on break at the wire.

11/16/12 (7) **Program Changes**

12th Race Declaration - #9 “La Madawna De Rosa” –Trainer Robert Bell

Refund:\$126 Track Conditions – Stewards

14th Race Declaration - #5 “Komoda’s Fantasy” – Trainer Gretchen Smith

Refund:\$256.87 Track Conditions – Stewards

15th Race Declaration - #3 “Style Element” –Trainer Frank Petrelli

Refund:\$93.10 Track Conditions – Stewards

11/16/12 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	226
Live Handle (On Track)	\$48,501
Handle (In State)	\$291,796
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$479,058</u>
Total Handle	\$819,355

Saturday11/17/12 (1) **Racing Cancelled**

At approximately 5:30pm General Manager Chris Schick contacted the Stewards saying that the horsemen had concerns with the track surface. Starter Bill Vallandingham also had some concern as to whether the starting gate could hold the track. Both starting gates were employed and neither seemed to be one hundred (100%) percent reliable. Mr. Schick requested that the Stewards allow post time to be moved back fifteen (15) minutes to try and sort things out. Permission was granted.

After about fifteen (15) more minutes the Stewards were contacted by Mr. Schick who stated that the track was not safe according to him, the horsemen and the starter. Mr. Schick requested racing be cancelled for safety reasons. The request was granted and the announcer and video broadcast the pertinent information.

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.

CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2012

	Mon 11/12	Tues 11/13	Wed 11/14	Thurs 11/15	Fri 11/16	Sat 11/17	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	C	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	A N	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	C E	0	1
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	2	L L	2	4
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	3	E D	3	7
Refunds	A	A	A	A	3		3	29
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	1		1	3

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward