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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, February 3, 2014 through Sunday, February 9, 2014. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

02/03/14 (1) **Entry/ Draw Day**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday, February 7th. Fourteen (14) races were drawn for this day and one hundred twelve (112) horses are scheduled to start.

02/03/14 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

02/04/14 (1) **Entry/ Scratch Day**

Scratches and changes for Friday, February 7th were taken in the racing department. There was one (1) scratch and twenty five (25) driver changes/selections made. All changes were made activated after today's 9:00AM deadline. Thirteen (13) races were drawn in the racing office today for racing Saturday February 8th. One hundred five (105) horses are scheduled to start.

02/04/14 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

02/05/14 (1) **Scratch Day**

The racing office was open today accepting scratches and changes for Saturday, February 8th. One (1) scratch and thirty four (34) driver changes/selections were submitted. All changes were activated after today's 9:00AM deadline.

02/05/14 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

02/06/14 (1) **George Luster Hearing (Ref: 01/24/14 (4) and 01/25/14 (3))**

A formal hearing was heard today in the Cal Expo Stewards office. The Cal Expo steward filed a complaint (Case No: 14SW004) against Driver George Luster for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (b) (Driving Rules – No driver during a race shall: Jostle, strike, hook wheels or interfere with another horse or driver) #1721 (i) (Commit any act which shall impede the progress of another horse or cause him to break) and #1721 (k) (Drive in a careless or reckless manner). This hearing was originally scheduled to take place in an informal setting on January 25th, but was called off after a brief opening and rescheduled for today. The purpose of the hearing was to review the driving actions of George Luster in the fifth race on January 24, 2014. Driver Luster was aboard #7 “Lodi Nickolus” who finished fourth and was disqualified and placed seventh for interference after the half mile pole to #6 “Mystical Emotion” (Gene Vallandingham). Present at today’s hearing were Stewards Grant Baker, Wayne Oke and Tom McCarthy (Steward – Track Safety). Driver George Luster was represented by Jim Perez from the California Harness Horseman’s Association. He brought two (2) witnesses to the hearing. They were Driver Mike Jarvis and Groom Terrence Essex Merrimam. Witnesses for the CHRB were Driver Gene Vallandingham and Starter Bill Vallandingham. Testimony was given, documents were entered into evidence and the fifth race DVD from January 24, 2014 was reviewed several times. Decision to follow.

02/06/14 (2) **Dark Day**

Friday

02/07/14 (1) **KC Carvalho vs. George Anthrop (Case No. 14SW0002)**

An informal hearing was held this afternoon in the Cal Expo’s Stewards office. Owner KC Carvalho filed a complaint against Trainer George Anthrop for allegedly failing to adhere to the terms of a lease agreement involving the horse ‘You’re My Addiction.’ Owner Carvalho and Trainer Anthrop both signed a ‘financial complaint agreement’ which is in the amount of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars which shall be paid in full by February 28, 2014.

02/07/14 (2) **Paula Guttenberg vs. George Anthrop (Case No. 14SW003)**

Paula Guttenberg owns a lay-up facility for horses in Loomis, CA. She has filed a complaint against Trainer George Anthrop for an alleged unpaid horse boarding bill in the amount of six thousand eight hundred forty (\$6,840.00) dollars. Horse boarding started at the farm, May 19, 2013. Owner Guttenberg was accompanied by husband Larry Guttenberg. George Anthrop and Paula Guttenberg each signed a ‘financial complaint agreement’ in which Trainer Anthrop agrees to pay the above amount in full by February 28, 2014.

02/07/14 (3) **George Luster Ruling #18 (Ref: 02/06/14 (1))**

RULING # 18

DRIVER **GEORGE LUSTER**, WHO DROVE “**LODI NICKOLUS**” IN THE FIFTH RACE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2014, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED (**\$200.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #**1721 (B)** (DRIVER RULES – JOSTLE, STRIKE, HOOK WHEELS OR INTERFERE WITH ANOTHER HORSE OR DRIVER) AND **1721 (I)** (DRIVING RULES – COMMIT ANY ACT WHICH SHALL IMPEDE THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE OR CAUSE HIM TO BREAK) RESULTING IN A DISQUALIFICATION FROM FOURTH TO SEVENTH.

Driver George Luster appeared in the Steward’s office and was informed of the ruling above. This sanction was the end result of a hearing (Case No. 14SW0004) held yesterday in the Cal Expo Steward’s office.

02/07/14 (4) **Luke Plano Ruling #19 (Ref: 02/01/14 (7))**

RULING # 19

DRIVER **LUKE PLANO**, WHO DROVE “**LOOKS DON’T COUNT**” IN THE TENTH RACE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2014, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (**\$100.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #**1689.1 (B)** (SAFETY VEST REQUIRED).

Driver Luke Plano waived his right to a hearing and the ruling above was issued.

02/07/14 (5) **Lemoyne Svendsen #20 (Ref: 02/01/14 (7))**

RULING # 20

DRIVER **LEMOYNE SVENDSEN**, WHO DROVE “**HOLLYWOOD STAR**” IN THE ELEVENTH RACE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2014 IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (**\$100.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #**1689.1 (B)** (SAFETY VEST REQUIRED).

Driver Lemoyne Svendsen waived his right to a hearing and the ruling above was issued.

02/07/14 (6) **Management Meeting**

Watch and Wager.Com LLC General Manager Chris Schick and Ben Kenny (Asst. General Manager/ C.F.O) visited the Stewards office for a meeting. The main topic of the meeting was regarding driver changes that are made during multiple leg wagers. Schick and Kenny respectfully voiced their concerns over instances when a driver that is positioned high in the driver’s standings replaces a driver that is situated lower in those same rankings. The Stewards understood their concern over their matter and encouraged a continuous healthy dialogue.

02/07/14 (7) **Track Veterinarian Change**

Track Veterinarian Eduardo De La Cruz is off this weekend (February 8 and 9). Audrey Clifton D.V.M. who is track veterinarian at the summer fair meet here fills in.

02/07/14 (8) **Twelfth Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing original sixth place finisher #1 "Live A Little" (Lemoyne Svendsen) go on a break during this event's final one hundred (100) yards. For violation of CHRB Rule #1722 (Breaking) #1 "Live A Little" was disqualified and placed seventh (last).

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

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

02/07/14 (9) **Program Changes**

1st Race Declaration: #1 "Shewaniganian" – Trainer Gordon Graham

Refund:\$406.70 Track Condition – Stewards

7th Race Declarations: #6 "I'm An Eyre NZ" – Trainer Nathalie Tremblay

Track Condition – Stewards

#7 "Captain Greg" – Trainer Lester Smith

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

#8 "La Madawna De Rosa" – Trainer Lemoyne Svendsen

Total Refunds:\$445.60 Track Condition – Stewards

9th Race Declaration: #5 "Lodi Dorian Blues" – Trainer Pierre Girard

Refund:\$133.10 Track Condition – Stewards

11th Race Declaration: #1 "Bullet Tooth Tony" – Trainer Mike Jarvis

Refund:\$39.80 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

14th Race Driver Change: #5 "Muzhik Hanover" – T. Clevenger for

M. Jarvis – Vision

14th Race Declaration: #10 "Jessalilpeace" – Trainer Sal Wenceslao

Refund:\$217.30 Track Condition – Stewards

02/07/14 (10) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	143
Live Handle (On Track)	\$47,864
Handle (In State)	\$318,900
Handle (Out of State)	\$414,825
Total Handle	\$781,589

Saturday02/08/14 (1) **Off Track**

For the first time this year we had an 'off track.' The track rating was 'sloppy.'

02/08/14 (2) **Ninth Race Recall**

Starter Bill Vallandingham flashed his recall light for two (2) reasons prior to the start of the ninth race. The reasons were:

a. #6 "Girls Lie Too" (Tim Maier) had broken equipment.

b. #9 "Persuade Me" (Lemoyne Svendsen) approached the starting gate in the wrong position.

Starter Vallandingham's second attempt at a start went off without a hitch.

02/08/14 (3) **Tenth Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign in order to review two (2) incidents following this race. While racing in the first turn original second place finisher #7 "Misty Waters" (Lemoyne Svendsen) veers in front of original fifth place finisher #6 "Diva Las Vegas" (Tim Maier). The action forced Driver Tim Maier to check his horse which caused #6 "Diva Las Vegas" to break stride and lose ground. The second incident the Stewards investigated were the actions of original fourth place finisher #8 "Twentyone Guns" (Luke Plano). This horse raced over one (1) homestretch pylon and raced inside another. This action did not violate the 'Cal Expo pylon rules.' In the first incident the Stewards disqualified second place finisher #7 "Misty Waters" and place her fifth. Both decisions were unanimous. Driver Lemoyne Svendsen was ordered to film review.

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

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

02/08/14 (4) **Thirteenth Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign in order to review an incident approximately eighty (80) yards before the finish. With five (5) rivals across the racetrack original third place finisher #6 "Hi Ho Disguise" (David Siegel) drifts out and gets his sulky wheel under the race bike of original fifth place finisher #7 "Shax" (Tim Maier). This incident forces Driver Tim Maier to pull his driving lines back in order to avoid contact. In a unanimous opinion the Stewards felt #7 "Shax" was not cost an opportunity for a better placing. Therefore, #3 "Hi Ho Disguise" was disqualified and placed fifth. Driver David Siegel was ordered to film review.

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

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

02/08/14 (5) **Program Changes**

1st Race Declarations: #6 "Linner Blue Chip" – Trainer Richard Dunneback

Track Condition – Stewards

#8 "Glad It's Over" – Trainer George Anthrop

Total Refunds:\$622.80 Track Condition – Stewards

3rd Race Declaration: #6 "Alpine Hawk" – Trainer Gordon Graham

Refund:\$47.91 Track Condition – Stewards

4th Race Declaration: #1 "Tennessee Knight" – Trainer Lester Smith

Refund:\$97.80 Track Condition – Stewards

5th Race Driver Changes: #6 "Split Ticket" – G. Longo for

S. Wiseman (Program Error)

#8 "Winsmith Syd" – S. Wiseman for

G. Longo (Program Error)

9th Race Declarations: #6 "Jen's Delight" – Trainer Dario Solares

Unmanageable-Post Parade – Stewards

#8 "Hooiser GB Diamond" – Trainer Robert Roesch

Total Refunds:\$3,980.10 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

10th Race Declaration: #2 "All About Attitude" – Trainer Dario Solares

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	-
Fresno	\$	3,870.50
Fresno Club One	\$	1,136.50
Golden Gate	\$	30,543.30
Monterey	\$	5,441.00
Pleasanton	\$	16,097.50
Sacramento	\$	73,430.20
San Jose	\$	21,353.10
San Mateo	\$	33,655.50
Santa Rosa	\$	8,981.20
Stockton	\$	13,511.80
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	11,294.80
No. California	\$	-
So. California	\$	185,757.60
Out of State	\$	-

**WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO
SUMMARY 2014**

	Mon 02/03	Tues 02/04	Wed 02/05	Thurs 02/06	Fri 02/07	Sat 02/08	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	16
Claims	R	R	R	R	1	1	2	8
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	2	2	9
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	1	2	3	26
Refunds	A	A	A	A	7	10	17	63
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	0	3	20

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

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

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