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## WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO

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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 17, 2014 through Sunday, March 23, 2014. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

#### Monday

03/17/14 (1) Entry Day

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday, March 21, 2014. Thirteen (13) races were drawn. Ninety seven (97) horses are scheduled to start.

03/17/14 (2) Dark Day

#### Tuesday

03/18/14 (1) Entry/ Scratch Day

Scratches and changes for Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> were taken today in the racing office. One (1) scratch and twenty three (23) driver changes/selections were taken. All changes were activated after the 9:00AM deadline. The racing office accepted entries for Saturday March, 22<sup>nd</sup> this morning. Thirteen (13) races filled. Ninety six (96) horses are slated for race starter Bill Vallandingham.

03/18/14 (2) Dark Day

#### Wednesday

03/19/14 (1) Scratch Day/ Stewards Meeting

Scratches and changes for Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> took place today in the racing office. There were two (2) scratches and sixteen (16) driver changes made. All changes were activated after today's 9:00AM deadline. The Cal Expo Stewards attended a CHRB Committee Meeting today at Santa Anita

Park in Arcadia, CA. CHRB Chairman Chuck Winner and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman Bo Derek head this committee.

03/19/14 (2) **Dark Day**

**Thursday**

03/20/14 (1) **Dark Day**

**Friday**

03/21/14 (1) **Safety Steward**

Track Safety Steward Tom McCarthy began duties today at Cal Expo. McCarthy will monitor the stable area, receiving barn, racetrack, training track, paddock and other restricted areas for this two (2) day a week race meet thru the end of the stand.

03/21/14 (2) **Visitors**

Steward Paul Nicolo and Jockey Guild Representative Darrel Haire paid a visit to the Stewards' office before our races this evening. Nicolo and Haire were in Sacramento in order to attend the monthly meeting of the California Horse Racing Board which was held today in the turf club of the grandstand.

03/21/14 (3) **James Wilkinson Formal Hearing/ CHRB Complaint #:14SW0007**

The hearing involved a potential violation of CHRB Rule #1847 (Disorderly Conduct). Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards Meyers and Oke (Steward Baker was scheduled to be a witness in the proceeding) Respondent James Wilkinson and CHRB Investigator Duane Tadlock. The proceeding was recorded by Wendy Frazier of Frazier Reporting. As the hearing opened Respondent Wilkinson objected to the proceeding based on his contention that Stewards Meyers and Oke (who had been authorized to hear the complaint) could not be impartial as they were co-workers of Steward Baker, a witness in the proceedings. After a brief intermission the panel agreed to refer the hearing to another Board of Stewards. This action was acceptable to Respondent Wilkinson.

03/21/14 (4) **Fourth Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing third place finisher #4 'Windsun T Bird' (Luke Plano) race inside a track pylon after the ¾ pole. Film review confirmed that this horse raced inside only one (1) pylon and that Cal Expo pylon regulations were not violated. In a unanimous decision 'no change' was made in the order of finish.

03/21/14 (5) **Sixth Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing an incident before the ¼ mile pole. Ninth (last) place finisher #1 'Rather Be Playing' (Pierre Girard) made a break in stride, then drifted out and made contact with his stablemate #3 'Bank Of Lodi' (James Lackey) who finished in seventh place. Following film review the Stewards unanimously determined that this minor incident was caused by the horse that finished last therefore there was nothing to warrant a disqualification. No change.

03/21/14 (6) **Program Change**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Declaration: #7 “Surprisingly Sweet” – Trainer Steve Wiseman  
 Refund:\$214.50 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM  
 11<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #7 “Drawing Dead” – Trainer Salvador Wenceslao  
 Refund:\$99.20 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM  
 12<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #5 “Boo Coo Blush” – Trainer Karen Isbell  
 No Workers Compensation Insurance – Stewards  
 13<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #2 “Clara Bea” – Trainer James Wilkinson  
 Refund:\$79.60 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

03/21/14 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	207
Live Handle (On Track)	\$46,379
Handle (In State)	\$297,356
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$387,005</u>
Total Handle	\$730,740

**Saturday**03/22/14 (1) **Qualifying Races**

Three (3) qualifying races were held prior to this evening’s thirteen (13) race pari-mutuel card. Of the fourteen (14) competitors thirteen (13) made the grade.

03/22/14 (2) **Robert Roesch Film Review**

Driver Robert Roesch appeared in the Stewards office in order to review his drive in last night’s (March 21<sup>st</sup>) eighth race. Driver Roesch sat behind #3 ‘Hoosier GB Diamond’ who finished eighth in this nine horse field. Race review showed #3 ‘Hoosier GB Diamond’ pulled out into a two – wide position just before the half mile pole after racing in mid-pack. This action caused some interference to eventual third place finisher #1 ‘Cinnamon’ (Patrick Galbraith). A possible penalty in this matter was discussed. However, Roesch’s driving record tipped the scales in his favor. Warning issued.

03/22/14 (3) **Second Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing original third place finisher #6 ‘Bar Back’ (Gene Vallandingham) race inside two (2) pylons in the stretch. Race replays showed #6 ‘Bar Back’ gain an unfair advantage by leaving the course proper while passing rival #3 ‘Jimmy Shin’ (Mike Jarvis). The only way to pass this ‘rival’ on the inside was for #6 ‘Bar Back’ to race inside pylons. #6 ‘Bar Back’ beat #2 ‘Cherry Tree Nicole’ by a ‘week’ for third position. All of the Stewards voted to disqualify #6 ‘Bar Back.’ Steward Oke voted to place him fifth. The majority voted to place him sixth (last).

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

03/22/14 (4) **Seventh Race Recall**

Starter Bill Vallandingham flashed his recall lights prior to the seventh race after noticing that #3 'Bullet Tooth Tony' (Mike Jarvis) had broken equipment. After a swift repair and a reformation second attempt at a start went off without a problem.

03/22/14 (5) **Eighth Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing original fourth place finisher #2 'Split Ticket' (Lemoyne Svendsen) race inside two (2) pylons in the stretch. For racing inside two (2) pylons and having fifth place finisher #5 'Gold Deuce' (Steve Wiseman) 'lapped-on' his hind quarters, #2 'Split Ticket' was disqualified and place fifth. The decision was unanimous.

Original order of finish: 7-1-3-2-5-6-9-4

Official order of finish: 7-1-3-5-2-6-9-4

03/22/14 (6) **Eleventh Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing third place finisher #3 'Looks Don't Count' (David Siegel) make a break before and after the start. The Stewards conducted a film review and unanimously ruled that #3 'Looks Don't Count' complied with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (Breaking) by losing ground. No change was made in the order of finish.

03/22/14 (7) **Thirteenth Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign briefly following the running of the thirteenth race. Original seventh place finisher #5 'Little Nicky B' (Sean Smithpeters) made a break in stride before the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile marker. This action caused original eighth place finisher #8 'Mighty Fine Hi Ho' (Luke Plano) to also make a break. All three (3) Stewards voted to disqualify #5 'Little Nicky B' and place him eighth (last)

Original order of finish: 3-4-2-7-6-1-5-8

Official order of finish: 3-4-2-7-6-1-8-5

03/22/14 (8) **Program Change**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Declaration: #5 "Jaboney" – Trainer Lisa Caposio

Refund:\$229.53

Sick – Clifford Zucco DVM

5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #2 "Giles L S Hanover" – Trainer Bob Johnson

Refund:\$292.34

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #8 "Orlando's Express" – Trainer James Kennedy

Refund:\$87.13

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

13<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #9 "Fork In The Road" – Trainer Nathalie Tremblay

Refund:\$33.30

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

03/22/14 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance 224

Live Handle (On Track) \$46,940

Handle (In State) \$307,721

Handle (Out of State) \$388,552

Total Handle \$743,213

## 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
21-Mar	1	7	SURPRISINGLY SWEET	STEVE WISEMAN	Injured	Zucco	\$ 214.50
21-Mar	11	7	DRAWING DEAD	SALVADOR WENCESLAO	Injured	Zucco	\$ 99.20
21-Mar	13	2	CLARA BEA	JAMES WILKINSON	Injured	Zucco	\$ 79.60
22-Mar	1	5	JABONEY	LISA CAPOSIO	Sick	Zucco	\$ 229.53
22-Mar	5	2	GILES L S HANOVER	BOB JOHNSON	Injured	Zucco	\$ 292.34
22-Mar	8	8	ORLANDO'S EXPRESS	JAMES KENNEDY	Injured	Zucco	\$ 87.13
22-Mar	13	9	FORK IN THE ROAD	NATHALIE TREMBLAY	Injured	Zucco	\$ 33.30

### WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Fresno	\$	2,858.00
Fresno Club One	\$	651.20
Golden Gate	\$	23,129.80
Monterey	\$	3,853.50
Pleasanton	\$	11,274.90
Sacramento	\$	79,281.40
San Jose	\$	16,868.50
San Mateo	\$	27,896.40
Santa Rosa	\$	4,705.30
Stockton	\$	8,222.40
Vallejo	\$	9,292.20
So. California	\$	160,909.40

## WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO SUMMARY 2014

	Mon 03/17	Tues 03/18	Wed 03/19	Thurs 03/20	Fri 03/21	Sat 03/22	Total Week	Total Meet
<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>25</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>

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

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**Grant Baker, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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