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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, December 29, 2014 through Sunday, January 4, 2015. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

12/29/14 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

12/30/14 (1) **Entries for Friday (01/02/15), Saturday (01/03/15) and Sunday (01/04/15)**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for this week's three (3) racing programs.

12/30/14 (2) **Year End and Regular Office Duties**

Normal clerical functions were handled today, along with certain year end functions. Of particular note is "Canadian eligibilities" which are issued by Standardbred Canada on an annual basis as opposed to USTA eligibilities which are issued on a lifetime basis. Thus all Canadian horses must have their eligibilities renewed before they can compete in 2015.

12/30/14 (3) **Draw for Friday (01/02) and Saturday (01/03)**

At the 4:45PM draw for Friday's card ninety two (92) head were drawn to participate on an eleven (11) race card. Immediately following, a draw for Saturday's eleven (11) race card was drawn with seventy two (72) head scheduled to compete. Scratch time for both programs tomorrow (Wednesday) at 9:00AM.

12/30/14 (4) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

12/31/14 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday and Saturday Cards**

At scratch time for Friday's card there were numerous driver corrections, one (1)

Trainer correction and one (1) claiming price correction. At scratch time for Saturday's card there were numerous driver corrections and one (1) injured scratch.

12/31/14 (2) **Draw for Sunday 01/04 Card**

At the draw for Sunday's eleven (11) race program eighty one (81) head were programmed to participate. Scratch time is tomorrow (01/01) at 9:00AM.

12/31/14 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

01/01/15 (1) **Scratch Time for Sunday's Card**

At scratch time for Sunday's card there were numerous driver corrections, one (1) sick scratch and one (1) claiming price correction.

01/01/15 (2) **Dark Day**

New Year's Day

Friday

01/02/15 (1) **Owner/Groom/Sanction**

Chief Investigator Dan Daily accompanied by Safety Steward Tom McCarthy conducted a search of three (3) stalls and a tack room in barn (P). These stalls and tack room were not assigned to a trainer by Watch and Wager, but apparently Owner/Groom Jose Gomez-Lepe had occupied these stalls and was training three (3) horses; Gentle Dragon, Sleigh Belle and L.S. Orchardwinner. Trainer Lester Smith was listed on the program as trainer of these horses. During this barn search a variety of possible contraband substances were discovered and based on these discoveries licensee Gomez-Lepe was subjected to presumptive urine testing. This testing returned a positive finding and based on this information licensee Gomez-Lepe appeared before the Board of Stewards and was forbidden from having any association with these or any other horses until such time he tests negative. Trainer Smith was apprised of the situation and chose to race the horses under the care of another of his employees.

01/02/15 (2) **Fourth Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The "inquiry" sign was lit in order to review the actions of #3 "Empty Gesture" (Tim Maier) the original race winner in the first turn. #3 was observed offstride and possibly interfering with #4 "Capitol Hill" (Steve Wiseman) and #6 "Devils Hall" (James Kennedy). After reviewing video and speaking with the affected drivers the Stewards unanimously concluded that #3 was guilty of interference, would be disqualified and placed sixth. Driver Tim Maier was held blameless in the incident.

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

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

01/02/15 (3) **Late Scratch/ Brethalizer**

As the eleventh race was going out to parade the Stewards were informed by Paddock Judge Walter Petersen that Driver Harold Herrera had blown .023 and .019 on successive tests. As Herrera does not have workers compensation

insurance a substitute driver could not be named thus the horse was scratched. The information was turned over to the investigative staff for possible further action.

01/02/15 (4) **Program Changes**

11th Race Declarations: #7 “Blue Gem” – Trainer Harold Herrera Stewards
#8 “La Madawna De Rosa” – Trainer Lester Smith

Total Refunds:\$3736.66 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

01/02/15 (5) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	206
Live Handle (On Track)	\$41,130
Handle (In State)	\$341,321
Handle (Out of State)	\$498,075
Total Handle	\$880,526

Saturday

01/03/15 (1) **Late Scratch/ No Lasix**

Prior to the commencement of the evening's card the State Veterinarian's Secretary informed the Stewards to the effect that #7 “Orlando's Express” trained by Gordon Graham was programmed to race “on” lasix. However, the trainer wanted the horse “off” lasix, but had failed to file the proper paperwork. In light of these facts the Stewards scratched #7. Trainer Graham will meet with the Stewards tomorrow. More to follow.

01/03/15 (2) **First Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was lit in order to review the actions of #2 “Malvena” (Tim Maier) in deep stretch. Video revealed that #2 was “offstride” in deep stretch through the finish. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #2 had complied with the breaking rule and not caused any interference thus no change.

01/03/15 (3) **Fifth Race/Driver to Film Review**

At the conclusion of the fifth race the Stewards contacted Driver Richard Bertrand #1 “Fox Valley Largo” the eventual fourth place finisher and ordered him to film review. The Stewards observed #1 and #5 “Looks Don't Count” (David Siegel) in very close quarters at the ½ mile marker. As #5 finished ahead of #1 in the official order of finish there was no need for a placing. More to follow.

01/03/15 (4) **Late Scratch/ No Show Wagering**

Due to the late injured scratch of #4 “China King” from the original five (5) horse field show wagering was cancelled on the event.

01/03/15 (5) **Eighth Race Driver Summoned**

At the conclusion of eighth race Driver Mike Jarvis #5 “Boot Scootin Bow” was ordered to film review. At issue were drivers' actions prior to the start of the race. More to follow.

- 01/03/15 (6) **Program Changes**
 2nd Race Declaration: #7 “Orlando’s Express” – Trainer Gordon Graham
 Refund:\$886.48 Lasix – Stewards
 5th Race Declaration: #7 “Mr Prospector” – Trainer Quentin Schneider
 Off lasix – Stewards
 6th Race Declaration: #4 “China King” – Trainer Gene Vallandingham
 Refund:\$260.66 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

01/03/15 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	206
Live Handle (On Track)	\$32,013
Handle (In State)	\$247,643
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$404,043</u>
Total Handle	\$683,699

Sunday

- 01/04/15 (1) **Licensee Re-Tested**
 Licensee Jose Gomez-Lepe was again administered a presumptive urinalysis. Once again the licensee failed the test and the ban on his association with any horses was continued.
- 01/04/15 (2) **Trainer In [Ref: 01/03/15 (1)]**
 Trainer Gordon Graham appeared as requested to review the scratch in Saturday’s second race. Trainer Graham took complete responsibility for the miscommunication and a ruling will follow.
- 01/04/15 (3) **Driver In**
 Driver Richard Bertrand appeared as requested in order to review his drive in yesterday’s fifth race. Driver Bertrand accepted the Steward assessment of the incident and ruling will follow.
- 01/04/15 (4) **Third Race Inquiry/ No Change**
 The “inquiry” sign was lit in order to review the actions of eventual third place finisher #4 “Smash” (Luke Plano), prior to the start. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #4 who broke stride prior to the start complied with the breaking rule thus no change.
- 01/04/15 (5) **Fourth Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**
 The “inquiry” sign was lit in order to review an incident at the ¾ mile marker involving the original winner #6 “Brewski” (Luke Plano) and the second place finisher #3 “J’s Littlerockstar” (James Kennedy). After speaking with the drivers involved and reviewing video the Stewards by majority decision (Steward Baker dissenting) disqualified #6 for “carrying #3 out” costing #3 an opportunity for a better placing. Driver Plano was ordered to film review. More to follow.

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

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

01/04/15 (6) **Fifth Race Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted in order to review an incident at the ¼ mile marker in which #7 “One Time Intention” (Tim Maier) broke stride and interfered with #6 “Super Sevens” (Daniel Gassien) while offstride. As #6 finished ahead of #7 in the original order of finish no change was required. Driver Maier was held blameless in the incident.

01/04/15 (7) **Tenth Race Claim Voided**

A claim filed by Owner Fabiola Quevado on #4 “Nottin To Much” was voided after State Veterinarian Clifford Zucco informed the Stewards that #4 was being placed on the “vets list” for lameness.

01/04/15 (8) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Declaration: #1 “That Space” – Trainer Gordon Graham
 Refund: \$143.45 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
 4th Race Declaration: #2 “Perfect Pitch” – Trainer Bob Johnson
 Refund: \$160.50 Injured - Clifford Zucco DVM
 11th Race Declaration: #1 “El Rey Deoros” – Trainer Raymond Burt
 Refund: \$110.25 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

01/04/15 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	126
Live Handle (On Track)	\$36,986
Handle (In State)	\$197,281
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$487,620</u>
Total Handle	\$721,887

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards were 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
2-Jan	11	7	BLUE GEM	HERRERA	-	Stewards	\$1,868.33
2-Jan	11	8	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA	SMITH	Injured	Stewards	\$1,868.33
3-Jan	2	7	ORLANDO'S EXPRESS	GRAHAM	Lasix	Stewards	\$ 886.48
3-Jan	6	4	CHINA KING	VALLANDINGHAM	Injured	Zucco	\$ 260.66

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	-
Fresno	\$	4,084.30
Fresno Club One	\$	1,777.10
Golden Gate	\$	33,927.90
Monterey	\$	3,906.40
Pleasanton	\$	13,238.10
Sacramento	\$	94,418.90
San Jose	\$	20,513.30
San Mateo	\$	34,381.50
Santa Rosa	\$	5,224.80
Stockton	\$	11,049.20
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	16,839.90
No. California	\$	-
So. California	\$	1,732.40
Out of State	\$	-

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SUMMARY 2014**

	Mon 12/29	Tues 12/30	Wed 12/31	Thurs 01/01	Fri 01/02	Sat 01/03	Sun 01/04	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	1	1	1
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	0	1	1	3
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	1	1	1	3	4
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	1	1	3	5	7
Refunds	A	A	A	A	2	3	3	8	18
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	0	3

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

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward