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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, January 12, 2015 through Sunday, January 18, 2015. Steward Grant Baker was the Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

01/12/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

01/13/15 (1) **Entry Day**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for January 16th, 17th and 18th. Ten (10) races were drawn for Friday, January 16th. Seventy six (76) horses are scheduled to go postward. Ten (10) races were also drawn for Saturday January 17th. Eighty (80) horses are scheduled to face Starter Kenny Fowler. There will be a non-wagering event (CA Sire Stakes: Purse \$10,000.00) that will commence at 6:10PM. Two (2) horses are scheduled to start.

01/13/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

01/14/15 (1) **Entry/Scratch Day**

Races for Sunday, January 18th were drawn today in the racing office. Ten (10) races make up the card. Seventy four (74) horses are scheduled to start. Scratch time for January 16th and 17th was today in the racing office. There were twenty eight (28) driver changes/selections submitted for January 16th. There were twenty eight (28) driver/selections specified for Saturday, January 17th. No scratches were requested for either day. All changes were activated after the 9:00AM deadline.

01/14/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

01/15/15 (1) **Scratch Day**

Scratches and changes for Sunday, January 18th were taken today in the racing department. Nineteen (19) driver changes/selections were submitted. There were no requests for horses to be scratched. All changes were activated after today's 9:00AM deadline.

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

Friday

01/16/15 (1) **James Lackey Ruling**

RULING # 11

DRIVER **JAMES LACKEY**, WHO DROVE “**BACK DOR**” IN THE FIRST RACE ON JANUARY 11, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED FIFTY **(\$50.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1731 (G) (DRIVER INFRACTIONS – FAIL TO COME UP INTO POSITION).

Starter Ken Fowler called the stewards and told us a sanction was appropriate in the matter above, as Driver Lackey's efforts were sub-par as far as getting his charge in position at the start. This is driver Lackey's second CHRB Rule #1731 (g) violation since this meet started on December 26, 2014.

01/16/15 (2) **David Siegel Ruling**

RULING # 12

DRIVER **DAVID SIEGEL**, WHO DROVE “**RHI'S ACUZ THAT'S Y**” IN THE SECOND RACE ON SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED FIFTY **(\$50.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1731 (G) (DRIVER INFRACTIONS – FAIL TO COME UP INTO POSITION).

The ruling above was issued by the Cal Expo Stewards. This is Driver Siegel's second violation of CHRB Rule #1731 (g) since this meet commenced.

01/16/15 (3) **Tim Clevenger Film Review**

Driver Tim Clevenger appeared in the Stewards office in order to review his drive aboard #7 “Bluebird Cheetah” who finished fourth in the ninth race on Sunday, January 11, 2015. The burly Clevenger used his whip excessively and with unnecessary force throughout the stretch drive. The Stewards told Clevenger a repeat performance of his January 11th actions will lead to an immediate and significant escalation of sanctions. Clevenger agreed with the Stewards evaluation of the drive. The following ruling was issued.

RULING # 13

DRIVER **TIM CLEVENGER**, WHO DROVE “**BLUEBIRD CHEETAH**” IN THE NINTH RACE ON JANUARY 11, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED ONE HUNDRED **(\$100.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1734 (WHIPPING –UNNECESSARY FORCE).

01/16/15 (4) **Fourth Race Accident**

Following the running of the fourth race seventh place finisher #2 'St. Lads Kingpin' (Gerald Longo) collapsed while pulling up past the finish line. 'St. Lads Kingpin' was attended to immediately by track Veterinarian Eduardo De La Cruz. Safety Steward Tom McCarthy was also on the scene. Shortly after these racing officials were on the scene it was reported that 'St. Lads Kingpin' had expired on the track. A full necropsy will be conducted. Driver/Trainer Gerald Longo was uninjured.

01/16/15 (5) **Program Changes**

10th Race Declaration: #4 "Barbosa" – Trainer Gerald Longo

Refund:\$56.00

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

01/16/15 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	148
Live Handle (On Track)	\$39,113
Handle (In State)	\$260,173
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$423,423</u>
Total Handle	\$722,709

Saturday01/17/15 (1) **Terrance Essex Merriam Ruling [Ref: 12/21/14 (1)]****RULING #14**

GROOM/STABLE EMPLOYEE **TERRANCE ESSEX MERRIAM**, IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) FOR FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE TERMS OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO ON DECEMBER 21, 2014 WITH THE CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION AND STATE FAIR IN WHICH **TERRANCE ESSEX MERRIAM** WAS TO PAY TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) A MONTH COMMENCING JANUARY 15, 2015.

GROOM/STABLE EMPLOYEE **TERRANCE ESSEX MERRIAM** SHALL REMAIN SUSPENDED PENDING FULL PAYMENT, BY CERTIFIED CHECK TO THE CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION AND STATE FAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY (\$3,330.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CHRB RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY).

Terrance Essex Merriam met with the Stewards on December 21, 2014. At that time Merriam signed a 'Financial Complaint Agreement' with Cal Expo employee Marcia Shell who oversees the trailer park here at the racetrack. Merriam failed to adhere to a payment plan that he agreed to at the December 21st hearing. The amount of money owed is three thousand three hundred thirty dollars (\$3,330.00). Efforts by the stewards to contact Merriam the past two (2) days have been unsuccessful.

01/17/15 (2) **Qualifying Race**

Four (4) qualifying races were held prior to this evening's pari-mutuel card. Of the seventeen (17) competitors, fourteen (14) made the grade. After the

qualifying races, at 6:10PM, there was a two (2) horse non-betting California Sire Stakes with a purse of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). #1 'Sandy's Song' finished first in this one (1) mile trot in a time of 2:03.

- 01/17/15 (3) **First Race Dead Heat**
#2 "Judgemental" (Patrick Galbraith) and #5 'RD Misty' (Justin Merton) finished on equal terms in tonight's first race.
- 01/17/15 (4) **Smooth Racing**
Tonight's eleven (11) races pari-mutuel card went well as it was free of Steward's inquiries and/or driver objections.
- 01/17/15 (5) **Program Changes**
8th Race Declaration: #6 "Part Time Lady" – Trainer Mike Jarvis
Refund:\$152.59 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
10th Race Declaration: #8 "Rascal Flatter" – Trainer James Wilkinson
Refund:\$26.50 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
- 01/17/15 (6) **Attendance and Handle**
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| Attendance | 224 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$42,121 |
| Handle (In State) | \$288,516 |
| <u>Handle (Out of State)</u> | <u>\$433,096</u> |
| Total Handle | \$763,733 |

Sunday

- 01/18/15 (1) **Patrick Galbraith Film Review**
Provisional Driver Patrick Galbraith appeared in the Stewards office in order to review his actions in the stretch drive of last night's (January 17th) first race. Galbraith was aboard #2 'Judgemental' who finished in a dead heat for first place [Ref: 01/17/15 (3)], finishing on equal terms with #5 'RD Misty' (Justin Merton). The Stewards all felt Galbraith was over zealous with his use of the whip during the stretch drive of this race. Taking the driving crop back behind the head prior to its usage is not allowed by the stewards. A penalty will be issued regarding this matter. More to follow.
- 01/18/15 (2) **Starter Meeting**
Starter Ken Fowler met with the Steward's in their office in order to review race replays from last night's (January 17th) racing card. Of particular focus was the speed of the mobile starting gate while the race field is being gathered and also in the forty (40) yards before the starting gate 'wings' open at the start. Periodic film review with Starter Fowler should improve the quality of the starts here at Cal Expo.
- 01/18/15 (3) **No Show Wagering – First Race**
Tonight's first race was a California Sire's Stakes race with a purse of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The late scratches of #3 'Pips Valentina' (Tr: George Reider) and #6 'One Wright Left' (Tr: Patricia Minnella) whittled this event down to four (4) participants. The Stewards subsequently cancelled show wagering for race one.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
16-Jan	10	4	BARBOSA	LONGO	Injured	Zucco	\$ 56.00
17-Jan	8	6	PART TIME LADY	JARVIS	Injured	Zucco	\$ 152.59
17-Jan	10	8	RASCAL FLATTER	WILKINSON	Injured	Zucco	\$ 26.50
18-Jan	1	3	PIPS VALENTINA	REIDER	Injured	Zucco	\$ 166.59
18-Jan	1	6	ONE WRIGHT LEFT	MINNELLA	Sick	Zucco	\$ 166.59
18-Jan	5	2	THETOADANDME	CLEVENGER	Injured	Zucco	\$ 548.08

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Fresno	\$	3,139.80
Fresno Club One	\$	691.40
Golden Gate	\$	28,554.60
Monterey	\$	6,706.50
Pleasanton	\$	13,823.60
Sacramento	\$	89,912.60
San Jose	\$	17,259.70
San Mateo	\$	28,410.60
Santa Rosa	\$	3,753.70
Stockton	\$	9,553.90
Vallejo	\$	13,219.40
So. California	\$	2,074.10

**WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO
SUMMARY 2015**

	Mon 01/12	Tues 01/13	Wed 01/14	Thurs 01/15	Fri 01/16	Sat 01/17	Sun 01/18	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	1	0	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	3	3	6	7
Claims	R	R	R	R	1	0	1	2	10
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	0	1	1	5
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	0	0	2	2	10
Refunds	A	A	A	A	1	2	3	6	33
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	1	0	4	14

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

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward