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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 16, 2015 through Sunday, March 22, 2015. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

03/16/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

03/17/15 (1) **Entry Day**

The races for Saturday, March 21, 2015 were drawn today in the racing office. Thirteen (13) races will be held with one hundred one (101) horses slotted to start.

03/17/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

03/18/15 (1) **Entry/Scratch Day**

The racing office was open today accepting scratches and changes for Saturday, March 21st. One (1) scratch and thirty six (36) driver changes were submitted. All changes were activated after today's 9:00AM deadline. Races for Sunday, March 22nd were drawn today in the racing office. Twelve (12) races will be contested. Ninety (90) horses are scheduled to start.

03/18/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

03/19/15 (1) **Scratch Day**

Scratches and changes for Sunday, March 22nd were being accepted today in the racing office. No scratches were submitted. Thirty eight (38) driver changes/selections were made. All changes were activated after today's 9:00AM deadline.

03/19/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Friday

03/20/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Saturday

03/21/15 (1) **Qualifying Races**

Three (3) qualifying races commenced today at 5:15PM. Of the fifteen (15) participants, eleven (11) made the grade.

03/21/15 (2) **Change in Stand**

Steward Grant Baker, who was present for afternoon duties, is off tonight for personal reasons. Safety Steward Tom McCarthy filled in for the races.

03/21/15 (3) **Barred Horse**

Trainer Richard Bertrand visited the Stewards office to discuss the eligibility of the six (6) year old mare 'Sand Vixen.' This mare was barred by Cal Expo Stewards following the fourth race on March 8, 2015. This trotter made a nasty break in stride in this race. In this mare's last five (5) events (Two (2) pari-mutuel and three (3) qualifying) she has outperformed one (1) horse. Bruce White is the horse's current trainer. Richard Bertrand wants to take over training and is asking the Stewards to reconsider their March 8th decision barring this mare from competing at Cal Expo. The Stewards told Bertrand the horse is not eligible to race or qualify at Cal Expo racetrack.

03/21/15 (4) **Lemoyne Svendsen Ruling**

RULING # 42

DRIVER LEMOYNE SVENDSEN, WHO DROVE "PERSUADE ME" IN THE SIXTH RACE ON MARCH 15, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1734 (WHIPPING – UNREASONABLE USE).

The Stewards called Driver Lemoyne Svendsen following the sixth race on Sunday, March 15, 2015. Svendsen finished third aboard #5 'Persuade Me' in this race. The Stewards unanimously felt that Svendsen used an exaggerated arm movement (taking whip behind the head) while urging his horse in the stretch driver of this race. The Stewards determined this use to be unreasonable as Svendsen waived his right to a hearing. The Stewards unanimously voted to issue the ruling above.

03/21/15 (5) **Pierre Girard Film Review**

Trainer Pierre Girard came into the Stewards office in order to review his drive aboard #4 'AJ's Little One,' who finished sixth in the ninth race on Saturday, March 14, 2015. This horse raced inside two (2) trackside pylons after the ¾ mile marker. This horse was tiring at this juncture. The Stewards told Driver Girard to make a better effort to stay on the racetrack and he was issued a warning in this matter.

03/21/15 (6) **Tim Maier Film Review**

Driver Tim Maier appeared in the Stewards office in order to review his drive aboard #4 'Willey Bite' who finished seventh (last) in the seventh race on March 15, 2015. The Stewards felt Driver Maier may have 'pulled late' (interfered with) on sixth place finisher #7 'Hollywood Warrior' after the ¼ mile marker. Following film review the Stewards felt this incident was relatively 'borderline.' The film review served as a 'heads up' to Driver Maier that sufficient clearance should be made when pulling in front of other horses.

03/21/15 (7) **Fifth Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fourth place finisher #2 'Cadet' (Steve Desomer) make a break in stride after the start. The Stewards unanimously ruled that this trotter complied with CHRB Rule #1722 (Breaking) by losing ground following the break. There was 'no change' made in the order of finish.

03/21/15 (8) **Program Changes**

4th Race Declaration: #2 "Hollywood Star" – Trainer Bob Johnson
 Refund:\$24.30 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
 10th Race Declarations: #3 "Hey Grin" – Trainer Gene Vallandingham
 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
 #10 "Wardog Hall" – Trainer Denise Maier
 Total Refunds:\$230.38 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

03/21/15 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	244
Live Handle (On Track)	\$47,437
Handle (In State)	\$356,484
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$505,300</u>
Total Handle	\$909,221

Sunday03/22/15 (1) **Mike Jarvis Hearing (Case No: 15SW0015)**

Driver Michael Jarvis appeared in the Stewards office in order to answer to a complaint (Case No: 15SW0015) alleging violation of CHRB Rule #1689.1 (Safety Vest Required) and Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security and Public Safety Officers). Present today were the Stewards, Driver Michael Jarvis, and Safety Steward Tom McCarthy, and CHRB Investigator Carol Nolan.

Prior to the seventh race on March 7, 2015 Safety Steward Tom McCarthy observed Driver Michael Jarvis not wearing a safety vest. McCarthy contacted Outrider Billy Don Wainscott to ask Jarvis if he was wearing a safety vest and he replied he was. Jarvis was aboard #2 'Quality Sport' in this race. After Jarvis competed in this race it was discovered that he did not have a safety vest on even though he told the Outrider he did. The Stewards had several questions for Driver Jarvis and Safety Steward McCarthy. After deliberation the following ruling was issued:

RULING # 44

DRIVER **MIKE JARVIS**, WHO DROVE “**QUALITY SPORT**” IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON MARCH 7, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED **(\$200.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #**1689.1 (B)** (SAFETY VEST REQUIRED) AND VIOLATION OF CHRB RULE #**1930** OBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS (FAILED TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION TO SAFETY STEWARD).

03/22/15 (2) **David Siegel Film Review**

Driver David Siegel appeared in the Stewards office in order to review his drive in the eleventh race on Sunday, March 15, 2015. Siegel was aboard #9 ‘Real Attitude’ who finished fifth as the post time favorite at odds of eight to five (8/5). This horse was three (3) or four (4) lengths off the gate at the start for no apparent reason. Siegel said he wanted to bring his horse off the pace and wanted to get inside position early so as not to be ‘parked out’ early. The Stewards told Siegel they want all drivers to make their best effort to have their horses ‘on the gate’ at the start. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued:

RULING # 43

DRIVER **DAVID SIEGEL**, WHO DROVE “**REAL ATTITUDE**” IN THE ELEVENTH RACE ON MARCH 15, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF FIFTY **(\$50.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #**1731 (G)** (DRIVER INFRACTIONS – FAIL TO COME UP INTO POSITION).

03/22/15 (3) **Wagering Failure – March 21st, 2015**

Watch and Wager.com LLC General Manager telephoned Steward Wayne Oke this afternoon to inform him of an error in the payoff of last night’s (March 21st) ten (10) cent Cal Expo Jackpot Six (6). Mr. Schick told Mr. Oke that approximately fifty four hundred (\$5,400.00) dollars was paid out to bettors who were actually not entitled to these payments last night.

The ten (10) cent Cal Expo Jackpot Six (6) is a special wager that differs from a typical pick six (6). The statute governing these types of wagers is addressed in California Horse Racing Board Rule #1976.9 Pick (n) Pool. The Stewards contacted CHRB Executive Director Rick Baedeker and CHRB Northern Enforcement Deputy Chief, Dan Dailey to inform them of the issue. The Stewards also spoke to Watch and Wager Mutuel Manager Glen Harris and Sportech Tote Operator Michlle Arendt who will provide a letter of explanation which should provide details of what led to this error. This letter will be submitted with Stewards minutes in the near future.

03/22/15 (4) **Third Race Delay**

Tonight’s third race was delayed approximately six (6) minutes due to problems with the mobile starting gate. Starter Ken Fowler told the Stewards there was a ‘broken chain’ that prevented proper use of the wings on the starting gate. The backup mobile starting gate was used for the next two (2) races. The primary gate was subsequently repaired and then used for the balance of the evening’s racing card.

03/22/15 (5) **Memorable Night**

Provisional Driver Mark Kennedy recorded his first lifetime driving win when #5 'Fox Valley Largo' finished first in tonight's tenth race at odds of thirteen to one (13/1). It was a family affair as Kennedy's father Earl Kennedy is the horse's owner and brother James Kennedy is the horse's trainer.

03/22/15 (6) **Eleventh Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing an incident as the field of horses entered the home stretch. Of particular interest were the actions of first place finisher #1 'Real Attitude' (James Kennedy). Race replays show #1 'Real Attitude' shift out in front of second place finisher #6 "Serious Art" (Tim Maier) after passing the ¾ mile marker. The Stewards felt this incident did not constitute interference. In a unanimous decision no change was made in the original order of finish.

03/22/15 (7) **Program Changes**

1st Race Declaration: #6 "Becky B Skipalong" – Trainer Tim Brown
 Refund:\$70.53 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
 5th Race Declaration: #3 "Crusin For You" – Trainer Libero Pacheco
 Refund:\$86.87 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
 6th Race Declaration #7 "Hillcrest Romeo" – Trainer James Kennedy
 Refund:\$4,595.06 Late – Tied up – Eduardo De La Cruz DVM
 7th Race Declaration: #4 "Get Down Tonight" – Trainer James Kennedy
 Refund:\$61.89 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
 12th Race Declaration: #2 "Midnight Destroyer" – Trainer Gerald Longo
 Refund: \$233.16 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

03/22/15 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	164
Live Handle (On Track)	\$34,567
Handle (In State)	\$240,891
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$519,300</u>
Total Handle	\$794,758

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

<u>ate</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
21-Mar	4	2	HOLLYWOOD STAR	JOHNSON	Injured	Zucco	\$ 24.30
21-Mar	10	3	HEY GRIN	VALLANDINGHAM	Injured	Zucco	\$ 115.19
21-Mar	10	10	WARDOG HALL	MAIER	Injured	Zucco	\$ 115.19
22-Mar	1	6	BECKY B SKIPALONG	BROWN	Injured	Zucco	\$ 70.53
22-Mar	5	3	CRUISIN FOR YOU	PACHECO	Injured	Zucco	\$ 86.87
22-Mar	6	7	HILLCREST ROMEO	KENNEDY	Late – Tied up	De La Cruz	\$4,595.06
22-Mar	7	4	GET DOWN TONIGHT	KENNEDY	Injured	Zucco	\$ 61.89
22-Mar	12	2	MIDNIGHT DESTROYER	LONGO	Injured	Zucco	\$ 233.16

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Fresno	\$	2,013.60
Fresno Club One	\$	397.90
Golden Gate	\$	23,727.00
Monterey	\$	3,865.00
Pleasanton	\$	12,070.50
Sacramento	\$	66,243.70
San Jose	\$	10,233.50
San Mateo	\$	30,532.40
Santa Rosa	\$	5,377.40
Stockton	\$	8,980.10

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

	Mon 03/16	Tues 03/17	Wed 03/18	Thurs 03/19	Fri 03/30	Sat 03/21	Sun 03/22	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	7
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	17
Claims	R	R	R	R	R	0	0	0	27
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	K	0	0	0	8
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	D	1	1	2	25
Refunds	A	A	A	A	A	3	5	8	92
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	2	3	44

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

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward