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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 30, 2015 through Sunday, April 5, 2015. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

03/30/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

03/31/15 (1) **Entries and Draw for Friday (04/03/15) and Saturday (04/04/15)**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Friday's and Saturday's cards. At the 2:30 pm draw for Friday's card eighty seven (87) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) overnight events. Scratch time is tomorrow at 9:00AM.

03/31/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

04/01/15 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday's Card**

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

04/01/15 (2) **Draw for Saturday's Card (04/04/15)**

At the draw for Saturday's card ninety three (93) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) overnight events. Scratch time is tomorrow at 9:00 am.

04/01/15 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

04/02/15 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday (04/04/15)**

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were numerous driver corrections, one (1) lasix correction and one (1) Stewards scratch.

04/02/15 (2) **Cal Bred Races**
No Cal-Bred races were carded this week.

04/02/15 (3) **Dark Day**

Friday

04/03/15 (1) **Cynthia Ann Rios Ruling [Ref: 03/28/15 (1)]**

As a result of a formal hearing conducted on March 28, 2015 the Board of Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING # 46

SUBSEQUENT TO A FORMAL HEARING HAVING BEEN HELD AT CAL EXPO (SACRAMENTO, CA) ON MARCH 28, 2015 AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR FOR THE HEARING OWNER **CYNTHIA ANN RIOS** IS SUSPENDED FOR THE TERM OF HER LICENSE (11/30/15) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – CRIME OF MORAL TURPITUDE) AND CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

FURTHERMORE WATCH AND WAGER LLC RULING #24 DATED JANUARY 31 2015 IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND THIS RULING IS NOW IN EFFECT.

FURTHER **CYNTHIA ANN RIOS** SHALL UNDERGO A FITNESS HEARING PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE LICENSING BY THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

04/03/15 (2) **Third Race Inquiry – No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit in order to inquire into the actions of #2 “Cadet” (S. Desomer) the eventual race winner before and after the start. #2 broke stride before and after the start. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #2 complied with the breaking rule and there was no interference thus no change. Driver Desomer was held blameless in the incident.

04/03/15 (3) **Tenth Race Driver to Film Review**

At the conclusion of tenth race Driver James Kennedy #3 “Gutsy Winds Ahead” fifth place finisher was ordered to film review. At issue was Driver Kennedy’s actions during the stretch drive. More to follow.

04/03/15 (4) **Twelfth Race Driver Change**

Driver Mike Jarvis contacted the Stewards requesting a release from his driving commitment in the twelfth race #7 “Believe It or Not” citing a migraine headache.

The Stewards granted the request and Driver Williams Hernandez accepted the drive as a replacement.

04/03/15 (5) **Program Changes**

12th Race Driver Change Williams Hernandez for Mike Jarvis

03/15/15 (6)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	170
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$40,873
	Handle (In State)	\$337,858
	Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$577,616</u>
		\$956,347

Saturday04/04/15 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifiers to be conducted this evening prior to the regular card. The resultant qualifying sheet showed twenty two (22) head competing in four (4) races.

04/04/15 (2) **Driver In**

Driver James Kennedy appeared in the Stewards office as requested. The Stewards wished to review Kennedy's driver aboard #3 "Gutsy Winds Ahead" in the evening tenth race. At issue was the action of Driver Kennedy's left foot during the stretch drive. Kennedy was observed with his left foot "out of the stirrup" on two (2) or three (3) occasions during the final ¼ of a mile. Kennedy explained that the "ear plug cord" had been tangled in other equipment and he was attempting to free it. The Stewards accepted Kennedy's explanation and he was sent on his way.

04/04/15 (3) **Informal Hearing Re: CHRB Complaint # 15SW0016**

This complaint involved a perceived whip mark on the horse "Hooray Katie" who raced in the first race on March 29, 2015. Driver Steve Wiseman, after being served with this complaint, approached the Stewards and requested the opportunity to waive his rights and have the issue adjudicated by the Board of Stewards. The Stewards agreed and an informal hearing was convened.

In attendance were the Cal Expo Board of Stewards (Baker, Meyers and Oke), Safety Steward Tom McCarthy (who originated the complaint), CHRB Official Veterinarian Clifford Zucco, CHRB Investigator Duane Tadlock and Respondent Steve Wiseman.

The exhibits were reviewed (video of the race and photos of the horse post race) and a discussion of the relative events followed. Driver Wiseman took total responsibility for the situation and the Board of Stewards issued the following ruling:

RULING # 47

DRIVER STEVE WISEMAN, WHO DROVE "HOORAY KATIE" IN THE FIRST RACE ON MARCH 29, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED (\$400.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1734 (WHIPPING – CAUSING VISIBLE INJURY).

04/04/15 (4) **Trainer In**

Trainer Denise Maier appeared in the Stewards' office in order to discuss the circumstances surrounding the Stewards scratch of her trainee "A Fine Hi Ho" on

March 29, 2015. Mrs. Maier intended to race the horse on lasix and entered that way. However, her vet Dr. Smith, failed to submit the proper paperwork to State Veterinarian, Dr. Zucco by the required deadline. Dr. Zucco, upon discovering the failure to meet the requirements of CHRB Rule # 1845 ordered the horse scratched. The Stewards attempted to explain to Mrs. Maier the need to abide the rules and not expect the rules to be relaxed to accommodate non adherence to those rules.

After a mutually informative discussion the following ruling was posted.

RULING # 48

TRAINER DENISE MAIER, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO START “A FINE HI HO” IN THE SECOND RACE ON MARCH 2, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1845 (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION – HORSE NOT AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO ENTRY).

- 04/04/15 (5) **Qualifying Races**
Four (4) qualifiers were contested today. Twenty (20) of twenty two (22) participants were successful in their qualifying effort.
- 04/04/15 (6) **Third Race/ Driver to Film Review**
At the conclusion of third race the Stewards contacted Driver Williams Hernandez #1 “Peruvian Paradise” and requested his attendance at film review on Saturday April 11, 2015. At issue were Driver Hernandez actions in the first turn (allowing a hole). (More to follow)
- 04/04/15 (7) **Program Changes**
None
- 04/04/15 (8) **Attendance and Handle**
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| Attendance | 252 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$52,209 |
| Handle (In State) | \$360,865 |
| Handle (Out of State) | <u>\$587,719</u> |
| | \$1,000,793 |
- Sunday**
04/05/15 (1) **Dark Day**
Easter Sunday

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
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None

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Fresno	\$	2,538.00
Fresno Club One	\$	440.90
Golden Gate	\$	28,571.60
Monterey	\$	6,574.80
Pleasanton	\$	11,325.30
Sacramento	\$	70,408.30
San Jose	\$	17,249.90
San Mateo	\$	13,678.20
Santa Rosa	\$	5,136.00
Stockton	\$	12,497.80
Vallejo	\$	11,829.40

WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO SUMMARY 2015

	Mon 03/30	Tues 03/31	Wed 04/01	Thurs 04/02	Fri 04/03	Sat 04/04	Sun 04/05	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	D	0	7
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	A	0	20
Claims	R	R	R	R	1	0	R	1	30
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	0	K	0	8
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	1	0	D	1	29
Refunds	A	A	A	A	0	0	A	0	95
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	2	Y	3	48

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

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward