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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, April 27, 2015 through Sunday, May 3, 2015. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

04/27/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

04/28/15 (1) **Entry Day**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday May 2nd, and Sunday May 3rd. This is closing weekend of the 2014-2015 meeting. Ten (10) races were drawn today for May 3rd. Sixty six (66) horses are scheduled to start. Nine (9) races were drawn today for closing night, May 3rd. Fifty nine (59) horses are scheduled to face Starter Ken Fowler.

04/28/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

04/29/15 (1) **Scratch Day**

The racing office was open today accepting scratches and changes for Saturday, May 2nd. One (1) scratch and twenty nine (29) driver changes/selections were submitted. All changes were activated after today's 9:00AM deadline.

04/29/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

04/30/15 (1) **Scratch Day**

The racing office was open today accepting scratches and changes for Sunday May 3rd, which is closing night of the 2014-2015 meeting here at Cal Expo. Two (2) scratches and twenty two (22) driver changes were submitted. All changes were activated after today's 9:00AM deadline.

04/30/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Friday

05/01/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Saturday

05/02/15 (1) **Racing Official Protocol**

Horseshoe Inspector Larry Goshman appeared in the Stewards office at our request. Goshman posed for a Winner's Circle photograph following a California Sire Stake event (Purse \$10,000.00) that was held Sunday, April 26th. #1 'Cadet' (Steve Desomer) finished first in this race which was a non-wagering event. This race was televised on the normal video/simulcast network.

The Stewards asked Goshman why he felt it was necessary to have his picture taken in the winner's circle. Horseshoe Inspector Goshman told the Stewards he shoes for Vickie Desomer who conditions 'Cadet' and he has known 'the Desomers' for "over forty (40) years." The Stewards told Goshman his presence in the winner's circle can have the appearance of favoritism to other licensees and horse players alike. The Stewards told Goshman not to do it anymore. He said it was a 'silly' thing to do and he would comply with the Stewards order.

05/02/15 (2) **Qualifying Race**

One (1) qualifying race (6:20PM) was held prior to tonight's ten (10) race pari-mutuel card. Of the four (4) participants, three (3) made the grade.

05/02/15 (3) **Leading Driver Competition**

Steve Wiseman, who is the leading driver at the current meeting, won two (2) races tonight. This gives Wiseman a total of ninety five (95) wins. Luke Plano, who is in second position, won four (4) races this evening. This puts Plano at the ninety one (91) win mark, trailing Wiseman by four (4) wins with one (1) night of racing remaining for the meet.

05/02/15 (4) **Smooth Card**

Tonight's ten (10) card went well as it was free of Stewards inquiries and/or driver objections.

05/02/15 (5) **Program Changes**

2th Race Declaration: #2 "Holme Base" – Trainer Richard Dunneback

Refund:\$20.10

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

05/02/15 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	270
Live Handle (On Track)	\$32,458
Handle (In State)	\$239,644
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$431,672</u>
Total Handle	\$703,774

Sunday**05/03/15 (1) Starting Gate Infractions [Ref: 04/26/15 (3)]**

Three (3) horses, all starting from outside post positions, were ‘well off’ the starting gate during the start of the fourth race on April 26, 2015. No fault could be placed on the equine participants. Starter Ken Fowler felt the actions of the three (3) drivers involved were to blame and the Stewards agreed. The Stewards issued the following three (3) rulings:

RULING # 51

DRIVER **PIERRE GIRARD**, WHO DROVE “**LODI DORIAN BLUES**” IN THE FOURTH RACE ON APRIL 26, 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).

RULING # 52

DRIVER **LUKE PLANO**, WHO DROVE “**SNOOPS ELECTRIC**” IN THE FOURTH RACE ON APRIL 26, 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).

RULING # 53

DRIVER **WILLIAMS HERNANDEZ**, WHO DROVE “**TRY THIS**” IN THE FOURTH RACE ON APRIL 26, 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).

05/03/15 (2) Tim Brown Meeting

Trainer Tim Brown appeared in the Stewards’ office in order to discuss an incident that occurred last night. During the post parade and after post time Driver Luke Plano brought the Tim Brown trained #3 ‘Artsbred Camotion’, who finished first in the seventh race last night (May 2nd), back to the paddock to add equipment. ‘Go-straight’s’ were added after the horse had paraded in front of the grandstand.

Trainer Brown told the Stewards that the horse wore this same equipment last start and that his assistant forgot to engage the use of the go-straight’s prior to departure for post. For delaying the start of the race and not having his horse equipped properly prior to departure for post the Stewards issued Trainer Tim Brown the following ruling. The decision was unanimous.

RULING # 54

TRAINER **TIM BROWN**, WHO HAD THE HORSE “**ARTSBRED CAMOTION**” PROGRAMMED TO START IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON MAY 2, 2015 IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (**\$100.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # **1530** (CASES NOT COVERED – FAILURE TO HAVE THE HORSE PROPERLY EQUIPPED/DELAYING THE START).

05/03/15 (3) **James Kennedy Film Review**

Driver/Trainer James Kennedy had a film review scheduled for today in the Stewards office. Kennedy was unable to attend due to an outside job commitment. Owner Jennifer L. Kennedy represented him at today's meeting.

The purpose of the review was to watch replays of last night's (May 2nd) eighth race. James Kennedy was aboard third place finisher #5 'Red Star Wild One' in this race. Going into the first turn it appeared James Kennedy laid off the early pace at which time fifth place finisher #6 'Looks Don't Count' (Mark Kennedy) obtains inside position after being two –wide earlier. James Kennedy has not had any Rule #1721 (H) (Driving Rules) violations this meet. Representative Jennifer L. Kennedy was told that James Kennedy, as well as all drivers, will be watched closely for similar occurrences when standardbred racing continues in Sacramento on October 24, 2015. Warning issued.

05/03/15 (4) **Sixth Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fourth place finisher #5 'Coin Vault' go on a break as he entered the stretch. This three (3) year old gelding was leading the field by about five (5) lengths when this miscue took place. This post time favorite (odds 4/5) lost ground following the break and did not interfere with anyone. In a unanimous decision there was 'no change' made in the original posting of results.

05/03/15 (5) **Big Driving Night**

On this closing night of the meet Driver James Kennedy had a very successful evening. Kennedy recorded four (4) wins on tonight's nine (9) race card. This will 'lock up' third place for Kennedy in this year's final driving standings.

05/03/15 (6) **Race for Leading Driver [Ref: 05/02/15 (3)]**

Driver Steve Wiseman was winless on tonight's card. However, he bested second leading Driver Luke Plano, who won two (2) races this evening for leading driver honors. Wiseman ended up with ninety five (95) winners versus ninety three (93) for Luke Plano at this current meet that commenced on December 26, 2014. Tonight is closing night for the current meeting.

05/03/15 (7) **Program Changes**

None

05/03/15 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	222
Live Handle (On Track)	\$26,173
Handle (In State)	\$191,489
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$392,350</u>
Total Handle	\$610,012

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>Date</u>	<u>Race No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
2-May	2	2	HOLME BASE	DUNNEBACK	Injured	Zucco \$ 20.10

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bay Meadows

Eureka

Fresno \$ 1,243.60

Fresno Club One \$ 840.60

Golden Gate \$ 18,332.70

Monterey \$ 2,444.50

Pleasanton \$ 6,102.50

Sacramento \$ 47,448.10

San Jose \$ 10,171.60

San Mateo \$ 18,298.30

Santa Rosa \$ 2,381.50

Stockton \$ 8,993.60

Tulare \$ -

Turlock \$ -

Vallejo \$ 6,918.80

No. California \$ -

Out of State \$ -

WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO SUMMARY 2015

	Mon 04/27	Tues 04/28	Wed 04/29	Thurs 04/30	Fri 05/01	Sat 05/02	Sun 05/03	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	25
Claims	R	R	R	R	R	0	0	0	32
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	K	0	0	0	9
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	D	0	1	1	35
Refunds	A	A	A	A	A	1	0	1	105
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	4	4	54

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

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward