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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, November 9, 2015 through Saturday, November 15, 2015. Steward Will Meyers was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

11/09/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

11/10/15 (1) **Entries for Saturday**

Eighty six (86) horses were divided into twelve (12) races for Saturday's card for an average of 7.16 horses per race. No cal-bred races were used.

11/10/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

11/11/15 (1) **Changes for Saturday – Entries for Sunday**

Numerous driver changes were taken for Saturday. No scratches were submitted. Seventy six (76) horses are entered for Sunday's ten (10) race card making total of twenty two (22) races for the first week of two (2) day racing. No cal-bred races were used.

11/11/15 (2) **New Provisional Drivers**

Trainer Steve Nichols has now passed all required qualifying drives and was issued a provisional driver license. He will mainly drive for himself. Edward Hernandez, brother of Driver Williams Hernandez, passed all required qualifying drives and he was issued a provisional drivers license. The Hernandez brothers drive mainly for Trainer Salvador Wenceslao.

11/11/15 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday**11/12/15 (1) Scratches and Changes for Sunday**

Two (2) scratches and numerous driver changes were submitted for Sunday.

11/12/15 (2) Plano Hearing [Case No. 15SW0020 and 15SW0022]

The above cases were heard together concerning two (2) alleged whipping violations which occurred during the winter/spring meet on April 3, 2015 and April 4, 2015.

The first complaint involved the horse "Style Master" who finished third in the sixth race on April 3rd, 2015.

The second complaint involved the horse "Kablooie" who finished first in the second race on April 4th, 2015.

Present at the hearing were the Stewards, Driver Luke Plano, State Veterinarian Clifford Zucco, Safety Steward Tom McCarthy, and CHRB Counsel Philip Laird (as an observer). The cases were presented by CHRB Investigator Duane Tadlock and recorded by Yvonne Fenner of Wendy Frazier Reporting. Plano was afforded his rights and wished to proceed with the hearing today. Testimony was taken from Dr. Zucco, Tom McCarthy and Luke Plano. Photos were submitted and the films of the races were observed. The case packages and other evidence were marked and placed into the record.

The case concerning the horse "Style Master" was not as strong as the case concerning "Kablooie" according to the pictures and films. A decision will be forthcoming.

11/12/15 (3) Dark Day**Friday****11/13/15 (1) Ramirez Hearing [Case No. 15SW0025]**

A hearing was held concerning Groom Rudy Ramirez being intoxicated back on May 3rd, 2015 in the test barn. Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards, Rudy Ramirez and CHRB Employee/Interpreter Yannet Gonzalez-De Garcia. The case was presented by Investigator Duane Tadlock and recorded by Wendy Frazier.

Two (1) preliminary alcohol screening tests conducted on the night in question indicated 0.141 and 0.131 BAC according to Investigator Tadlock. Mr. Ramirez admitted he was a little drunk that night, but was not expecting to work and was called into service late. Mr. Ramirez has a clean record dating back nine years on the racetrack. Decision to follow.

11/13/15 (2) Dark Day**Saturday****11/14/15 (1) Lackey Ruling [Refer: 11/07/15 (6)]****RULING # 03**

DRIVER JAMES LACKEY, WHO DROVE "MIRA ROMAINE" IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON NOVEMBER 7, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA

The above ruling was issued following deliberation over Fridays hearing.

11/15/15 (4) **License Rulings**

RULING # 05

ASSISTANT TRAINER/OWNER **ROBIN CLEMENTS**, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE (**\$25.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1922 (IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED) ON NOVEMBER 14, 2015 AT THE WATCH AND WAGER.COM LLC HARNESS MEET (SACRAMENTO).

RULING # 06

ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEE **LARRY DANA**, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE (**\$25.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1922 (IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED) ON NOVEMBER 14, 2015 AT THE WATCH AND WAGER.COM LLC HARNESS MEET (SACRAMENTO).

RULING # 07

GROOM **TELMA HERNANDEZ-GARCIA**, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE (**\$25.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1922 (IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED) ON NOVEMBER 14, 2015.

RULING # 08

OWNER **FABIOLA QUEVEDO**, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE (**\$25.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1922 (IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED) ON NOVEMBER 14, 2015 AT THE WATCH AND WAGER.COM LLC HARNESS MEET (SACRAMENTO).

RULING # 09

TRAINER **GEORGE REIDER**, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE (**\$25.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1922 (IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED) ON NOVEMBER 14, 2015 AT THE WATCH AND WAGER.COM LLC HARNESS MEET (SACRAMENTO).

The above rulings were issued to licensees who failed to have their license on their person in the paddock area. One (1) trainer, two (2) owners, the starting gate driver and one (1) groom were all assessed a \$25.00 penalty.

11/15/15 (5) **Eighth Race Inquiry – Minor Placing**

#10 “Sounion” (Williams Hernandez) went off stride past the ¼ mile marker causing confusion to other horses and drivers. The inquiry sign was posted to review the reason for the miscue. After review it was determined #10 made a break on its own and interfered with #5 “Hotel Motel” (P. Galbraith) and #8 “Laissezmoipicoler” (E. Hernandez). #10 finished eighth in front of #8 who finished ninth. #10 was then placed ninth for the interference.

11/15/15 (6) **Tenth Race Inquiry – No Change**

#6 “Serious Art” (Tony Succarotte went off stride past the ¼ pole finishing second. There was a question as to whether the winner #4 “Dinneratartsplace” (Luke Plano) caused #6 to go off stride or if #6 made the miscue on its own. After review it was determined that #6 went off stride of its own accord and the breaking rule was complied with so no change was warranted.

11/15/15 (7) **Late Scratches**

None

11/15/15 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	126
Live Handle (On Track)	\$21,284
Handle (In State)	\$188,898
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$395,232</u>
Total Handle	\$605,414

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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
14-Nov	8	5 KILO DREAM	PLANO	Lame Post Parade	DeLa Cruz	n/a

WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO SUMMARY 2015

	Mon 11/09	Tues 11/10	Wed 11/11	Thurs 11/12	Fri 11/13	Sat 11/14	Sun 11/15	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	R	0	0	0	0
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	K	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	D	1	2	3	9
Refunds	A	A	A	A	A	1	0	1	6
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	7	7	9

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

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward