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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, December 7, 2015 through Sunday, December 13, 2015. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

12/07/15 (1) **Dark Day**

**Tuesday**

12/08/15 (1) **Entries and Draw Day**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for race programs to be conducted on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> the final two (2) days of the current meet.

12/08/15 (2) **Draw for Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

At the 3:00PM draw for Saturday's card ninety nine (99) head were drawn to compete in thirteen (13) overnight events. Scratch time is Wednesday at 9:00AM.

12/08/15 (3) **Dark Day**

**Wednesday**

12/09/15 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday's Card**

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

12/09/15 (2) **Draw for Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

A draw was conducted for Sunday's card with ninety two (92) head drawn to compete in twelve (12) races. Scratch time is tomorrow (Thursday) at 9:00AM.

12/09/15 (3) **Dark Day**

**Thursday**12/10/15 (1) **Scratch Time for Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

At scratch time for Sunday's card there were numerous driver corrections and no other changes.

12/10/15 (2) **Dark Day****Friday**12/11/15 (1) **Dark Day****Saturday**12/12/15 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifiers to be contested this afternoon with first post at 5:00PM. The resultant qualifying sheet showed eleven (11) horses entered in an attempt to qualify.

12/12/15 (2) **Siegel Decision [Ref: 12/04/15 (2)]**

The Board of Stewards after a lengthy period of deliberation contacted Driver David Siegel advising that as a result of a formal hearing concerning CHRB Complaints 15SW0023, 15SW0079 and 15SW0080, the Board unanimously agreed to dismiss Complaints 15SW0023 and 15SW0079 and issued the following ruling relative to Complaint #15SW0080.

**RULING # 14**

DRIVER **DAVID SIEGEL**, WHO DROVE **"ENDEAVORS KING"** IN THE ELEVENTH RACE AT CAL EXPO ON OCTOBER 24, 2015 AND HAVING APPEARED AT A FORMAL HEARING ON DECEMBER 4, 2015 ADDRESSING CHRB COMPLAINT #15SW0080, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED (**\$300.00**)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE **#1734** "WHIPPING" CAUSING VISIBLE INJURY (WHIP WELT).

When informed of the decision by Steward Meyers, Siegel responded that he felt the decision was a fair one and he would accept the decision of the Stewards.

12/12/15 (3) **Petrelli Film Review**

Driver Frank Petrelli attended as requested, a film review of his drive on #4 "Lislea Bonita" in the seventh race on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. At issue were Petrelli's actions past the ¾ mile marker when he moved off the rail forcing #5 "Pismo Beach" (Lemoyne Svendsen) the official race winner three (3) wide. As #5 finished ahead of #1 in the official order of finish an inquiry was not necessary. Petrelli acknowledged his fault in the situation and asserted he would be more cautious in the future. Warning issued.

12/12/15 (4) **Mark Kennedy Film Review**

Provisional Driver Kennedy attended in order to review his drive on #3 "Banker's For All" in the sixth race on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> race. At issue was #3 being inside the pylons on two (2) separate occasions in the stretch. As no advantage was gained the following ruling was issued. Driver Kennedy accepted the sanction.

**RULING # 15**

PROVISIONAL DRIVER **MARK KENNEDY**, WHO DROVE #3 “**BANKER’S FOR ALL**” WHO FINISHED FOURTH IN THE SIXTH RACE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED FIFTY (**\$50.00**)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530(CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS – RACED INSIDE TWO PYLONS-STRETCH).

12/12/15 (5) **Driver Harold Herrera/ Film Review**

Driver Harold Herrera appeared as requested in order to review his drive on #2 “Blue Gem” in the first race on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. At issue was Driver Herrera’s use of the whip during the stretch drive. The judges opined and Driver Herrera agreed that he was in violation of the “Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule.”

Thus the following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 16**

DRIVER **HAROLD HERRERA**, WHO DROVE THIRD PLACE FINISHER “**BLUE GEM**” IN THE FIRST RACE ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 12, 2015 AT CAL EXPO, CA IS HEREBY FINED FIFTY (**\$50.00**)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED – VIOLATION OF ‘CAL-EXPO HOUSE WHIPPING RULE’ – (4) (A) ANY BLATANT OR EXAGGERATED MOVEMENTS OF THE WHIPPING ARM WHICH WILL RESULT FROM RAISING THE ELBOW ABOVE THE DRIVER’S SHOULDER HEIGHT AND/OR ALLOWING THE HAND HOLDING THE WHIP TO REACH BEHIND THE DRIVER DURING THE USE OF THE WHIP).

12/12/15 (6) **Qualifying Races**

Eleven (11) horses participated in two (2) qualifying events commencing at 5:00PM. Eight (8) of the participants were successful in their qualifying effort.

12/12/15 (7) **Clean Card**

The evening’s card was hotly contested, but incident free. Driver Frank Petrelli was summoned to film review relative to his drives in the evening’s seventh and twelfth races. (More to follow).

12/12/15 (8) **Eighth Race Late Ownership Change**

The Duty Steward was informed of an ownership correction on #1 “Northern Stormont” who was programmed to start in tonight’s eighth race. The change involved the current owners of “Medinah” racing opting to race the horse in their individual names (George McChrystal and Mark Kremen) rather than the stable name. After ensuring the official records of the USTA had been properly updated, the change was noted on the “crawl” and announcements made.

12/12/15 (9) **Program Changes**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration: #7 “Lil Stevie Oneder” – Trainer James Wilkinson

Refund:\$95.60

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

12/12/15 (10) <b><u>Attendance and Handle</u></b>	
Attendance	226
Live Handle (On Track)	\$43,790
Handle (In State)	\$279,921
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$381,594</u>
Total Handle	\$705,305

**Sunday**12/13/15 (1) **Driver Petrelli In**

Driver Frank Petrelli appeared as requested in order to:

1. Review his drive aboard #2 “Moon Is On Fire” third place finisher in the seventh race.

At issue was Driver Petrelli’s use of the “whip” during the event. Driver Petrelli suggested he was attempting to motivate his mount, the Stewards were of the unanimous opinion that Petrelli needed to find alternative ways to motivate his charge. Thus the following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 17**

**DRIVER FRANK PETRELLI, WHO DROVE “MOON IS ON FIRE” IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015 IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1734 (WHIPPING – UNREASONABLE FORCE).**

2. Review his drive aboard #3 “Sinful Vito” the eventual second place finisher in the twelfth race.

Driver Petrelli was observed with his left foot out of the stirrup on several occasions from the ½ mile marker through the finish. Petrelli’s explanation was that the “earplug cord” broke and he was merely trying to “pull the earplugs.” The Stewards accepted Petrelli’s explanation, but reminded him that sending a horse to the track “improperly equipped” was also a violation. Warning issued.

12/13/15 (2) **Tenth and Eleventh Race Late Scratch**

At the conclusion of third race the Stewards were contacted by State Veterinarian Dr. Clifford Zucco requesting a vet’s scratch on #1 “Lets Go Get Em” in the evening’s tenth race “for failing to follow lasix administration protocols.” Dr. Zucco was asked to inform Trainer Steve Nichols prior to the scratch being activated. At the conclusion of fourth race the Stewards were again contacted by Dr. Zucco requesting a vet’s scratch on #7 “Fire On The Water” for the same reason.

Dr. Zucco was asked to inform Trainer Nichols of the situation prior to the scratches being activated. At the conclusion of sixth race the Stewards were contacted by Trainer Nichols requesting an explanation. Trainer Nichols was informed an explanation would have to come from Dr. Zucco as the Stewards had no detailed information.

At this point as it was obvious the trainer had been notified the requested scratches were activated. The Stewards have requested Investigator Duane Tadlock inquire into the matter as well as a reported confrontation between Dr. Zucco and Licensee Nichols. (More to follow).

12/13/15 (3) **Sixth Race/ Driver to Film Review**

Driver Steve Wiseman #3 "Cantoria" the eventual race winner was summoned to film review as a result of a situation at the 3/8<sup>th</sup> mile marker when it appeared there was a possible violation of the driving rules "allow a hole." (More to follow).

12/13/15 (4) **Tenth Race/ Inquiry**

The inquiry sign was posted at the conclusion of the tenth race in order to review the actions of #5 "Cowboy Cold" (Luke Plano) the post time favorite. At issue was #5 being "off stride" prior to the start and being "pulled up." After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #5 caused his own problems and would be considered a "starter" for pari-mutuel purposes.

12/13/15 (5) **Program Changes**

5<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations: #3 "Miri" – Trainer Gene Vallandingham  
 Refund:\$265.98 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #1 "Lets Go Get Em" – Trainer Steve Nichols  
 Refund:\$ 149.31 Lasix – Clifford Zucco DVM  
 11<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #7 "Fire On The Water" – Trainer Steve Nichols  
 Refund:\$227.88 Lasix – Clifford Zucco DVM

12/13/15 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	126
Live Handle (On Track)	\$27,451
Handle (In State)	\$179,446
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$465,919</u>
Total Handle	\$672,816

## 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
12-Dec	2	7	LIL STEVIE ONEDER	WILKINSON	Injured	Zucco	\$ 95.60
13-Dec	5	3	MIRI	VALLANDINGHAM	Injured	Zucco	\$ 265.98
13-Dec	10	1	LETS GO GET EM	NICHOLS	Lasix	Zucco	\$ 149.31
13-Dec	11	7	FIRE ON THE WATER	NICHOLS	Lasix	Zucco	\$ 227.88

**WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Bay Meadows		
Eureka		
Fresno	\$	2,154.90
Fresno Club One	\$	565.20
Golden Gate	\$	17,484.50
Monterey	\$	2,228.90
Pleasanton	\$	10,777.30
Sacramento	\$	54,984.40
San Jose	\$	13,824.60
San Mateo	\$	22,101.30
Santa Rosa	\$	4,094.50
Stockton	\$	9,056.00
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	9,663.40
No. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	-

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

	<b>Mon 12/07</b>	<b>Tues 12/08</b>	<b>Wed 12/09</b>	<b>Thurs 12/10</b>	<b>Fri 12/11</b>	<b>Sat 12/12</b>	<b>Sun 12/13</b>	<b>Total Week</b>	<b>Total Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>

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

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**Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Grant Baker, Steward**