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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, December 21, 2015 through Sunday, December 27, 2015. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

General Data:

Dates: Saturday December 26, 2015 through Sunday May 8, 2016 -
Schedule two (2) nights a week (Saturday and Sunday evening
programs)
Entries: 9:00AM on Tuesdays
Scratch Time: 9:00AM the day after the draw
Post Times: 6:15PM Post Time Saturdays (Fridays) and 4:55PM Post Time
Sundays
Wagering: Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily
Double, Pick Three (3), Pick Four (4), Pick Five (5), and Pick Six (6)
Northern California Satellite Facilities:
Albany, Anderson, Ferndale, Fresno, Monterey, Pleasanton,
Sacramento, Salinas, San Jose, San Mateo, Santa Rosa, Stockton
Turlock and Vallejo

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:
- Jim Arlt
- Wayne Oke
- Renee Sheward
- Tom McCarthy (Safety Steward)

Track Management:

Christopher Schick – General Manager
Benjamin Kenney – Assistant General Manager/ Chief Financial Officer
Kate Phariss – Director of Backstretch Operations
Glen Harris – Paymaster/ Mutuel Manager
Robin Schadt – Director of Racing
Brent Bridges – Assistant Racing Secretary
Patty Petersen – Clerk of Course

Kenneth Fowler – Starter/Patrol Judge
 Carl Sobey – Horse Identifier
 Walter Petersen – Paddock Judge
 Larry Goshman – Horseshoe Inspector
 Gary Seibel – Announcer/Simulcast Host
 Billy Don Wainscott – Outrider
 Nancy Barney – Placing Judge
 J.R. Williams – Track Superintendent
 Ken Walker – Director of Labor Relations
 Pegasus – Video Supplier
 Plusmic USA – Photo Finish
 Crystal View Photography – Track Photographer
 Disher Accountancy – Pari-Mutuel Auditor

Veterinarians:

Eduardo De La Cruz, D.V.M – Track Veterinarian
 Clifford Zucco, D.V.M—CHRB Veterinarian

Monday

12/21/15 (1) **New Stewards On Board**

We welcomed two (2) new Stewards to the panel today; Renee Sheward who comes to us from Ohio, but who has served in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and most recently Minnesota. Also onboard is Jim Arlt who comes to us from Minnesota.

12/21/15 (2) **Entries and Draw for Saturday (12/26/15) and (12/27/15)**

The draw schedule was moved back one (1) day in order to accommodate the production of the programs during the holiday period.

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Saturday and Sunday cards. The first two (2) cards of our 2016 meet. The clerical duties necessitated by the end of the calendar year were handled by the Stewards and race office staff. The draw for Saturday resulted in ninety five (95) head competing in thirteen (13) races. No cal-bred races were programmed. Scratch time is tomorrow (Tuesday) at 9:00AM.

12/21/15 (3) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

12/22/15 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday (12/26/15)**

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

12/22/15 (2) **Draw for Sunday (12/27/15)**

At the draw for Sunday's card eighty nine (89) were drawn to compete in twelve (12) races. No cal-bred races were programmed. Scratch time is tomorrow (Wednesday) at 9:00AM.

12/22/15 (3) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

12/23/15 (1) **Scratch Time for Sunday (12/27/15)**

At scratch time for Sunday's card there were numerous driver corrections and three (3) injured scratches.

12/23/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

12/24/15 (1) **Dark Day**
Christmas Eve

Friday

12/25/15 (1) **Dark Day**
Christmas Day

Saturday

12/26/15 (1) **Meeting/ Christmas Dinner**

A meeting was held in the drivers lounge immediately after the qualifiers in order to introduce the new Stewards (Sheward and Arlt) to the horsemen.

The large turnout was probably a result of the turkey dinner provided by the CHHA in co-operation with the Don Fowler Family.

12/26/15 (2) **Qualifying Races**

Three (3) qualifying races were held commencing at 4:45PM fifteen (15) of seventeen (17) successful in their qualifying effort.

12/26/15 (3) **Fourth Race/ Inquiry/ Disqualification**

At the conclusion of the fourth race the inquiry sign was lit in order to review the actions of eventual race winner #6 "Majorley" (James Kennedy) around the 3/8 mile marker. #6 appeared to "pull late" forcing #7 "Lodi Machete Man" (Pierre Girard) the original fifth place finisher, three (3) wide at that point in the race. After reviewing video, speaking with Driver Kennedy by phone and conferring with Starter/Patrol Judge Ken Fowler the Stewards unanimously concluded that #6 had impeded the progress of #7 by "pulling late/carrying him out."

Thus #6 was disqualified and placed fifth behind #7. Driver James Kennedy was ordered to film review. (More to follow)

Original order of finish: 6-4-1-3-7-5-2

Official order of finish: 4-1-3-7-6-5-2

12/26/15 (4) **Tenth Race/ Inquiry/ Disqualification**

At the conclusion of the tenth race the inquiry sign was lit in order to examine the actions of #1 "Lets Go Get Em" (Williams Hernandez) after he was observed "inside multiple pylons" around the final turn. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #1 was in violation of the Cal Expo pylon rule and #1 was placed ninth (last).

Driver Williams Hernandez was ordered to film review.

Original order of finish: 10-8-1-2-6-4-3-7-9

Official order of finish: 10-8-2-6-4-3-7-9-1

12/26/15 (5) **Program Changes**

5th Race Declaration: #2 “Lieutenant Steve” – Trainer Gene Vallandingham
 Refund:\$137.20 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

8th Race Declaration: #6 “BB’s Harley” – Trainer Gene Vallandingham
 Refund:\$73.20 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

9th Race Declaration: #1 “Rhi’s Acuz Thats Y” – Trainer Kennedy Lindsey
 Refund:\$8.30 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

10th Race Declaration: #5 “Capitol Hill” – Trainer Stephen Crump
 Refund:\$49.40 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

12/26/15 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	206
Live Handle (On Track)	\$44,042
Handle (In State)	\$321,237
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$506,158</u>
Total Handle	\$871,437

Sunday12/27/15 (1) **Twelfth Race Medication Violation/ Late Scratch**

At the conclusion of the sixth race the Stewards were informed by State Veterinarian Clifford Zucco that #3 “Bank of Lodi” trained by Pierre Girard had not been treated with lasix, thus recommending a scratch after confirming the information with Dr. Audrey Clifton (Attending Veterinarian) and Trainer Girard.

12/27/15 (2) **Film Review/ Driver James Kennedy [Ref: 12/26/15 (3)]**

Driver James Kennedy appeared as requested in order to review his drive aboard #6 “Majorley” in last evening’s fourth race. #6 who finished first in the event was subsequently disqualified and placed fifth for interference with #7 “Lodi Machete Man” (Pierre Girard) at the 3/8 mile marker. After reviewing video, the “head on” shot on the backstretch being the most conclusive. Driver Kennedy still expressed reservations concerning the decision.

After advising Driver Kennedy of his right to appeal the penalty, but not the placing; the following ruling was unanimously issued.

RULING # 01

DRIVER JAMES KENNEDY, WHO DROVE #6 “MAJORLEY” IN THE FOURTH RACE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1721 (F) (DRIVING RULES – CARRY A HORSE OUT/PULLED LATE RESULTING IN A DISQUALIFICATION FROM FIRST TO FIFTH). INCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR THE 1/2 MILE MARKER.

12/27/15 (3) **Film Review/ Driver Williams Hernandez**

Driver Williams Hernandez appeared as request in order to review his drive on #1 “Lets Go Get Em” in the tenth race on December 26th. Hernandez, who’s mount was disqualified and placed ninth (last) for violation of the “Cal Expo pylon rule,” took responsibility for the situation, but explained that his mount was very difficult to control. He further explained he had gotten into a “blind switch.” As

a result of this review and in light of Driver Hernandez's candor the Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING # 02

DRIVER WILLIAMS HERNANDEZ, WHO DROVE #1 "LET'S GO GET EM" IN THE TENTH RACE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2015 IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1721 (K) (DRIVING RULES – CARELESS DRIVING – RACED INSIDE PYLONS PAST THE ¾ MILE MARKER. RESULTING IN A DISQUALIFICATION FROM THIRD TO NINTH (LAST)).

12/27/15 (4) **Excellent Racing/ Photo Finish Lighting**

We enjoyed an excellent weekend of racing with very competitive results. Noteworthy is the marked improvement in photo finish lighting, making photos much easier to read.

12/27/15 (5) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Declarations: #1 "Sixstringsandapick" – Trainer Pierre Girard
 Refund:\$80.25 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
 12th Race Declaration: #3 "Bank of Lodi" – Trainer Pierre Girard
 Refund:\$258.63 Lasix – Stewards

12/27/15 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	146
Live Handle (On Track)	\$28,169
Handle (In State)	\$208,179
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$556,509</u>
Total Handle	\$792,857

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>
26-Dec	5	2	LIEUTENANT STEVE	VALLANDINGHAM	Injured	Zucco \$ 37.20
26-Dec	8	6	BB'S HARLEY	VALLANDINGHAM	Injured	Zucco \$ 73.20
26-Dec	9	1	RHI'S ACUZ THAT'S Y	LINDSEY	Injured	Zucco \$ 8.30
26-Dec	10	5	CAPITOL HILL	CRUMP	Injured	Zucco \$ 49.40
27-Dec	2	1	SIXSTRINGSANDAPICK	GIRARD	Injured	Zucco \$ 8025
27-Dec	12	3	BANK OF LODI	GIRARD	Lasix	Stewards \$ 258.63

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Fresno	\$	2,312.00
Fresno Club One	\$	823.80
Golden Gate	\$	21,278.60
Monterey	\$	3,489.90
Pleasanton	\$	7,963.20
Sacramento	\$	60,573.80
San Jose	\$	16,401.30
San Mateo	\$	25,637.90
Santa Rosa	\$	4,126.60
Stockton	\$	11,330.70
Turlock	\$	30.20
Vallejo	\$	8,967.30
No. California	\$	162,935.30

**WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO
SUMMARY 2016**

	Mon 12/21	Tues 12/22	Wed 12/23	Thurs 12/24	Fri 12/25	Sat 12/26	Sun 12/27	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	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	R	0	0	0	0
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	K	2	0	2	2
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	D	2	0	2	2
Refunds	A	A	A	A	A	4	2	6	6
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	2	2	2

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, Sheward and Arlt were in attendance.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Renee Sheward, Steward

Jim Arlt, Steward