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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 14, 2016 through Sunday, March 20, 2016. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

03/14/16 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

03/15/16 (1) **Entries for Saturday, March 19th and Sunday, March 20th**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for this week's racing programs (March 19th and 20th).

03/15/16 (2) **Routine Office Duties**

The normal record keeping duties were on today's agenda including horse transfers, trainer changes and Steward's and Vet's list additions and deletions.

03/15/16 (3) **Draw for Saturday, March 19th**

At the draw for Saturday's eleven (11) race program eighty one (81) head were drawn to face Starter Ken Fowler. Scratch time is tomorrow, Wednesday at 9:00AM.

03/15/16 (4) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

03/16/16 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday's Card**

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

03/16/16 (2) **Draw for Sunday, March 20th**

At the draw for Sunday's card ninety one (91) head drawn to compete in twelve (12) overnight events. Scratch time is tomorrow, Thursday at 9:00AM.

03/16/16 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

03/17/16 (1) **Scratch Time for Sunday's Card**

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

03/17/16 (2) **Dark Day**

Friday

03/18/16 (1) **Dark Day**

Saturday

03/19/16 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifying races to be held this afternoon commencing at 5:00PM. The resultant qualifying sheet showed thirteen (13) head competing in two (2) qualifying events.

03/19/16 (2) **Driver In**

Driver Richard Schneider appeared as requested in order to review his drive in the eleventh race on Sunday, March 13, 2016. At issue was a potential violation of the house whipping rule (drivers may not use the whip more than three (3) times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond). After reviewing video Driver Schneider took complete responsibility for his actions. More to follow.

03/19/16 (3) **Qualifying Races**

Two (2) qualifiers were held today with nine (9) of thirteen (13) participants successful in their qualifying efforts.

03/19/16 (4) **Fifth Race/ Driver to Film Review**

At the conclusion of the fifth race Driver Mike Jarvis, #7 "Bettermeboy" the official second place finisher was summoned to film review. At issue was a potential violation of the house whipping rule. More to follow.

03/19/16 (5) **Seventh Race/ Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit following the seventh race in order to review the actions of #7 "Cowboy Cold" (Luke Plano) the original third place finisher at the start of the race. #7 'broke stride' before and after the start, after reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #7 complied with the breaking rule thus no change.

03/19/16 (6) **Program Changes**

4th Race Declarations: #1 "Afaceinthecrowd" – Trainer Vallandingham
Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
#3 "Sparkin Your Fire" – Trainer Longo

Total Refunds:\$786.66	Scratch – Stewards
5 th Race Declaration: #7 “Bettormeboy” – Trainer Pacheco	
Refund:\$89.06	Scratch – Stewards

03/19/16 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	222
Live Handle (On Track)	\$41,686
Handle (In State)	\$286,584
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$474,757</u>
Total Handle	\$803,027

Sunday

03/20/16 (1) **Driver In [Ref: 03/19/16 (1)]**

Driver Richard Schneider took complete responsibility for his actions and the following ruling was issued.

RULING #45

DRIVER **RICHARD SCHNEIDER**, WHO DROVE #2 “**CHIEF SARATOGA**” IN THE ELEVENTH RACE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016 IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (**\$100.00**)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF WATCH AND WAGER LLC HOUSE WHIPPING RULE (DRIVERS MAY NOT USE THE WHIP MORE THAN THREE (3) TIMES IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) AND CHRB RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED). FIRST OFFENSE IN THE LAST SIXTY (60) DAYS.

THIS RULING ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE BOARD OF STEWARDS UNDER CHRB RULE #1870 “CONDITIONS OF MEETING BINDING UPON LICENSEES.”

03/20/16 (2) **Driver In [Ref: 03/19/16 (4)]**

Driver Mike Jarvis attended film review as requested. At issue was Driver Jarvis’s use of the whip during the stretch drive. Driver Jarvis agreed with the Stewards assessment of the situation and the following ruling was issued.

RULING #46

DRIVER **MIKE JARVIS**, WHO DROVE “**BETTORMEBOY**” IN THE FIFTH RACE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 AT CAL EXPO, CA IS HEREBY FINED ONE HUNDRED (**\$100.00**)* 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).

THIS RULING ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE BOARD OF STEWARDS UNDER CHRB RULE #1870 “CONDITIONS OF MEETING BINDING UPON LICENSEES.”

03/20/16 (3) **Track Sloppy**

The track was listed 'sloppy' for the complete card after rain earlier in the day. The charts reflected a one (1) second allowance.

03/20/16 (4) **Tenth Race/Inquiry/ Disqualification**

At the conclusion of the tenth race the inquiry sign was lit in order to review the actions of fifth place finisher #2 "KG Cody" (Edward Hernandez) in the first turn. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #2 was in violation of the 'pylon rule' (inside multiple pylons) thus was disqualified and placed tenth (last). Driver Hernandez was ordered to film review. More to follow.

Original order of finish: 9-5-3-10-2-8-6-7-1

Official order of finish: 9-5-3-10-8-6-4-7-1-2

03/20/16 (5) **Eleventh Race/ Objection/ No Change**

Driver James Lackey #3 "Katie Mouse" lodged an objection against #5 "Doug's Hobby Horse" (Richard Bertrand) for an alleged incident approaching the ¼ mile marker. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded the video did not support the objection. No change.

03/20/16 (6) **Twelfth Race/ Inquiry/ No Change**

At the conclusion of the twelfth race the inquiry light was lit in order to review the stretch drive. At issue were actions of race winner #7 "Vow To Win" (Paul Welence) and second place finisher #2 "Junior Rocks" (Luke Plano). After reviewing video and speaking with the drivers involved the Stewards unanimously concluded that while both horses failed to maintain a straight path in the stretch, #2 raced very 'green' as they neared the finish and caused his own problems. In a unanimous decision the Stewards concluded that neither horse was cost a chance at a better placing. No change.

03/20/16 (7) **Program Changes**

2 nd Race Declaration: #2 "Comedienne" – Trainer Kennedy Lindsey	
Refund:\$159.66	Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
4 th Race Declaration: #5 "Back Dor" – Trainer James Wilkinson	
Refund:\$152.51	Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
5 th Race Declaration: #4 "Cruisin For You" – Trainer Liberio Pacheco	
Refund:\$36.10	Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
6 th Race Declaration: #5 "JK Journey" – Trainer Lester Smith	
Refund:\$78.27	Not Eligible – Stewards

03/20/16 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	155
Live Handle (On Track)	\$22,070
Handle (In State)	\$188,278
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$545,823</u>
Total Handle	\$756,171

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</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
19-Mar	4	1	AFACEINTHECROWD	VALLANDINGHAM	Injured	Zucco	\$
19-Mar	4	3	SPARKIN YOUR FIRE	LONGO	Scratch	Stewards	788.66
19-Mar	5	7	BETTERMEBOY	PACHECO	Scratch	Stewards	\$ 89.06
20-Mar	2	2	COMEDIENNE	LINDSEY	Injured	Zucco	\$159.66
20-Mar	4	5	BACK DOR	WILKINSON	Injured	Zucco	\$152.51
20-Mar	5	4	CRUISIN FOR YOU	PACHECO	Injured	Zucco	\$ 36.10
20-Mar	6	5	JK JOURNEY	SMITH	Not Eligible	Stewards	\$ 78.27

WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO SUMMARY 2016

	Mon 03/14	Tues 03/15	Wed 03/16	Thurs 03/17	Fri 03/18	Sat 03/19	Sun 03/20	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	16
Claims	R	R	R	R	R	0	1	1	6
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	K	0	1	1	11
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	D	0	2	2	24
Refunds	A	A	A	A	A	2	4	6	79
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	7	7	46

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

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Renee Sheward, Steward

Jim Arlt, Steward