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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, November 28, 2016 through Sunday, December 4, 2016. Steward Peter Tommila was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

11/28/16 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

11/29/16 (1) **Dark Day**

11/29/16 (2) **Entries for Friday December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd**

Entries closed at 9:00AM for Friday, December 2nd. A total of two hundred thirty one (231) horses were entered for both days. The Friday, December 2nd program was drawn for thirteen (13) races.

Wednesday

11/30/16 (1) **Dark Day**

11/30/16 (2) **Scratches and Program Changes**

Scratch time for Friday, December 2nd was at 9:00AM. Several driver changes were made.

11/30/16 (3) **Draw**

The program for Saturday, December 3rd was drawn with twelve (12) races.

Thursday

12/01/16 (1) **Dark Day**

12/01/16 (2) **Scratches and Program Changes**

Scratch time for Saturday, December 3rd was at 9:00AM. Several driver changes were made and one (1) medication change.

Friday

- 12/02/16 (1) **SmithPeters Ruling [Ref: 11/26/16 (3)]**
Sean SmithPeters was issued the following ruling.

RULING # 08

RIVER SEAN SMITHPETERS, WHO DROVE #3 “COSMOS” IN THE SIXTH RACE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2016, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF WATCH AND WAGER LLC HOUSE CROPPING RULE (DRIVERS MAY NOT USE THE CROP 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.”

- 12/02/16 (2) **Qualifying Races**
Two (2) qualifying races were held beginning at 4:45PM. Eleven (11) horses were entered and seven (7) met the qualifying standards for overnight races.
- 12/02/16 (3) **Track Condition**
The track condition for tonight’s thirteen (13) race program was rated fast with no variance.
- 12/02/16 (4) **Backstretch Head on Camera**
The backstretch head on camera was not available for the first and second races.
- 12/02/16 (5) **Fourth Race/ Inquiry/ No Disqualification**
The inquiry sign was posted at the conclusion of race four (4) while we reviewed an incident that occurred at about the quarter pole. At this point it appeared that #3 “Helen Noel” was off stride. After viewing the three (3) camera angles it was determined the horse was not interfered with and broke on her own. No change was made in the order of finish.
- 12/02/16 (6) **Sixth Race/ Inquiry/ No Disqualification**
The inquiry sign was posted at the conclusion of race six (6) while we reviewed and past the half mile pole. It appeared that #1 “Reachingforthestars” driven by James Lackey may have come out late on #3 “Gotalilcaptaininme” (Steve Wiseman). Upon review of the three (3) camera angles it was determined the incident did not warrant a disqualification. Driver Lackey was instructed to review his drive on December 3rd.
- 12/02/16 (7) **Sixth Race/ Driver Cautioned**
James Kennedy who drove #2 “Red Star Tiger” was cautioned about his use of the crop. The incident was noted for possible future violations.
- 12/02/16 (8) **Eighth Race/ Recall**
The starter recalled the start of race eight when #2 “Eastender” (Luke Plano) appeared to experience a problem with the horse turning.

12/02/16 (9) **Tenth Race/ Program Correction**

#5 “Fort Knox” was programmed without the (L) lasix symbol, a correction was announced.

12/02/16 (10) **Twelfth Race/ Inquiry/ No Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was posted at the conclusion of race twelve while we reviewed a possible breaking rule violation in the stretch. During the stretch drive #2 “Capitol Hill” (Tony Succarotte) appeared to be off stride. After review of the pan camera replays it was determined that “Capitol Hill” did make a break, however, Driver Succarotte complied with the breaking rule requirements. “Capitol Hill” finished third and no change was made in the order of finish.

12/02/16 (11) **Thirteenth Race/ Inquiry/ No Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was posted at the conclusion of race thirteen while we reviewed a possible breaking rule violation at the start. It appeared that #6 “Happy Heath” (James Lackey) may have been off stride. After reviewing the pan camera playback it was determined that “Happy Heath” was rough gaited and did not break.

12/02/16 (12) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	172
Live Handle (On Track)	\$37,009
Handle (In State)	\$312,823
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$489,763</u>
Total Handle	\$839,595

Saturday12/03/16 (1) **Driver Race Review [Ref: 12/02/16 (6)]**

James Lackey appeared to review his drive of #1 “Reachingforthestars” in the sixth race on December 2nd. After a discussion and review of the video Mr. Lackey was given a warning.

12/03/16 (2) **Stewards Office Meeting**

At the request of the Board of Stewards the following persons appeared to review general procedures. Safety Steward Tom McCarthy, as well as the Board Investigators, Duane Tadlock and Carol Nolan.

12/03/16 (3) **Third Race/ Program Correction**

#5 “Sweet One” was incorrectly programmed without the (L) lasix symbol. The correction was posted and announced.

12/03/16 (4) **Fourth Race/ Driver Summoned**

Tony Succarotte who drove #7 “Slick Fall” was notified to appear before the Board of Stewards on Friday, December 9th to review his drive.

12/03/16 (5) **Sixth Race/ Delay of the Start**

Driver James Kennedy who drove #6 “Tempus Fugit” was off the gate at the start. He reviewed this violation with Starter Kenneth Fowler and was assessed a fifty (\$50.00) dollar fine.

12/03/16 (6) **Eleventh Race/ Program Correction**

#6 "Soul Diva" was programmed to race on lasix medication. The lasix symbol was programmed in error. A correction was posted and announced.

12/03/16 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	190
Live Handle (On Track)	\$39,695
Handle (In State)	\$316,337
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$445,180</u>
Total Handle	\$801,212

Sunday12/04/16 (1) **Dark Day****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.

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SUMMARY 2016**

	Mon 11/28	Tues 11/29	Wed 11/30	Thurs 12/01	Fri 12/02	Sat 12/03	Sun 12/04	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	D	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	A	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	0	R	0	2
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	0	K	0	1
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	4	0	D	4	7
Refunds	A	A	A	A	0	0	A	0	18
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	Y	1	8

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

Peter Tommila, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Renee Sheward, Steward