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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, January 16, 2017 through Sunday, January 22, 2017. Steward Wayne Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

01/16/17 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

01/17/17 (1) **Entry Day**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for cards to be raced Friday, January 20th and Saturday, January 21st.

01/17/17 (2) **Weekly Paperwork**

The usual weekly run of paperwork (trainer changes, owner changes) and updating of the Vet's list as well as the Stewards list were processed.

01/17/17 (3) **Draw for Friday, January 20th**

At the draw for Friday's card one hundred two (102) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) overnight events. Scratch time is tomorrow, Wednesday at 9:00AM.

01/17/17 (4) **Annual Driver Testing**

Enforcement of CHRB Rule #1498 "Physical Examination" has been delayed due to some communication problems, which are being addressed.

01/17/17 (5) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

01/18/17 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday's Card**

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

01/18/17 (2) **Draw for Saturday's Card**

At the draw for Saturday's card ninety three (93) head were drawn to compete in eleven (11) overnight events. Scratch time is tomorrow, Thursday at 9:00AM.

01/18/17 (3) **Dark Day****Thursday**01/19/17 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday's Card**

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

01/19/17 (2) **Dark Day****Friday**01/20/17 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifying races to be conducted Saturday commencing at 5:00PM. The resultant qualifying sheet showed fifteen (15) horses competing in three (3) qualifying events.

01/20/17 (2) **High Winds/Grandstand Roof Damage**

High winds on Thursday, January 19th caused severe damage to the Grandstand roof and subsequently to many of the wires and cables that traverse the roof. The CHRB Board of Stewards were first notified of the situation at approximately 11:00AM on Friday.

A meeting was held in the Stewards office convening at approximately 3:00PM in order to determine whether or not racing should be cancelled this evening. In attendance, were the Board of Stewards Sheward, Tommila and Oke, Safety Steward McCarthy, Investigators Nolan and Tadlock and representing Watch & Wager Kate Pharis and Chris Schick. After a rather lengthy and at time contentious discussion the Board of Stewards were able to receive assurances that racing could be conducted in a manner that was safe for all participants and without placing undo hardships on the horsepersons.

Racing was conducted on a track rated "good" with no significant issues.

01/20/17 (3) **Driver Sanctions [Ref: 01/13/17 (3)]**

Driver James Lackey was noticeably "off the gate" in race #6 on January 13th. The Board of Stewards at the behest of Starter Ken Fowler issued the following ruling.

RULING #03

DRIVER JAMES LACKEY, WHO DROVE "SMOKE RINGS" IN THE SIXTH RACE ON JANUARY 13, 2017 IS HEREBY FINED FIFTY (\$50.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1731 (G) (DRIVER INFRACTIONS – FAIL TO COME UP INTO POSITION).

01/20/17 (4) **Driver to Film Review [Ref: 01/14/17 (5)]**

Driver William Hernandez attended film review as requested. At issue was Driver Hernandez drive in the twelfth race on January 14th when Hernandez's mount finished first and was disqualified and placed third for violation of the Watch & Wager/Cal Expo "pylon rule." Mr. Hernandez took total responsibility for the situation and the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 04

DRIVER WILLIAM HERNANDEZ, WHO DROVE "FAST LANE FERRARI" IN THE TWELFTH RACE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017 IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF THE WATCH & WAGER/ CAL-EXPO PYLON RULE. (WENT INSIDE TWO (2) PYLONS IN THE STRETCH GAINING AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE). AND CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED). RESULTING IN A DISQUALIFICATION.

THIS RULING ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE BOARD OF STEWARDS UNDER CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1870 "CONDITIONS OF MEET BINDING ON LICENSEES."

01/20/17 (5) **Tenth Race/ Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit in order to allow the Stewards to review an incident mid-stretch when #3 "Dry Ice" (James Kennedy) (sixth) and #4 "Cowboy Mathis" (Paul Welence) (eighth) were observed to be in very close quarters. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #4 "Bore In" in the stretch initiating the contact. As #3 finished ahead of #4 in the official order of finish no change was necessary. Driver Welence to film review. More to follow.

01/20/17 (7) **Program Changes**

10th Race Declaration: #1 "Ragin's Flight" – Trainer Kathleen Pleded

Refunds:\$116.75

Injured – Lauri Bohannon DVM

01/20/17 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Attendance | 144 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$29,374 |
| Handle (In State) | \$253,660 |
| Handle (Out of State) | <u>\$440,017</u> |
| Total Handle | \$723,051 |

Saturday

01/21/17 (1) **Driver In**

Driver Paul Welence attended film review as requested. At issue was his drive aboard #4 "Cowboy Mathis" (eighth) in the tenth race on Friday, January 20th. After reviewing video Driver Welence accepted the Steward's conclusion in the matter. The Stewards also took the opportunity to review the recently introduced "whipping rule" as Driver Welence has had some problems adapting. Driver Welence left the office with a warning on the first matter and hopefully a better understanding of the "whipping rule."

- 01/21/17 (2) **Qualifying Races**
Three (3) qualifying races were conducted this evening commencing at 5:00PM of fifteen (15) participants eleven (11) were successful in their qualifying effort.
- 01/21/17 (3) **Damage Repair Progress**
The damage to the Grandstand roof was contained and the danger of falling debris greatly reduced thanks to the efforts of a large crew who worked all day in order to affect repairs.
- 01/21/17 (4) **Driver/ No Show**
Provisional Driver Michael White failed to appear for his drives in races two, four, seven, and ten; substitute drivers were named and announcements made. Driver White will not be permitted to drive until he meets with the Board of Stewards. More to follow.
- 01/21/17 (5) **Third Race/ Driver to Film Review**
Driver Sean SmithPeters was orderd to film review relative to a possible violation of the “whipping rule” while driving #3 “Fly Away” (second). More to follow.
- 01/21/17 (6) **Sixth Race/ Driver to Film Review**
Driver Luke Plano requested to attend film review relative to a possible violation of the “driving rules” while driving #3 “P L Jalapeno” (fifth). More to follow.
- 01/21/17 (7) **Timer Malfunction Races Nine and Ten**
The time failed to record the time at the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile marker for the two (2) races mentioned. It was repaired and functioned properly for the remainder of the card.
- 01/21/17 (8) **Transmission of Photo Finish Pictures**
A negative effect of the storm damage was the inability to transmit photo finish pictures for video display. Hard copies of any close finishes were requested in order to display same if any results were questioned.
- 01/21/17 (9) **Track Conditions**
- Races one (1) thru five (5) “Fast”
 - Races six (6) thru eight (8) “Good”
 - Races nine (9) thru eleven (11) “Sloppy with wind gust 30-40 MPH”
- 01/21/17 (10) **Program Changes**
- 6th Race Declaration: #5 “Rock of Ages” – Trainer Salvador Wenceslao
Refunds:\$43.85 Injured – Lauri Bohannon DVM
- 8th Race Declaration: #6 “Crusin For You” – Trainer Lester Smith
Refund:\$54.48 Injured – Lauri Bohannon DVM
- 11th Race Declarations: #3 “Becky B Skipalong” – Trainer Luke Plano
Injured – Lauri Bohannon DVM
- #7 “Addie Rose” – Trainer George Reider

Total Refunds:\$258.46

Injured – Lauri Bohannon

DVM

01/21/17 (11) **Attendance and Handle**

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Attendance | 162 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$30,945 |
| Handle (In State) | \$260,888 |
| Handle (Out of State) | <u>\$375,105</u> |
| Total Handle | \$666,938 |

Sunday01/22/17 (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.

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> |
|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| 20-Jan | 10 | 1 | RAGIN'S FLIGHT | PLESTED | Injured | Bohannon | \$ 116.75 |
| 21-Jan | 6 | 5 | ROCK OF AGES | WENCESLAO | Injured | Bohannon | \$ 43.85 |
| 21-Jan | 8 | 6 | CRUSIIN FOR YOU | SMITH | Injured | Bohannon | \$ 54.48 |
| 21-Jan | 11 | 3 | BECKY B SKIPALONG | PLANO | Injured | Bohannon | \$ 258.46 |
| 21-Jan | 11 | 7 | ADDIE ROSE | REIDER | Injured | Bohannon | |

**WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO
SUMMARY 2017**

| | Mon 01/16 | Tues 01/17 | Wed 01/18 | Thurs 01/19 | Fri 01/20 | Sat 01/21 | Sun 01/22 | 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 | 1 |
| Claims | R | R | R | R | 0 | 0 | R | 0 | 1 |
| Disqualifications | K | K | K | K | 0 | 0 | K | 0 | 2 |
| Inquiries | D | D | D | D | 1 | 0 | D | 1 | 5 |
| Refunds | A | A | A | A | 1 | 3 | A | 4 | 29 |
| Rulings | Y | Y | Y | Y | 2 | 0 | Y | 2 | 4 |

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

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Renee Sheward, Steward

Peter Tommila, Steward