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Golden Gate Fields

Albany, California

Report of the Board of StewardsTo the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, November 30, 2011 through Sunday, December 4, 2011.

Wednesday11-30-11 **FINANCIAL HEARING** (Case #11GG228)

A complaint filed against owner **MICHAEL DUNCAN** (d.b.a. **Moonlight Racing**) by trainer Monty Meier was scheduled for a hearing this morning but Mr. Duncan was not in attendance. Meier alleges that \$2,833 is due on an unpaid training bill.

Thursday12-01-11¹ **EARLY DECLARATION – REFUND**

5th race: #1 SWISS LAKER GIRL (Tr. Steve Specht)
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell

sick

REFUND: \$1,168.50

12-01-11² **RULING NO. 34 – DUNCAN** (Refer 11-30-11)

Owner **MICHAEL S. DUNCAN** (d.b.a. **Moonlight Racing**), having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Wednesday, November 30, 2011, to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is hereby suspended pending an appearance for a hearing before the Board of Stewards for violation of CHRB rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of MICHAEL S. DUNCAN are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The foregoing ruling will be in effect until Mr. Duncan appears for his hearing.

12-01-11³ **RULING NO. 35 – DIAZ**

Exercise Rider **ROQUE D. DIAZ** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for violation of posted fire regulations on November 23, 2011;

a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations).

The above ruling was issued after Diaz appeared for an informal hearing. Diaz pled guilty to using a hot plate in his tack room and covering the smoke detector with plastic so smoke from the hot plate wouldn't set off the alarm. Both practices are prohibited by the barn area fire regulations.

12-01-11⁴ **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey David Lopez appeared this morning on behalf of jockey **Jose Valdivia** whose mount was disqualified from fourth to fifth in last Sunday's eighth race after causing interference in the stretch. Valdivia appointed Lopez because Valdivia could not get back from southern California.

Lopez was unable to demonstrate that Valdivia made every effort to correct his horse from drifting out and bothering a rival. The stewards issued the following ruling:

Jockey **JOSE VALDIVIA, JR.**, who rode **ROVING STORM** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, November 27, 2011, is suspended three (3) racing days (December 8, 9 and 10, 2011) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fourth to fifth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – careless riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

12-01-11⁵ **PROBLEM FREE**

The afternoon's eight race program was completed without an incident worthy of note.

12-01-11⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	839	\$ 220,745.20
NCOT	1,917	\$ 629,829.90
SCOT		\$ 229,678.10
Out of State		\$ 861,390.93
TOTAL	2,756	\$1,941,643.83

Friday

12-02-11¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 nd race:	#4 HERE BE DRAGONS	(Tr. Ricardo Perez)	unsound
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$140.10
7 th race:	#3 THE TOUR DIRECTOR	(Tr. William Delia)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 44.10

12-02-11² **PROBLEM FREE**

Both morning office hours and the afternoon's eight race program were conducted without noteworthy incident.

12-02-11³ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,119	\$ 253,895.10
NCOT	2,125	\$ 631,082.30
SCOT		\$ 275,993.80
Out of State		\$ 871,151.40
TOTAL	3,244	\$2,032,122.60

Saturday12-03-11¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 nd race: #5 FREE RETURN	(Tr. Bud Klokstad)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 223.00
5 th race: #4 SO LET IT BWRITTEN	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	enter back
	Stewards	REFUND: \$ 164.10

12-03-11²**RULING NO. 37 – ANTONGEORGI, III**

Jockey **WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI, III** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for reporting late to the paddock for the second race on Sunday, November 27, 2011.

The above ruling was issued after Antongeorgi appeared last Thursday and the stewards considered the circumstances surrounding his tardiness. Ultimately it is his responsibility to be present in a timely fashion and since he was not the penalty was imposed.

12-03-11³**SIMULCAST PROGRAM GLITCH**

Mutuel Manager Bryan Wayte informed the stewards that certain early races at Gulfstream and the Fairgrounds were switched in our program. The money wagered at the time the discrepancy was noticed was negligible and Wayte had instituted a solution. He would refund losing wagers and pay off on any winning wagers.

12-03-11⁴**LATE DECLARATION – Ninth Race – REFUND**

Official Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, D.V.M. called in mid-program to report that the horse TAHOE YODELER (Tr. Jeff Bonde) appeared to have suffered a reaction to a pre-race lasix shot and he recommended the horse be scratched. On Vet's list. The refund amounted to \$1,023.88.

12-03-11⁵**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2,184	\$ 425,721.30
NCOT	3,241	\$1,010,355.80
SCOT		\$ 542,992.80
Out of State		\$1,163,977.26
TOTAL	5,425	\$3,143,047.16

Sunday12-04-11¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

All of the races written exclusively for horses bred or sired in California during the four day race week were called off due to insufficient entries.

12-04-11²**EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race: #6 IMA LOOKING COOL	(Tr. Reina E. Gonzalez)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$100.00
5 th race: #2 WHISKERS AND RYE	(Tr. Dennis Patterson)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$782.50
#3 MY SWEET LOVE	(Tr. Sergio Ledezma)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$680.30

12-04-11³**RULING NO. 38 – GRYDER**

Jockey **AARON GRYDER** is suspended three (3) racing days (December 11, 15 and 16, 2011) for failure to ride his mount out until the finish line is passed during the fifth race on Saturday, December 3, 2011; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692

(Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey).

The above ruling was issued after Gryder contacted the stewards by phone and admitted he stood up before the wire. Gryder was very apologetic for his actions but did not feel his error cost the horse a better placing. The stewards did not agree with his assessment. Tapes showed that Gryder relaxed well before the finish while the horse was beaten only a nose for second. The photo finish picture showed Gryder fully out of the saddle at the wire. Considering these factors the stewards felt the imposition of a three day suspension was appropriate.

12-04-11⁴ **ALLISON HEARING** (Case #11FDFF0003)

A formal hearing was conducted for veterinarian **Kenneth Allison, D.V.M.** who was the subject of a complaint, filed by CHRB Investigator Rick Amieva, alleging violation of CHRB rule#1864 (Labeling of Medications). Amieva testified by phone from southern California while CHRB Investigator Gabe Palomar handled the necessary documentary evidence during the hearing. Dr. Allison was present and represented by attorney Jim Ghidella.

The complaint alleged Dr. Allison sold a bottle of injectible lasix to a licensee on October 14, 2011 while in the barn area during the Fresno Fair. The lasix was for use on a pony horse at a private ranch but the medication, according to the complaint, was not properly labeled.

Evidence, both oral and documentary, was entered into the record. The stewards took the matter under submission and will render a decision in the near future.

12-04-11⁵ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – Seventh Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards lit the inquiry lamp to review the final strides between the place horse, #2 SURFER DAVE, ridden by Juan Hernandez and the fourth place finisher, #6 STUFDRMSRMADEOF, with Jose Valdivia in the saddle. The two were racing in tight quarters the final 1/16 when STUFDRMSRMADEOF suddenly threw his head. After a thorough review the stewards disqualified SURFER DAVE from second and placed him fourth behind STUFDRMSRMADEOF.

Tapes showed that STUFDRMSRMADEOF was closing ground between horses nearing the wire when Hernandez swung his whip on the right side and hit STUFDRMSRMADEOF on the nose causing that horse to throw his head and lose ground. Valdivia's mount was only a nose behind the third place finisher and the stewards concluded the incident cost STUFDRMSRMADEOF the opportunity to finish third. Hernandez will review the tapes of the race with the stewards on Thursday.

Original order of finish: 1 – **(2)** – 8 – 6

Official order of finish: 1 – 8 – 6 – **(2)**

12-04-11⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3,286	\$ 519,551.00
NCOT	2,556	\$ 754,435.70
SCOT		\$ 500,181.00
Out of State		\$1,119,114.46
TOTAL	5,842	\$2,893,282.16

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each racing day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program. The full Board of Stewards was in attendance on the non-racing day (11/30) to handle entries and scratches and a scheduled hearing.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
1-Dec	5	1	SWISS LAKER GIRL	Specht	sick	Isbell	\$1,168.50
2-Dec	2	4	HERE BE DRAGONS	Perez	unsound	Isbell	\$140.10
	7	3	THE TOUR DIRECTOR	Delia	sick	Isbell	\$44.10
3-Dec	2	5	FREE RETURN	Klokstad	injured	Isbell	\$223.00
	9	5	TAHOE YODELER	Bonde	sick	Franklin	\$1,023.88
4-Dec	3	6	IMA LOOKING COOL	Gonzalez	sick	Isbell	\$100.00
	5	2	WHISKERS AND RYE	Patterson	sick	Isbell	\$782.50
		3	MY SWEET LOVE	Ledezma	sick	Isbell	\$680.30

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

12-04-11 Wuda Done Different (Tr. Gary Greiner) pleuropneumonia & laminitis

Veterinarian's List

There were twelve (12) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 6
Injured: 2
Unsound: 3
Bled: 1

There were twelve (12) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 6
Injured: 3
Bled: 1
Medication: 2

Shockwave Therapy: There was one (1) shockwave therapy treatment reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	65	\$18,148.90
Bakersfield	358	\$85,061.00
Fresno	303	\$71,747.50
Fresno Club One	79	\$41,673.00
Monterey	354	\$109,737.50
Pleasanton	1396	\$414,480.90
Sacramento	1054	\$334,099.50
San Jose	1590	\$462,724.80
San Mateo	2702	\$968,357.60
Santa Rosa	621	\$144,159.60
Stockton	745	\$199,893.30
Tulare	179	\$46,828.10
Turlock	323	\$102,275.60
Vallejo	681	\$200,395.20
So. California		\$1,548,845.70
Out of State		\$4,015,633.75

	1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	3
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	2	7	2	1	12	52
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	1	1	5
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	0	1	1	14
REFUNDS	1	2	3	3	9	100
RULINGS	3	0	1	1	5	38

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward

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