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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**PACIFIC RACING ASSOCIATION**

Golden Gate Fields
Albany, California

Report of the Board of Stewards
To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday January 13, 2016 through Monday January 18, 2016

WEDNESDAY01-13-2016¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Will Meyers was on duty to supervise entries and declarations.

THURSDAY01-14-2016¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for four-year olds and older, claiming \$6,250.00, six furlongs, failed to fill.

01-14-2016²**GROOM FERNANDO AMEZCUA (#15GG0151)**

A formal hearing was held for groom Fernando Amezcua, who has been charged with alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874, #1890 (a) and #1930.

Present, in addition to the Stewards and Mr. Amezcua, were California Horse Racing Board investigator Joe Mulligan, who presented the case, CSR Christine Niccoli, who transcribed the proceedings and Armando Calero representing the Winners Foundation.

According to the complaint on December 4, 2015 Amezcua was approached by former California Horse Racing Board investigator Derek Merritt. The investigator was responding to a request made by state veterinarian Forrest Franklin, who was concerned about possible substance abuse by Mr. Amezcua. The investigators believed Mr. Amezcua was under the influence of narcotics because he was displaying the signs of Methamphetamine use.

Mr. Amezcua submitted a urine sample and Quest diagnostics Laboratory reported it was positive for Alcohol, Marijuana, Amphetamine and Methamphetamine use.

Mr. Amezcua's defense was he is a former Heroin addict and has a prescription for Methadone. In addition, he stated that the evening before he was tested (12-03-2015) he was at a party and used what he thought was Cocaine, but must have been Methamphetamine. Decision forthcoming.

01-14-2016³ **FILM REVIEW**

The Stewards met with apprentice jockey David Martin for a review of the first race from Thursday January 14, 2016. Mr. Martin's mount #4 Nothing But Lucky raced wide heading into the stretch and took #5 Freaky Moniquee (Maicol Severino) with him. The incident was minor, but the young rider was advised to make a better effort in controlling his mount.

01-14-2016⁴ **CLEAR RACING**

The afternoon racing program was conducted without incident.

01-14-2016⁵ **HANDLE-ATTENDANCE**

GGF	628	\$161,223.20
NCOT	1441	\$467,099.80
SCOT		\$201,269.20
<u>OUT OF STATE</u>		<u>\$711,891.19</u>
TOTAL		\$1,541,483.30

FRIDAY

01-15-2016¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for fillies and mares, four-year olds and older, claiming \$6,250.00, six furlongs, failed to fill.

01-15-2016² **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

4th Race #6 Hallie Jae (Victor Trujillo)
Injured, DVM Isbell \$187.36

01-15-2016³ **ELOY GERADO NAVARRO HEARING (CASE #15SW0043)**

Trainer Eloy Gerardo Navarro appeared in response to a complaint filed against him alleging a Clenbuterol positive urine sample taken from the quarter horse Don't Walk Peacefully (owner Ugo De La Torre-lessee), who finished second in the third race at Cal Expo (state fair). Mr. Navarro requested and was granted a postponement in order to obtain legal counsel.

California staff counsel Philip Laird who was present, will select a date suitable to him and Mr. Navarro's counsel, Carlo Fisco.

Mr. Laird requested that a hearing regarding the merits of a disqualification be held. The California Horse Racing Board showed proof of mailing the notice to owner De La Torre of today's scheduled hearing and Mr. Navarro indicated the owner was aware of the accusation. California Horse Racing Board investigator Joe Mulligan was present and CSR Christine Niccoli transcribed the proceedings.

Mr. Laird presented the complaint package, including the U. C. Davis Maddy Laboratories report indicating the Clenbuterol positive and the split sample report from Iowa State University confirming the original finding.

01-15-2016⁴ **OBJECTION-NO CHANGE-3RD RACE**

The Stewards posted the objection sign at the request of jockey Kyle Frey (#5-Bentley's Gone) second. Mr. Frey lodged a claim of foul against #2 Owner's Choice (Joe Crispin) first, alleging interference near the 1/16 pole. After reviewing the videos and interviewing the riders, the Stewards decided unanimously to make no change in the original order of finish. The video shows #2 Owner's Choice drift in briefly, but the incident had no bearing on the outcome.

01-15-2016 ⁵	<u>HANDLE-ATTENDANCE</u>	
	GGF	676
		\$205,398.00
	NCOT	1716
		\$497,062.70
	SCOT	
		\$287,079.40
	OUT OF STATE	
		\$496,798.28
	TOTAL	\$1,486,338.30

SATURDAY01-16-2016¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for fillies and mares four-year olds and older, claiming \$7,000.00-\$8,000.00, six furlongs failed to fill.

01-16-2016² **DECLARATIONS**

4th Race-#2 Arigato (Johnathan Wong) Trainer John F. Martin

Injured, DVM Isbell \$74.30

6th Race-#6 Brookys Star (Tim McCanna)

Sick, DVM Isbell \$276.20

7th Race-#1 He's A Tiger (Jeff Bonde)

Stake-Stewards See Below

7th Race-#5 Go Long (Keith Desormeaux)

Stake-Stewards \$188.30

01-16-2016³ **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Joe Crispin and the Stewards reviewed the video of the third race from January 15, 2016. Mr. Crispin made satisfactory effort to avoid interference and was issued a warning.

01-16-2016⁴ **RULING #9 (CASE #15SW0043)**

Acting on a report from the University of California at Davis Maddy Laboratories, the official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the post race urine sample #F13121 taken from the horse **Dont Walk Peacefully** second place finisher in the 3rd race at California Exposition and State Fair (Sacramento) on July 24, 2015 contained the prohibited substance Clenbuterol (Class 3), it is hereby ordered that **Dont Walk Peacefully** be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$1,650.00) earned or awarded to owner **Ugo De LaTorre** and trainer **Eloy Navarro** and jockey **Martin Arriaga** be returned to The Paymaster of Purses on or before February 7, 2016 for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

The revised order of finish is as follows:

1 ^s	JDBS Royal Rona
2 nd	Lucas Czech
3 rd	Sassy J Dash
4 th	Chicks Is Cash
5 th	Mahalis Fire
6 th	Walk Bac
7 th	Angie Bay Be

The above ruling was issued following the evidentiary hearing held on January 15, 2016.

01-16-2016⁵ **POST PARADE ACCIDENT-9TH RACE**

Jockey Julien Couton was unseated from his mount, #6 Call Saul (Trainer Greg James) during the parade to the post and was hit in the face. Track physician David Seftel, M.D., suggested Mr. Couton be excused from his duties. Jockey Richard Oliver replaced Mr. Couton.

01-16-2016 ⁶	<u>HANDLE-ATTENDANCE</u>	
	GGF 1451	\$392,119.10
	NCOT 2686	\$1,015,070.10
	SCOT	\$477,790.50
	<u>OUT OF STATE</u>	<u>\$2,463,208.76</u>
	TOTAL	\$4,348,188.40

01-17-2016¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**
The Cal-bred race for four-year olds and older, claiming \$9,000.00-\$10,000.00, six furlongs, was used and open with six entries.

01-17-2016² **DECLARATIONS**
3rd Race: #3 Hula Girl (Trainer Clifford DeLima)
Injured-DVM Isbell \$114.60
8th Race: #6 Hollywood Angel (Trainer Blaine Wright)
Sick-DVM Isbell \$108.00

01-17-2016³ **STEWARDS REVIEW-1ST RACE**
The Stewards conducted a review of the first race so the wagering public could see that #2 Noble Hawk (Juan Hernandez) caused his own problem near the 3/8 pole. The video shows the four-year old colt simply failed to properly negotiate the turn.

01-17-2016⁴ **STEWARDS REVIEW-4TH RACE**
The Stewards reviewed the start of the fourth race for the benefit of the patrons. The video clearly shows #5 Pete's Slew (Russell Baze) rear as the stall doors open, resulting in a poor start.

01-16-2016 ⁵	<u>HANDLE-ATTENDANCE</u>	
	GGF 2615	\$382,982.70
	NCOT 2037	\$667,907.40
	SCOT	\$506,987.70
	<u>OUT OF STATE</u>	<u>\$1,048,916.64</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,606,794.40

MONDAY

01-18-2016¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**
The Cal-bred race for fillies and mares, four-years old and older, claiming \$9,000.00-\$10,000.00, six furlongs, failed to fill.

01-18-2016² **DECLARATIONS**
2nd Race: #1 Mitzi G (Trainer Gary Greiner)
Sick-DVM Isbell \$93.36

01-18-2016³ **RULING #10-FRANK ALVARADO**

#10

Jockey **Frank Alvarado** who rode **Time To Go Robo** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, January 17, 2016 is fined the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond-third offense).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Alvarado and the Stewards reviewed the video of the fourth race from Sunday, January 17, 2016. The video shows Mr. Alvarado strike his mount four times approaching the finish line.

01-18-2016⁴ **RULING #11-FELIPE MARTINEZ**

#11

Jockey **Felipe Martinez** who rode **Salah Loves Teagan** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, January 17, 2016 is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars

(\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

The foregoing ruling was issued subsequent to Mr. Martinez waving his right to a video review and acknowledging the violation.

01-18-2016⁵ **RULING #12-FERNANDO AMEZCUA (REFER 01-14-2016)**

#12

Groom **Fernando Amezcua** is hereby suspended thirty (30) days, January 20, 2016 through February 18, 2016 and placed on probation for one year from the date of this ruling, for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Under Influence Methamphetamine & Marijuana) and rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers).

Prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges **Fernando Amezcua** must show proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation program acceptable to this Board of Stewards. The conditions of probation are that **Mr. Amezcua** must sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and a contract with the Winners Foundation. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will be grounds for action against **Mr. Amezcua's** license privileges. During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **Fernando Amezcua** 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 above ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the evidence and testimony presented during the formal hearing held on January 14, 2016.

01-18-2016⁶ **OBJECTION-3RD RACE-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the objection sign following the third race at the request of jockey Julien Couton (#3 Land Of Oz) who finished second. Mr. Couton lodged a claim of foul against #2 Ronnie Cloud (Russell Baze) the winner, alleging interference in the stretch. After interviewing the riders, the patrol judges and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make no change in the original order of finish.

After the video shows there was contact late in the stretch, but #3 Land Of Oz was the aggressor, not the victim.

01-18-2016⁷ **HANDLE-ATTENDANCE**

GGF	1046	\$314,006.30
NCOT	1976	\$603,254.10
SCOT		\$429,199.40
<u>OUT OF STATE</u>		<u>\$902,342.43</u>
TOTAL		\$2,248,802.20

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.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

DATE	RACE	NO	HORSE	TRAINER	REASON	REFUND
01-15-16	4	6	Hallie Jae	Trujillo	Injured	\$187.36
01-16-16	4	2	Arigato	Wong	Injured	\$74.30
01-16-16	6	6	Brookys Star	McCanna	Sick	\$276.20
01-16-16	7	1	He's A tiger	Bonde	Stews	See Below
01-16-16	7	5	Go Long	Desormeaux	Stews	<u>\$188.30</u>
01-17-16	3	3	Hula Girl	Delima	Injured	\$114.60
01-17-16	8	6	Hollywood Angel	Wright	Sick	\$108.00
01-18-16	2	1	Mitzi G	Greiner	Sick	\$93.36

Veterinarian's List

There were nine (9) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 3 Injured: 3
 Unsound: 2 Shockwave: 1

There were thirty-five (35) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 17 Injured: 14
 Unsound: 3 Medication: 1

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

	01/14	01/15	01/16	01/17	01/18	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	1	0	0	4
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	1	0	0	2
CLAIMS	3	2	0	2	1	41
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	5
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	1	4	2	1	11
REFUNDS	0	1	1	0	3	35
RULINGS	0	0	1	0	3	13
CLAIMS VOID	0	0	0	0	0	4

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	76	\$19,162.20
Bankers Casino	66	\$22,030.30
Ferndale	0	\$0
Fresno	287	\$82,968.40
Fresno Club One	76	\$56,995.60
Monterey	247	\$67,336.30
Pleasanton	1380	\$487,255.00
Sacramento	1086	\$356,124.10
San Jose	1525	\$433,149.00
San Mateo	2858	\$1,044,553.40
Santa Rosa	736	\$148,176.60
Stockton	766	\$199,692.50
Tulare	0	\$0.00
Turlock	335	\$98,033.40
Vallejo	2017	\$234,751.40
So. California	0	\$1,902,326.20
Out of State	0	\$4,215,968.60

Respectfully submitted,

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John Herbuveaux, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward