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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING RACING ASSOCIATION

Hollywood Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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For the period: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 through Sunday, May 18, 2008.

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MINUTES – FOURTH WEEK of HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
05/14/08¹**

MIGLIORE HEARING

The stewards met with jockey RICHARD MIGLIORE by telephone (he was sick in New York and requested the hearing by phone) concerning the ninth race on Sunday, in which his horse was disqualified for drifting out and causing interference nearing the wire. It was Mr. Migliore's contention that his horse did step out briefly, but that it gave him no warning and he corrected it quickly. The majority believed that Mr. Migliore could have reacted more quickly (Steward Ward, who was not present for the race itself, abstained) and therefore issued the following ruling:

HARTH Ruling #26

Jockey RICHARD MIGLIORE is suspended for three (3) racing days (May 21, 22, and 23, 2008), for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch while riding “Bea’s Cee” in the ninth race at Hollywood Park on Sunday, May 11, 2008, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to third position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) and (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).
Terms of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

05/14/08²

FULCO MEETING

The stewards met with hotwalker LINDA FULCO informally concerning two citations issued by Fairplex security involving some physical altercations and alcohol. Given the seriousness of the allegations the stewards asked that the matter be referred to the CHRB for investigation and possible filing of a formal complaint.

05/14/08³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Sensational Score – Claimed – M. Mitchell, trainer
#2 Gallardo – very slow start
Minus Pool \$5.86

2nd Race #2 Topper Shopper – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer
Minus Pool \$11.57

3rd Race #5 B.A. Homebody – Rider change–L.Contreras for R. Migliore (sick)

4th Race #3 Peace Accord – Claimed – B. Morey, trainer
#6 Casting Crowns – broke down five sixteenths (synthetic)
Refund \$26.30

5th Race No changes; Refund \$298.90

6th Race #9 Babu – Rider change – J. Rosario for R. Migliore

7th Race No changes; Refund \$105.00

8th Race #6 Dulce Maria – Veterinarian scratch – injured, Dr. Beck
#12 Wendoffer – Stewards’ scratch – also eligible
Refund \$2,289.20; Minus Pool \$2.19

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	3,408	966,075.60
SATELLITES	5,731	2,607,691.70
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,085,581.50
OUT OF STATE	n/a	4,496,889.50
TOTALS	9,139	\$9,156,238.30

**THURSDAY
05/15/08¹**

FILM REVIEW

Jockey JOE TALAMO met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the third race Wednesday in which the stewards believed that he was only marginally clear of a rival when shifting his mount out in mid-stretch. Mr. Talamo acknowledged the mistake and pledged to make a better effort in the future.

Jockey BRICE BLANC met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the fifth race yesterday in which he shifts his mount out sharply nearing the wire and in the process, bumps and forces a rival off of his path. Mr. Blanc candidly said he had ridden a poor race and should have realized sooner that the horses in front of him were slowing. The stewards believed that this constituted careless riding and therefore issued the following ruling:

HRTH Ruling #26

Jockey BRICE BLANC is suspended for three (3) racing days (May 22, 23, and 24, 2008), for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference, while riding "Candy Pull" in the fifth race at Hollywood Park on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) and (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding). Terms of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

05/15/08²

NAVARRO FITNESS HEARING

Exercise rider CARLOS NAVARRO met with the stewards this morning in an informal fitness for license hearing. Mr. Navarro's license had been suspended for a little more than a year for reasons related to a substance abuse problem. Present at the hearing were Mr. Navarro, Winners' Foundation representative LeRoy Martinez, CHRB Investigator Frank Fink, and observer Vic Stauffer.

Testimony and documentary evidence revealed that Mr. Navarro had entered into a four month in-house treatment program and attended regular meetings since being released. Mr. Navarro has also had gainful employment and made reparations with his family. It was the recommendation of the Winners' Foundation that Mr. Navarro's license be reinstated. The stewards agreed with that recommendation and published a ruling memorializing that belief. Mr. Navarro was also required to take a drug test, which was negative.

HRTH Ruling #27

Exercise Rider CARLOS NAVARRO, having participated in a fitness for license hearing as required by Hollywood Park Racing Association Ruling #13 issued on May 9, 2007, is hereby reinstated. Conditions of reinstatement are that Mr. Navarro is required to abide by the terms of a drug testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and must comply with the guidelines of the contract set forth by the Winner's Foundation. Furthermore, Mr. Navarro's license will be considered probationary for its term.

05/15/08³

JOCKEY MEETING

The stewards facilitated a meeting between the Race Track and Official Veterinarians and the riding colony concerning procedures for requesting the veterinarian to examine a horse during warm ups. Darrell Haire, representing the Jockey's Guild, felt that all parties needed to clear up any confusion concerning this important procedure.

The meeting was productive as the matter of any indecision on the part of a jockey regarding whether a horse should be scratched would be resolved in favor of the welfare of the animal, and by extension, the rider. Both veterinarians reiterated their willingness to shelter the jockeys from the trainers' blame for the scratch.

05/15/08⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Fargo's Legacy – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Connor
#5 Formal Rush – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$5,408.98

2nd Race #5 La Minstral – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$684.00

3rd Race No changes; Refund \$73.00

4th Race #1 Donas Miracle Lane – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
Refund \$110.00

5th Race #3 Celebration – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,858.90

6th Race No changes; Refund \$93.00; Minus Pool \$94.19

7th Race #7 Po'manshoss – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Connor
Refund \$906.40

8th Race #9 Touch Luck – Stewards' scratch, racing office error
#6 Ole's Pride – Rider change – N. Rodriguez for K. John
#4 Nifty Nell – Claimed – J. Sadler, trainer
Refund \$1,817.20

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	3,415	879,001.30
SATELLITES	5,111	2,068,435.60
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	791,519.20
OUT OF STATE	n/a	3,737,301.30
TOTALS	8,526	\$7,476,257.40

**FRIDAY
05/16/08¹**

FILM REVIEW

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the third race on Wednesday. It was the stewards' opinion that he allowed his horse to drift out several paths during the stretch run. While he was always clear, we cautioned him that maintaining a straight path is always a better policy.

Jockey COREY NAKATANI met with the stewards regarding his ride in the fifth race on Wednesday. The stewards observed him allowing his mount to drift out down the backside thereby causing two rivals to travel further than necessary. Nakatani claimed that his horse was getting out and that the horse to his outside was tipping his mount, making it more difficult to maintain a straight course. Nevertheless, we cautioned him that we will not tolerate this kind of riding tactic.

05/16/08²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes; Refund \$2,129.00; Minus Pool \$2,123.45
- 2nd Race #2 Quest Venture – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$3,546.80
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$466.70
- 4th Race #1 Forgiveandforget – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
#3 Malabar Star – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$3,706.70
- 5th Race #4 Jack Hes Tops – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$2,490.50
- 6th Race #2 Master Cat – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck
#6 Sir Franchise – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
#16 Quacker Jack – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#8 Come on Wire – Rider change – J. Couton for I. Puglisi (sick)
#9 Stern Wheeler – Rider change – J. Scott for M. Pedroza (sick)
Refund \$10,366.30
- 7th Race No changes
- 8th Race #5 Dreams Afleet – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound– Dr. Bailey
Refund \$143,794.40

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	7,404	996,082.80
SATELLITES	6,554	2,014,376.30
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,165,519.10
OUT OF STATE	n/a	3,212,459.30
TOTALS	13,958	\$7,388,437.50

SATURDAY
05/17/08¹

PREAKNESS DAY

There was no reportable business this morning partly because on Preakness Day, with an early post, our office hours were abbreviated.

05/17/08²

OBJECTION / NO CHANGE

Following the running of the second race (Will Rogers Stakes), jockey Corey Nakatani aboard third place finisher #1 EZ Dreamer, claimed foul against the winner #3 Polonius (Jon Court) for interference shortly after turning into the stretch.

Films revealed that Mr. Court's horse does drift in, causing EZ Dreamer, who lost second place by a length and a half, to steady. After speaking with both jockeys and the patrol judges, the stewards unanimously decided to leave the original order of finish alone because, in our opinion, #1 EZ Dreamer was not cost the opportunity at a better placing.

05/17/08³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Go On Tilt – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor
#4 Hemet – Claimed – E. Andrade, trainer
#8 Corvinus – Claimed – D. McFarlane, trainer
Refund \$2,787.10; Minus Pool \$2,749.06

2nd Race #6 Red Sky Dubai – Stewards' scratch, stake
Refund \$940.00; Minus Pool \$1.24

3rd Race #7 Warren's Yodler–Late veterinarian scratch, injured in gate- Dr.Bailey
#3 Afleet's Design – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
Refund \$194,883.44

4th Race No changes; Refund \$35.00

5th Race #8 Against the Law – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor
#3 Silky Smooth–Late veterinarian scratch, injured in paddock–Dr. Bailey
Refund \$19,048.50

- 6th Race #13 Gabby's Hen – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$602.90
- 7th Race Refund \$163.90
- 8th Race #9 Shootist – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor
#8 Downtown Sanger – Late stewards' scratch, toe grabs on turf
Refund \$11,182.90
- 9th Race #5 Ace High Hand – First time gelding
Refund \$14.00
- 10th Race #2 Another Aleyna – Claimed – W. Ward, trainer
Refund \$40.20
- 11th Race No changes; Refund \$257.60

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	8,724	3,003,061.90
SATELLITES	17,012	7,025,497.50
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,648,558.50
OUT OF STATE	n/a	8,318,851.62
TOTALS	25,736	\$19,995,969.52

SUNDAY
05/18/08¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey JON COURT met with the stewards regarding his ride in the second race yesterday, which was the subject of an inquiry. The issue for the stewards was whether Mr. Court's mount was clear when he crossed over in front of a rival. It was the stewards' suspicion that he was not clear, but the two camera angles of the incident failed to support that belief. Therefore we felt that a suspension was not appropriate; however it was made clear that he was cutting it too close for our satisfaction.

05/18/08²

McCARTHY RULING

After speaking with trainer SEAN McCARTHY on the telephone, the stewards published the following ruling regarding Dr. Connor's "late to the receiving barn" allegation:

HRTH Ruling #28

Trainer SEAN McCARTHY is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1852 (Reporting to the Receiving Barn – Late) and #1894 (Duties of Trainer) with his horse "Lemon Chiffon" on May 02, 2008 at Hollywood Park.

05/18/08³

SADLER RULING

Trainer JOHN SADLER's barn brought a horse to the receiving barn for yesterday's eighth race that was not properly shod (toe grabs on the turf course). The horseshoe inspector was not able to grind the grabs off (in fact, he was kicked in the ribs) and therefore the horse had to be scratched. The following ruling was written after speaking with Mr. Sadler on the telephone:

HRTH Ruling #29

Trainer JOHN W. SADLER is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$300.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required – improperly shod) necessitating the late declaration of "Downtown Sanger" from the eighth race on Saturday, May 17, 2008.

05/18/08⁴

WHEELER HEARING

Pony rider EVA WHEELER met with the stewards regarding case 08HP019, which involved an allegation of abusive language by Ms. Wheeler toward outrider Jesus Camacho. After an informal discussion with the two licensees, the stewards told Ms. Wheeler that we would make a decision in the near future.

05/18/08⁵

APPRENTICE APPROVALS

Exercise riders Heather Gonzalez and Frankie Herrarte were both granted apprentice licenses (and accompanying apprentice certificates) today. Both are exercise riders for John Shirreffs and expect to make their riding debut in the near future.

05/18/08⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Giveitagomate – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor
Refund \$2,847.00

2nd Race #4 In Daddy's Honor – Claimed – G. Stute, trainer
#8 Beau Chant – Claimed, A. Sherman, trainer
Refund \$13.00; Minus Pool \$46,607.96

3rd Race No changes; Refund \$45.00

4th Race #7 Apolla – Veterinarian, injured – Dr. Connor
#3 Sneaky Jack – Claimed – R. Hess, trainer
#5 Back in the Saddle – Claimed – R. Ellis, trainer
Refund \$642.60

5th Race #8 Boquense Bay (ARG) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck
Refund \$365.00

6th Race #5 Stettler – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer
Refund \$57.40

7th Race #6 Mean Heat – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Connor
 #1 No Ka Oi – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer
 Refund \$902.90

8th Race No changes; Refund \$38.00

9th Race #10 That’s OK – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck
 Refund \$440.40

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	5,840	1,911,599.60
SATELLITES	8,303	3,766,459.70
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,742,588.30
OUT OF STATE	n/a	5,623,267.20
TOTALS	14,143	\$13,043,914.80

Additions/Removals from Vet List

Week of: 5-12-08 –5-18-08

Track: Hollywood

Horses on Vet List:	<u>25</u>
Horses off Vet List:	<u>09</u>
Shockwave Therapy:	<u>24</u>
Deceased:	<u>03</u>

SUMMARY

	5/14	5/15	5/16	5/17	5/18		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0		0	4
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	1	1		5	25
Claims	3	2	0	4	6		15	55
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		0	3
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	0		1	11
Refunds	4	8	7	11	9		39	114
Rulings	1	2	0	0	2		5	29

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Thomas Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

CSC/dm