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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, June 25, 2008 through Sunday, June 29, 2008.

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MINUTES – TENTH WEEK of HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING MEETING

WEDNESDAY

06/25/08¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO met with the stewards to discuss his ride in Sunday's first race. While attempting to secure running room turning for home, Mr. Rosario bumps the horse to his outside; in the opinion of the stewards, he was riding too aggressively. His mount eventually finishes behind the affected rival, negating the need for an inquiry. After a lengthy discussion, the stewards warned Mr. Rosario that this type of riding would certainly result in suspension days in the future. Steward Sawyer voted for three suspension days for this incident.

Jockey TYLER BAZE met with the stewards to discuss his rides in the fifth and eighth races on Sunday. In both races, Mr. Baze made minor mistakes, to which the stewards wanted to draw attention. Mr. Baze pledged to do a better job in the future.

06/25/08²

SOTO RULING

The stewards published the following ruling concerning case 08HP040 which the CHRB filed against owner HERBERT SOTO for alleged violation of CHRB rule 1877 (Checks). Mr. Soto failed to appear at the scheduled hearing.

HRTH #107

Owner HERBERT SOTO, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1877 (Checks), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of suspension all licenses and license privileges of Herbert Soto are suspended, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1527 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Fine or Suspend), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

06/25/08³

INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the sixth race to examine the circumstances under which #6 Wellnessfast broke down on the lead approaching the wire. After a review of the films, the stewards determined that the gelding went wrong while racing alone and that therefore no change was appropriate.

06/25/08⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Sting'n in the Rain – Claimed – M. Marlow, trainer

2nd Race #1 North Fork – Claimed – M. Mitchell, trainer
Refund \$134.00

3rd Race #2 Chocolate Lava – no whip
Refund \$244.00

4th Race #12 Albacore Bob – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$1,419.36

5th Race No changes; Refund \$138.00

6th Race #6 Wellnessfast – broke down at wire, vanned off (cushion)
Refund \$418.00

7th Race #1 El Martillo – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor
Refund \$2,198.10; Minus Pool \$12,604.56

8th Race #9 Stardom Bound – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Connor
#11 Stormy Gigi – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$2,175.50

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	3,143	933,698.40
SATELLITES	5,672	2,555,167.30
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,005,134.50
OUT OF STATE	n/a	4,115,225.62
TOTALS	8,815	\$8,609,225.82

THURSDAY
06/26/08¹

CORDOVA / RODAS / GARCIA HEARING

A formal hearing was held to address case number 07PM012 which involved a complaint filed by owner Henry Cordova against owner Victor Rodas and trainer Oscar Garcia, alleging unpaid bills with respect to a horse. Mr. Cordova had obtained a judgment in superior court and therefore the only issue before the stewards was whether the case fit into the parameters outlined in CHRB Rule 1876. We were specifically troubled by the provision requiring the complaint to be “directly related to California race track operations.” To that end, the stewards heard testimony and received documentary evidence and will make a decision in the near future.

06/26/08²

GREENBERG REINSTATENMENT

Owner ROBERT GREENBERG was reinstated when veterinarian Dr. Orr provided information explaining that Mr. Greenberg had satisfied his obligation to her. This involved case 92SA0085.

HRTH #108

Owner ROBERT IRWIN GREENBERG, having satisfied his financial obligation, is restored to good standing. DMTD ruling #42, issued at Del Mar on August 19, 1988, 2007, for failure to appear, is set aside.

06/26/08³

INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the first race to examine an incident involving the first two finishers which occurred around the three-sixteenths pole. Films revealed that the winner #3 Yankee Victory, ridden by Corey Nakatani, drifts in and makes contact with second place finisher #4 Skyspy, ridden by Richard Migliore, forcing that rival quite close to the fence. There are then two additional points of contact between the two horses. The majority opinion was that these should be attributed to the winner, who makes the initial contact, while Steward Ward believed that the various points of contact could be attributed to each animal and therefore were offsetting. After speaking with the riders involved and the patrol judges, the decision to disqualify the winner and place him second was by majority.

Original order of finish: (3)-4-5-2-1

Corrected order of finish: 4-(3)-5-2-1

06/26/08⁴

INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the second race to examine the stretch run during which the winner, #1 Coronado's Pride, ridden by apprentice Michael Martinez, drifts out badly. Films show the winner drifting out throughout the stretch, appearing to herd second place finisher #5 Seth the Candeyman out with him. After speaking with the patrol judges and both riders, the majority believed that the winner was initially clear and that the second place finisher was drifting as well; therefore no change was appropriate. Steward Ward believed that the winner should be disqualified and placed second.

06/26/08⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #4 Skyspy – Claimed – E. Guillot, trainer
#5 Reel Prime – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
Refund \$598.00
- 2nd Race #6 Hemet – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor
Refund \$1,733.98
- 3rd Race #5 Nate’ N Ed – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
#7 Informed – Claimed – D. O’Neill, trainer
Refund \$1,515.98
- 4th Race #6 Strong Suggestion – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
#5 Vanaldi – Claimed – F. Monteleone, trainer
Refund \$2,472.62
- 5th Race #3 Cousins Lew – Claimed – W.E. Morey, trainer
#6 Refinery – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer
#10 City Stormer – Claimed – J. Metz, trainer
Refund \$7,268.44
- 6th Race #5 Molitta – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck
Refund \$2,078.30
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$151.00
- 8th Race #10- Soup Deeohdouble G – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck
#15 Shootinforthestarz – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#2 Can Can Girl – blinkers off
Refund \$2,666.00

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	4,047	992,993.80
SATELLITES	6,299	2,787,576.10
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,242,819.00
OUT OF STATE	n/a	5,033,333.28
TOTALS	10,346	\$10,056,722.18

FRIDAY
06/27/08¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey COREY NAKATANI met with the stewards this morning to discuss his ride in the first race yesterday in which his horse was disqualified for drifting in during the stretch run. The stewards believed that after the initial movement, Mr. Nakatani made a satisfactory effort in correcting his mount and that therefore no suspension days were in order.

Apprentice jockey MICHAEL MARTINEZ met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the second race yesterday in which his mount was the subject of a stewards’ inquiry. His mount drifted out significantly in the stretch. A review of the films showed that although an apprentice, Mr. Martinez makes a concerted

effort to keep his horse on a straighter path. He uses his reins and, to a lesser extent, his whip to prevent his horse from running to the outside fence. Clearly this is a difficult horse to ride; the stewards therefore commended him on his effort but also offered some advice for these situations in the future.

06/27/08²

SALAZAR REINSTATEMENT

The stewards issued the following ruling regarding groom DANIEL SALAZAR who had been suspended for failure to appear when the CHRB decided to withdraw the underlying complaint filed against him:

HRTH #109

Case #08HP036 having been dismissed, groom DANIEL SALAZAR is restored to good standing. HRTH ruling #87, issued at Hollywood Park on June 11, 2008, for failure to appear, is set aside.

06/27/08³

SILVA RULING

HRTH Ruling #110 involved exercise rider CIRILO SILVA and a loose dog at Fairplex Park:

HRTH #110

Exercise Rider LUNA CIRILO SILVA is fined SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS* (\$75.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations –loose dog at Fairplex) on June 13, 2008.

06/27/08⁴

CLAIMING ISSUE

Owner STEVE SOBEL contacted the stewards this evening to alert us to a potential problem with a claim from the fifth race yesterday. His trainer, Mark Glatt, acting as authorized agent, claimed the horse Refinery (who has gained some notoriety himself as one of the heel-nerved horses in California) for \$12,500. Unfortunately, in approving the claim, the paymaster had erroneously verified the status of a different client of Mr. Glatts' who is also named Sobel; the authorized agent designation for Steve Sobel had expired in December of 2007.

Needless to say, the horse ran poorly and has the additional stigma of being heel nerved; therefore Mr. Sobel declared that this was an unauthorized claim. CHRB rule 1656 (Errors Which Invalidate Claim) states that a claim is "invalid if. . . the claim form is not signed by an owner. . . or their properly authorized agent." To complicate matters, there was a three way shake for the horse, which Mr. Glatt, on behalf of Mr. Sobel, won. While the rules seem clear, they give no direction as to what should be done with the horse if the stewards determine there is a violation. (Note: A proposed rule dealing with this situation was submitted to the Board within the last year by several stewards, but apparently the Board found it unnecessary).

Should the horse be returned to the original owner? Should the remaining parties in the claim shake for the horse? Should Mr. Sobel and Mr. Glatt keep the horse based on their clear intent? In these types of situations, given the absence of direction by the rules, our goal is an equitable solution for all parties. After communicating with all of the parties involved, none of whom wanted the horse, this goal of equity might be difficult. More to follow.

06/27/08⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Discover Dolly – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Connor
Refund \$1,196.00
- 2nd Race #1a Makor’s Girl – Veterinarian scratch – Dr. Connor
- 3rd Race #1 Hotitude – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer
- 4th Race No changes
- 5th Race #5 My Friend Luis – Claimed – R.B. Hess, trainer
Refund \$32.00
- 6th Race #1 Tulips Dandy – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Connor
Refund \$101.00
- 7th Race #6 Cotton Bay – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$869.00; Minus Pool \$3,692.28
- 8th Race #8 Prince Mumtaz – Rider change – O. Cedeno for I. Enriquez (sick)
#4 Tri City Dan – blinkers on

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	7,747	966,123.30
SATELLITES	6,055	2,033,902.20
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,074,801.90
OUT OF STATE	n/a	3,153,343.44
TOTALS	13,802	\$7,228,170.84

SATURDAY
06/28/08¹

HOLLYWOOD GOLD CUP DAY

The stewards had abbreviated office hours this morning because first post for Gold Cup day was noon. All morning matters were routine.

06/28/08²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes
- 2nd Race #7 Paper Gain – regular lasix user
Refund \$196.00
- 3rd Race #2 Giovanni (NZ) – Claimed – D. O’Neill, trainer
#3 My City by the Bay – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer
#7 Carman – Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer
Refund \$372.00
- 4th Race #7 Trifecta King – Stewards’ scratch, stake
Refund \$2,545.34

5th Race #8 Albertus Maximus – Stewards’ scratch, stake
Refund \$1,290.16

6th Race No changes; Refund \$103.40

7th Race No changes; Refund \$5.00

8th Race No changes; Refund \$79.60

9th Race No changes; Refund \$67.00

10th Race No changes; Refund \$438.10

11th Race #5 Isabella’s Crown – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor
Refund \$1,170.20

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	9,047	2,985,519.70
SATELLITES	10,018	4,908,838.40
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	2,145,179.10
OUT OF STATE	n/a	10,343,313.54
TOTALS	19,065	\$20,383,850.74

SUNDAY
06/29/08¹

CLAIMING ISSUE REVISITED

Unable to equitably resolve the claiming issue previously discussed (see **06/27/08⁴**), the stewards have directed the CHRB to provide official notice to all parties involved that a formal hearing will be scheduled to resolve the issue in what will certainly prove to be a more heavy handed way. Hopefully this will provide the necessary motivation to resolve this matter more amicably.

06/29/08²

INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

Following the running of the seventh race, the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the three-sixteenths pole that involved the first two finishers. Films show that the eventual winner, #1 Leonides, ridden by Richard Migliore, lacking racing room, comes out to make contact with second place finisher #5 White Spar, essentially creating a running lane for himself. After reviewing the films and speaking with the patrol judges and jockeys involved, the stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. It was our opinion that the contact was not sufficient to warrant disqualification and that later in the stretch, the second place finisher drifts in to initiate contact with the winner.

06/29/08³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes

2nd Race No changes; Refund \$44.00

- 3rd Race #6 Sorta Gold – Claimed – D. McFarlane, trainer
 #3 Gallardo – pulled up post race, vanned off
 Refund \$91.00
- 4th Race #1 Mort Robbins – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Connor
 #3 Sur Brio – first time gelding – J. Garcia, trainer
 Refund \$564.40
- 5th Race No changes; Refund \$139.88
- 6th Race #7 Rare Chant – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$1,814.06
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$377.88
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$221.00
- 9th Race #8 Captain Steel – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	5,902	2,126,755.20
SATELLITES	8,011	3,619,671.30
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,532,264.80
OUT OF STATE	n/a	5,560,274.96
TOTALS	13,913	\$12,838,966.26

Additions/Removals from Vet List

Week of: 6-23-08 –6-29-08

Track: Hollywood

Horses on Vet List:	<u>23</u>
Horses off Vet List:	<u>07</u>
Shockwave Therapy:	<u>32</u>
Deceased:	<u>3</u>

SUMMARY

	6/25	6/26	6/27	6/28	6/29		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0		0	6
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	1	2		4	54
Claims	2	7	2	3	1		15	139
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	0		1	7
Inquiries	1	2	9	9	1		4	25
Refunds	7	8	4	10	8		37	271
Rulings	1	1	2	0	0		4	110

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

CSC/dm