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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
HOLLYWOOD PARK RACING ASSOCIATION**

Hollywood Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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**MINUTES – SEVENTH WEEK OF HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING/SUMMER MEETING
For the period: Wednesday, June 03, 2009 through Sunday, June 07, 2009**

WEDNESDAY

06/03/09¹

RULING HRTH # 035

Jockey **JESUS RIOS**, is fined **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whip-causing welts or breaks in the skin) in the eighth race on May 10, 2009 at Hollywood Park.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Rios, who has since re-located to Calder Race Course in Florida, accepted responsibility for causing a laceration on the horse Will O Way during the eighth race on May 10, 2009.

06/03/09²

HEARING HELD

A hearing was held in the Stewards' Office this morning to address a complaint filed by Board investigators against exercise rider Joe Holmes, Sr., alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489(h) (Engaged in the use of drugs), #1874(4) (Disorderly Conduct), and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). The complaint alleged that Holmes was involved in the purchase of narcotics-methamphetamine-while in his tack room at Santa Anita.

Santa Anita stable manager Roger Middleton testified as to how the case unfolds. He said he was contacted by Holmes, Sr's son, Joe Holmes, Jr., and informed that he heard his dad making a deal to purchase drugs. Security forces, acting on Jr's. telephone prompt, entered the room moments after the purchase was made. At that time they were informed by Jr. that his father had thrown the baggie containing the drug into the corner of the room. It was confiscated.

Joe Holmes, Jr. also testified and corroborated Middleton's testimony. He said that he alerted security as he was concerned for his father's health and safety.

Joe Holmes, Sr. testified on his own behalf and admitted to the allegations. He said the he was trying to lose weight in an effort to resurrect his riding career. He also stated that he has been attending Winners Foundation meetings since the incident.

Lastly, trainer John Ivory, who employs Holmes, Sr. as an exercise rider, spoke on Mr. Holmes' behalf. He said that while what he did was wrong, it might have been a blessing in disguise. He said that he has found Holmes to be a good person and feels he deserves a break. Decision will follow shortly.

THURSDAY
06/04/09¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

3rd race- #5 Coo Cachoo(Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,248.00

4th race- #4 Squire Trelawny(Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$606.94

8th race- #11 Mona Storm (AE)

#12 Swiss Love (AE)

#13 Multiplayintheheat (AE)

#14 Brianna Marie (AE) refund of \$483.00

06/04/09²

RULING HRTH #036

Jockey **MIKE SMITH**, is fined **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whip-causing welts or breaks in the skin) in the ninth race on May 25, 2009 at Hollywood Park.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Smith had viewed photographs of the horse Thorn Song, the winner of the ninth race on May 25, 2009. Smith was very contrite, stating that he had switched over to the cushion whip just to avoid this type of incident.

06/04/09³

FORMAL HEARING

A formal hearing was held this morning into a complaint filed against Victorville OTB for failure to give the Board fifteen day notice of their intention to close the facility. Appearing on behalf of Victorville was Ken Alstott, the chief Executive Officer. Present were the Board of Stewards, Investigator Rick Amieva, and the aforementioned Mr. Alstott. Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings.

Mr. Alstott acknowledged that the facility did indeed intend to close, but only because of financial adversity brought about by the fact that two checks from Santa Anita for the facility's 2% of their gross handle were returned by the bank as "refer to maker". This was prompted by Magna Entertainment, the parent company of Santa Anita, filing for bankruptcy. Mr. Alstott also provided documentation of Victorville's financial situation and it appeared that they were running a very marginal operation. He said that they could not afford to operate in "the red" and had no alternative but to close.

In actuality, the off-track site did not close, but opened perhaps an hour late on March 18, 2009. Patrons were not shut out and employees did not lose wages. Mr. Alstott did send a letter of the intention to close, but it was ten days, not fifteen as required by rule. Decision will follow.

06/04/09⁴

RIDER EXCUSED

Corey Nakatani was excused from his lone mount of the day due to illness. A replacement rider was found.

06/04/09⁵

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

06/04/09⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,103	800,627.70
Satellites	5,974	2,285,668.20
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	737,182.90
Out –of-State	n/a	3,563,409.38
Total	10,077	\$7,386,888.18

FRIDAY

06/05/09¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

2nd race- #1 Lucero Negro (AE)

#1a Google Me (AE) refund of 8,933.20

06/05/09²

RIDERS EXCUSED

Jockeys Mike Smith and Michael Baze were excused from their mounts due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

06/05/09³

RULING HRTH #037

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Jockey **CHRIS RUSSELL** is fined **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)*** for failure to report to the Jockey's room on time. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report). This foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Russell accepted responsibility for reporting late to the Jockeys' Room. He said an anticipated hour long nap turned into a 2 hour nap and caused his tardiness.

06/05/09⁴

VIDEO REVIEW

Aaron Gryder was in to view a race from last week, in which he permitted his mount to drift out during the run down the backstretch. He explained that the trainer had instructed him to stay wide, letting other runners come on his inside. While he certainly rode to orders, the Stewards told him we felt he overdid it to some extent.

06/05/09⁵

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

06/05/09⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,314	903,828.30
Satellites	6,813	2,089,745.10
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,076,209.40
Out –of-State	n/a	2,805,845.80
Total	13,127	\$6,580,659.30

SATURDAY
06/06/09¹

RULING HRTH #038

Trainer **ROBERT WINGFIELD**, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is restored to good standing. Ruling #030, issued at Hollywood Park Racing Association on May 30, 2009, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after it was learned that the trainer had made a substantial installment payment to exercise rider David Porter and had signed a financial agreement for the remainder.

06/06/09²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race as the Stewards viewed video of an incident which occurred during the stretch run between the first and second place finishers, #8 No Sweat (A. Delgadillo), and #4 Waive Liability (V. Espinoza). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and looking at video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to let the original placings stand. While the winner did come in and make contact with the second place horse, the incident did not cost Espinoza and his mount the opportunity for a better placing. Delgadillo will review the race tomorrow.

06/06/09³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	9,127	2,751,182.80
Satellites	18,662	7,275,062.30
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,388,236.90
Out -of-State	n/a	7,034,175.75
Total	27,789	\$18,448,657.75

SUNDAY
06/07/09¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race- #1 Cape Diver (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$1,019.00

7th race- #4 General Consensus (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$2,320.50

8th race- #1 Diamond Tags (Stakes) refund of \$1,086.60

9th race- #8 Just Heat (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$1,660.00

06/07/09²

VIDEO REVIEW

Agapito Delgadillo viewed video of the fourth race from 6-6-09, in which his mount was the subject of a Stewards' inquiry (REF. 6-6-09²). After review and discussion, it was determined that the rider made an acceptable effort to control his errant horse.

Alonso Quinonez viewed the eighth race from yesterday regarding an incident in the area of the ¼ pole which caused interference to a competitor. He was on the fast closing #8 Rush To Thunder and came upon the heels of a stopping horse, #3 Mutak Gold. Quinonez shifted abruptly to his outside, causing interference to #6 Doppio. Quinonez acknowledged his error, but stated that he yelled to Alex Solis, aboard the horse who suffered the interference, that he needed help. This was evidenced by the video as it shows

Solis trying to give Quinonez room. The Stewards did not feel Quinonez's actions warranted a suspension, but cautioned him to use better judgment in the future.

06/07/09³

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine

06/07/09⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,311	1,436,352.80
Satellites	7,865	3,060,948.30
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,299,777.80
Out -of-State	n/a	4,383,361.38
Total	13,176	10,180,440.28

ADDITIONS/REMOVALS FROM VET-LIST

Week of: 06-01-09 – 06-07-09

Track: Hollywood

Horses on Vet List: 7

Horses off Vet List: 14

Shockwave Therapy: 28

Deceased: 2

Medication: 25

SUMMARY

	Jun 03	Jun 04	Jun 05	Jun 06	Jun 07		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0		0	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	3	2	1	0		6	39
Claims	0	1	1	0	4		6	32
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		0	3
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	0		1	12
Refunds	0	3	1	0	4		8	166
Rulings	1	1	1	1	0		4	35

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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