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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS SUMMER THOROUGHBRED MEET
LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION**

To the California Horse Racing Board

Honorable Chuck Winner, Chairman
Honorable Madeline Auerbach, Vice Chairman
Honorable Dennis Alfieri, Member
Honorable Gregory L. Ferraro, DVM, Member
Honorable Fred Maas, Member
Honorable Araceli Ruano, Member
Honorable Alex Solis, Member
Rick Baedeker, Executive Director
Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director
John McDonough, Chief Counsel
Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

WEEK 3- Friday, July 12, 2019 through Sunday, July 14, 2019.

WEDNESDAY

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ENTRIES

Steward Tom Ward was present to oversee entries for Saturday (eight races) and any other issues.

THURSDAY

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ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Once again Steward Ward was on duty to handle entries for Sunday (ten races) and also approval of scratches for Friday.

FRIDAY

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CHANGE VIS-A-VIS BOARD OF STEWARDS

Jon White, who this week is replacing Luis Jauregui, joins Tom Ward and Kim Sawyer on the Board of Stewards for the final three racing days of the meeting.

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SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

There were no declarations this morning for the Sunday card.

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BLACK HEARING CASE NO. 19SA0007

Exercise rider COREY BLACK met with the Board of Stewards in an informal hearing this morning for having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(a)(8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – engaged in the use of drugs). Also present were CHRB Investigator Angelica Merz and Darin Scharer, Executive Director of the Winners Foundation.

Mr. Black and Mr. Scharer testified regarding Mr. Black's participation in and adherence to Winners Foundation guidelines. Mr. Scharer forcefully spoke on behalf of Mr. Black and the progress he has made up to this point. Mr. Scharer also forcefully expressed the confidence that, in his opinion going forward, Mr. Black will continue conducting himself in a manner as he should. The BOS were satisfied that Mr. Black's exercise license should be restored to good standing, as set forth in the ruling issued below:

LATL RULING #07

Having now appeared before the Board of Stewards, Exercise Rider Corey Black is restored to good standing. LATS Ruling #026 issued at Santa Anita Park on January 19, 2019 is set aside.

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PEDROZA HEARING

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA met with the Board of Stewards this morning regarding his failure to fulfill his engagements on July 5 and July 6 in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement). Mr. Pedroza expressed his regret for not fulfilling those engagements due to personal reasons, after which the BOS issued the ruling below:

LATL RULING #08

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA, who was scheduled to ride #1 MIDNIGHT BANDIT in the first race on July 5, 2019 and #3 EMTECH in the eighth race on July 6, 2019 at Los Alamitos Race Course is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

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PEREIRA EXCUSED FROM MOUNTS

Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA was excused from his mounts today due to illness. Replacement riders named.

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DE LA TORRE A NO SHOW FOR MOUNT IN FOURTH RACE

The Stewards were notified that jockey JULIO DE LA TORRE, who was named to ride #2 CHOCOLATITA FOR ME (Tr. Felix Gonzalez) did not show up. A replacement rider was named.

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INQUIRY FIFTH RACE/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign for an incident approaching the finish in this one-mile race. Ruben Fuentes aboard #6 NILEIST drifted out in the final yards and impeded #4 REFRACTORMETER (Abel Cedillo) who was steadied. #6 NILEIST finished first, #4 REFRACTORMETER finished third. After viewing all angles of the video replays and speaking to the jockeys involved, the

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Stewards unanimously ruled that while #6 NILEIST did drift out in the late stages, the horse that was interfered with, #4 REFRACTORMETER, was third at the time, finished third and was not denied the opportunity for a better placing.

INQUIRY EIGHTH RACE TWO INCIDENTS/NO CHANGES

The Stewards observed at once that #5 OLIGARCHY did not break with the field in this one- mile race. The inquiry sign was immediately posted while the race was being run. After #5 OLIGARCHY failed to break, she was backed out of the starting gate during the running of the race and the starting gate was moved from its position in the stretch. The Stewards also conducted an inquiry into the running of the race regarding an incident during the stretch run concerning #3 REDS SACRED APPEAL with jockey Evin Roman aboard. The Stewards notified track announcer that the inquiry sign illuminated on the board concerned not one but two inquiries and the nature of the inquiries so that he could inform the public. As for the incident concerning #5 OLIGARCHY, after the Stewards viewed all video angles, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1696, the BOS unanimously ruled that in their opinion #5 OLIGARCHY was considered a starter as the horse refused to break when the gates opened. As for the incident that occurred approximately midway between the quarter pole and the three-sixteenths pole during the stretch run, #3 REDS SACRED APPEAL ducked inward sharply, nearly unseating Roman. In a tremendous job by Roman, he managed to stay aboard and avoid hitting the inside rail. Roman kept to his task on #3 REDS SACRED APPEAL despite the trying circumstances, with the filly going on to finish third. The BOS unanimously ruled that #3 REDS SACRED APPEAL ducked in sharply on her own accord and therefore no action was taken.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes; Refunds \$0
2nd race	#2 ACADIA FLEET (Tr. Charles Stutts)) M. Linares replaced T. Pereira (sick). Refund \$0
3rd race	#5 CURLY'S MARK (Tr. Philip Oviedo) E. Flores replaced T. Pereira (sick). Refund \$0
4th race	#2 CHOCOLATITA FOR ME (Tr. Felix Gonzalez) B. Pena replaced J. De La Torre (failed to show up). Refund \$0
5th race	No Changes; Refund \$17.80
6th race	#5 GADOT (Tr. Vladimir Cerin) A. Gryder replaced T. Pereira (sick) #BAM BAMS LIL RIVER (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) claimed, trainer S. Knapp. Refund \$0
7th race	No Changes; Refund \$0 #5 LUV IS ALL U NEED (Tr. C. Treece) claimed, trainer Angela Aquino

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	906	\$264,243.43
Off Track	3,599	\$1,097,020.52
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,921,600.80
Total	4,505	\$4,282,864.75

SATURDAY

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RUBEN FUENTES FILM REVIEW (REF: 7/12/19⁷)

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES appeared in the Stewards' office this morning to review his ride on NILEIST in Friday's fifth race at one mile. NILEIST, who finished first, drifted out in the final yards and impeded REFRACTOMETER. The BOS felt that there was not careless riding on Mr. Fuentes' part in this particular instance, but he was strenuously cautioned to make every possible effort that he can to maintain a straight course and to be more aware. Warning.

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RALPH DEJESUS CASTANEDA HEARING CASE #19SA0170

The Board of Stewards held an informal hearing this morning regarding a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board against RALPH DEJESUS CASTANEDA. Mr. Castaneda is licensed as a groom and a veterinarian assistant. The complaint alleged that on May 2, 2019, Mr. Castaneda was caught with Marijuana and Methamphetamine in his possession at Santa Anita Race Track. He was subsequently arrested by the Arcadia Police Department for possession of methamphetamines with intent to distribute and drug paraphernalia (the intent to distribute charge was eventually dropped). On May 3, 2019, Mr. Castaneda submitted an Icup urinalysis at the CHRB office which showed him negative.

In addition to the Board of Stewards, present at this morning's hearing were Mr. Castaneda and CHRB Investigator Angelica Merz and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson. Darin Scharer, Executive Director of the Winners Foundation, participated in the hearing via telephone.

Mr. Scharer testified that Mr. Castaneda currently is "doing very well in a structured sober living environment in Pomona" and "is on the right track." Mr. Castaneda seemed sincere in trying to be doing whatever is necessary to get his life in order. Decision to follow.

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DE LA TORRE MATTER (REF. 7/12/19)

Jockey JULIO DE LA TORRE appeared in the Stewards' office this morning because he had failed to show up to ride CHOCOLATITA FOR ME in the fourth race Friday. Mr. De La Torre explained that he did not know he had been named to ride the horse. The Stewards were satisfied with that explanation and then spoke to Mr. De La Torre's agent, April Ward, who apologized for the "miscommunication" and vowed it would not happen again.

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THE GRADE III, \$150,000 LOS ALAMITOS DERBY

GAME WINNER won one of the richest events of the meeting as a 1-20 favorite when defeating three opponents. There was no place or show wagering.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refunds \$0

2nd race #6 IRRADIATE (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio. Refunds \$351.70

3rd race #4 ST. RENO (Tr. L. Ruiz) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande Refunds \$0. No place or show wagering

4th race No Changes; Refunds \$0

5th race No Changes; Refunds \$0

6th race No Changes; Refunds \$0

7th race No Changes; Refunds \$0

8th race No Changes; Refunds \$0

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,911	\$568,852.51
Off Track	5,490	\$1,691,111.63
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,254,980.42
Total	7,401	\$5,514,944.56

SUNDAY

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CASTENADA RULING (CASE NO. 19SA0170)

LATL RULING #09

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) Groom/Veterinarian Assistant RALPH DE JESUS CASTANEDA, is suspended for THIRTY (30) days (July 17, 2019 thru August 15, 2019) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(a)(8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – possession of marijuana and methamphetamine).

Mr. CASTANEDA, has signed a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and will continue to comply with the recommendation of the Winners Foundation.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards' informal hearing held Saturday.

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JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON MATTER

Jockey JUAN PABLO LEON appeared regarding an incident during training hours this morning. Security guard Jose Alvarez translated. Leon was involved in an incident in which he was galloping a horse next to the inside rail when a worker was coming up on him from behind with the rider on the worker having to holler. Leon said his horse had shied from a golf cart as to why he was down next to the inside rail. Leon was warned not to be galloping next to the inside rail and if he did so again in the future, he would be subject to a fine. Leon said he would not do it again.

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PETERSON FILM REVIEW (REF. 7/12/19)

Apprentice jockey FERRIN PETERSON appeared this morning regarding her ride in the first race on Friday in which she finished first aboard ROYAL SEEKER but drifted out nearing the finish and just after the finish. The BOS went over

various video angles with Ms. Peterson. ROYAL SEEKER appeared to be trying to get out down the lane. Ms. Peterson did a good job of correcting ROYAL SEEKER twice during the stretch run, but not when ROYAL SEEKER was coming to the finish and just after the finish. It was pointed out to Ms. Peterson that she did a good job until the final yards and that it also is important for safety purposes to do her best to maintain a straight course even after the race is over. Ms. Peterson acknowledged she needed to do better in that regard. She also was receptive to suggestions on how to improve made by Safety Steward Paul Atkinson.

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ALONZO QUINONEZ EXCUSED FROM ONLY MOUNT

Jockey ALONZO QUINONEZ telephoned the Stewards to inform them that he had slammed his car door on his fingers. He was excused from his only mount on the Sunday card (#3 CONTRATTO) in the third race.

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LATE SCRATCH FIRST RACE-SHOW WAGERING CANCELED

#3 COIL AND STRIKE was scratched by the Stewards after she unseated apprentice jockey Jorge Velez approaching the starting gate, got loose, eventually broke through the temporary outside rail in the quarter-mile chute and ran off in the barn area. This scratch reduced the field to four. Show wagering was canceled. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson later notified the Stewards' with good news that COIL AND STRIKE fortunately emerged from the incident "with not a scratch on her."

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STEWARDS REVIEW EIGHTH RACE

Following the running of this 5 ½-furlong race the Stewards announced that a Stewards' review would be conducted. #2 FAST COTTON (Assael Espinoza) was off very slowly. Replays showed that #2 FAST COTTON was turning his head just as the stall doors opened and there was no need for an inquiry.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	#3 COIL AND STRIKE (Tr. J. Wong) Stewards-unseated rider approaching starting gate and ran off. Refunds \$18,212.39
2nd race	No Changes; Refunds \$0
3rd race	#3 CONTRATTO (Tr. J. Gutierrez) B. Pena replaced A. Quinonez. #6 DIXIE DOO RUN RUN (Tr. K. Craigmyle) off lasix first time. Refunds \$0
4th race	No show wagering. No Changes; Refunds \$0
5th race	No Changes; Refunds \$0
6th race	No Changes; Refunds \$0
7th race	No Changes; Refunds \$0
8th race	#3 COMPETING (Tr. F. Gonzalez) regular Lasix. Refunds \$0
9th race	#2 SO GUICCI (Tr. D. O'Neill) Stewards-starter's list. Refunds \$345.30
10th race	#1 B S CYCLOTRON (Tr. J. Avalos) claimed, trainer D. Ascarate #5 HANDSOME JOHN (Tr. R. Hess, Jr.) claimed, trainer M. Puype #6 LOVE YOUR LIFE (Tr. R. Amescua) claimed, trainer L. Ruiz #9 DUTT BART (Tr. G. Ruffu) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio

Refunds \$38.10

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On track	1,565	\$480,330.62
Off Track	5,090	\$1,709,011.22
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,095,811.07
Total	6,655	\$6,285,152.91

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 07/8/19 TO 07/14/19

Horses on Vet List	4	Horses off Vet List	7
Shock Wave Therapy	10	Fatalities	1
Medication	0		

SUMMARY

	Fri 7/12	Sat 7/13	Sun 7/14	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	2	1	3	13
Claims	2	0	4	6	15
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	2	0	0	2	5
Refunds	1	1	3	5	26
Rulings	2	0	1	3	9
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	2

Respectfully submitted,

Jon White, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Steward

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