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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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HON: JERRY MOSS, MEMBER  
INGRID J. FERMIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
RICHARD "BON" SMITH, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of September 18, 2007 through September 23, 2007.

**TUESDAY**

09/18/2007

(1) DUTY STEWARD

George Slender was the duty Steward this week and has recorded the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) DARK DAY

Scratch time for Thursday was conducted promptly at 9 am. Entries consisted of one Thoroughbred, and nine Quarter Horse races for Friday's card.

**WEDNESDAY**

09/19/2007

(1) SCRATCHES

9 am scratch time was completed without noteworthy incident.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

Eleven races were used for Saturday's card, which consisted of eleven Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 12:15 pm.

**THURSDAY**

09/20/2007

**(1) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for this date failed to fill.

**(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES**

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 4 Joe Boxer (Tr. A. Farias) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$162.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 9 Charger Fan (Tr. P. Visscher) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$43.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 10 Heza Mairi Man (Tr. C. Treece) sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$1,978.00

**(3) FLORES RULING # 206****RULING #206**

TRAINER JOSE ANTONIO FLORES IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Flores accepted a telephonic hearing, and conceded his guilt when assuming his Veterinarian would automatically take care of the matter.

**(4) VILLEGAS RULING # 207****RULING # 207**

JOCKEY ROBERTO VILLEGAS IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) VEHICLE LEFT OVERNIGHT IN BARN AREA.

The foregoing ruling was issued in response to a stable area violation in which subject left his car in the barn area overnight.

**(5) COFFEE RULING # 208****RULING # 208**

TRAINER CANDICE COFFEE IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1865 (ALTERING OF SEX OF HORSE – FAILURE TO REPORT GELDING) ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2007.

The preceding ruling was issued after Ms. Coffee appeared before the Stewards for an informal hearing. Ms. Coffee accepted the blame for the failure to report the first time Gelding in a timely manner.

**(6) LATE DECLARATION – REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the first race when # 5 “Bonos Aladdin” (jockey A. Bautista) unseated his rider in the post parade and ran off. Declared by the Stewards.

Refund: \$6,768.00

**(7) REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the second race as # 10 “Think It Over” (Tr. H. Sanchez – jockey N. Aceves) injured herself in the Starting Gate and was declared on advice of track vet T. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$4,247.00

(8) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards had the Inquiry sign posted following the running of the second race (Quarter Horse – 220 yards) to review an incident soon after the start. Involved were # 6 “Incredibly Fast” (3<sup>rd</sup> – jockey C. De Alba), # 5 “Sanger Sally” (1<sup>st</sup> – jockey A. Bautista), # 4 “Subtly Aggressive” (6<sup>th</sup> – jockey R. Sanchez), and # 2 “RGR First Intent” (8<sup>th</sup> – jockey R. Aceves).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify # 6 from third to last (8<sup>th</sup>).

Replays show # 6 veers in forcing # 5 down and into # 4 who gets bumped into # 2 who has to take up sharply, causing # 4 and # 2 all chance of better placement.

(9) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards immediately posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the third race (Thoroughbred – 4 ½ furlongs) to review an incident near the ¼ pole, which involved # 2 “Asixforuby” (4<sup>th</sup> – jockey Otto Arriaga) and # 5 “Roto” (6<sup>th</sup> – jockey A. Rodriguez).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify # 2 from fourth to sixth position. Tapes reflect # 2 crosses over without sufficient clearance, cause # 5 to take up and lose an opportunity of better placement.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	779	On Track Handle:	\$221,230
Off Track Attendance:	1728	Off Track Handle:	\$393,730
Total:	2507	Out of State:	\$477,258
		Total:	\$1,092,218

FRIDAY

09/21/2007

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The CAL-BRED race offered for this date failed to fill.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 PK Moven Easy (Tr. H. Hernandez) colic, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$261.00.

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Just A Lane Change (Tr. J. Flores) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$637.00.

(3) JOCKEY MEETING

The Stewards met with the Jockey Colony in the Stewards office to review films and discuss mutual concerns. The meeting was productive and additional weekly meetings are encouraged.

(4) ARRIAGA RULINGRULING # 209

JOCKEY OTTO ARRIAGA WHO RODE “ASIXFORUBY” IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, AND OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE, RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO SIXTH POSITION. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The above ruling was issued after a review of the race in question. Subject fell short of convincing the Stewards of his effort in controlling his mount.

(5) INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the second race the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to evaluate an incident shortly after the start involving # 8 “JBO Special Viento” (7<sup>th</sup> – jockey Joel Cruz), # 7 “Sweet Separations” (10<sup>th</sup> – J.R. Ramirez), # 6 “Da Vinci” (3<sup>rd</sup> – jockey Sam Thompson), and # 5 “Lucky Dream Chaser”(8<sup>th</sup> – jockey C. De Alba).

After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. Tapes reflect the # 8 horse, which initially started the chain reaction; finished out of the money therefore no change was necessary.

(6) LATE DECLARATION – REFUND

A refund was ordered in the tenth race as # 1 “Best Buds” (Tr. S. Fiscal – jockey J. R. Ramirez) became fractious in the starting gate and injured himself. Declared on recommendation of track vet. T. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$19,788.00

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1185	On Track Handle:	\$230,331
Off Track Attendance:	<u>4397</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$551,359
Total:	5582	Out of State:	<u>\$687,028</u>
		Total:	\$1,428,718

**SATURDAY**

09/22/2007

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the condition book failed to fill with one Cal-Bred.

(2) RULINGS # 210 & # 211RULING #210

OWNER RAUL SOSA, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2007, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 07LA0175, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR)

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF RAUL SOSA ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION).

RULING # 211

OWNER SAUL RAMIREZ, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2007, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 07LA0177, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR)

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF SAUL RAMIREZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION).

The above two rulings were issued after both subjects failed to appear concerning financial obligations to T&R Track Supply.

(3) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards immediately posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the tenth race (Quarter Horse – 350 yards) to review an incident at the start. Involved were # 3 “Corona Wild Dash” (3<sup>rd</sup> – jockey A. Bautista). # 4 “Such A Hottie” (8<sup>th</sup> – jockey J. Williams), and # 5 “Domingas Fire” (9<sup>th</sup> – jockey A. Luna).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify # 3 from third to ninth position. Replays show # 3 swerving out at the start severely impeding # 4 and # 5, costing both horses an opportunity of better placement.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1225	On Track Handle:	\$239,532
Off Track Attendance:	3031	Off Track Handle:	\$431,885
Total:	4256	Out of State:	\$728,263
		Total:	\$1,399,681

**SUNDAY**

09/23/2007

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for this date failed to fill with two Cal-Breds.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCH

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 Yakitys Magic (Tr. J. Flores) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$351.00  
# 5 Bedazzled Thought (Tr. E. Navarro) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$276.00

(3) BOCANEGRA RULING # 212

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OWNER GONZALO BOCANEGRA, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2007 TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE # 07LA0178, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF GONZALO BOCANEGRA ARE SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The Foregoing ruling was issued after subject failed to appear to answer charges that he is indebted to T & R Tack Supply.

(4) BERRY RULING # 213RULING # 213

ASSISTANT TRAINER, URLIC CARYLE "RICK" BERRY IS SUSPENDED FOR TWENTY (20) DAYS (SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 THROUGH OCTOBER 19, 2007) AND IS FINED TWO-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES # 1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING) AND # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND PRIVILEGES OF URLIC CARYLE "RICK" BERRY ARE SUSPENDED, AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1527 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO FINE OR SUSPEND), HE IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

A formal hearing was held before the Board of Stewards on September 7, 2007. Mr. Berry did not attend the hearing but was represented by counsel.

The above ruling was issued after the testimony, receiving the evidence, and oral argument. A decision statement was prepared on the ruling.

(5) ACCIDENTS – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the sixth race (Arabian – 4 ½ furlongs). Films reflect #4 "Jolly Rimal" (Tr. Bill Lewis – jockey E. Gomez) ducks out shortly after the start unseating jockey Gomez, as Stewards deemed #4 was the cause of his own problem, no change was warranted. Neither rider nor horse was injured.

(6) LATE DECLARATION – REFUND

A refund was ordered in the seventh race when #7 "Tokayana Way" was declared when trainer Jesus Nunez could not find a suitable rider for his horse.

Refund: \$18,469.00

(7) ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign immediately following the running of the eighth race to evaluate an incident near the finish in which #5 "Tombstone Tina" (jockey S. Ramirez Jr.) clipped heels, stumbled and fell unseating his pilot. Tapes reflect #5 drifting out, # 6 drifting in, causing both horses to make contact, the bump caused #5 to be pushed down behind #3, clipping #3's heels. Jockey Ramirez was quickly picked up by the Human Ambulance, and the horse was hauled off the track. Accident report attached.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	920	On Track Handle:	\$190,389
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2239</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$492,530
Total:	3159	Out of State:	<u>\$475,643</u>
		Total:	\$1,158,563



**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 23, 2007

One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period fourteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: four for soundness, six for injury and four for sickness.

Seven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and  
removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward George Slender.

**SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 09/20	FRI 09/21	SAT 09/22	SUN 09/23	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D	D	D	0	0	0	1	1	18
CAL-BRED RACES	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0	31
CLAIMS	R	R	R	5	2	0	4	11	93
DISQUALIFICATIONS	K	K	K	2	0	1	0	3	63
INQUIRIES	D	D	D	2	1	1	2	6	125
REFUNDS	A	A	A	5	2	0	3	10	574
RULINGS	Y	Y	Y	3	1	2	2	8	213

Stewards' Attendance:

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 George Slender (Steward)

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 Marie Peluso (Steward)

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 James Dreyer (Steward)