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

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of November 15, 2007 through November 18, 2007.

THURSDAY
11/15/2007

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3rd Race - # 1 Princely Gift (Tr. T. Rizo) not on grounds 24 hours prior, Stewards.
No refund

3 Apolinaris (Tr. J. Van Berg) entered in wrong race, Stewards.
Refund: \$229.00.

(2) CRUZ RULING

RULING # 250

JOCKEY JOEL CRUZ, WHO RODE "THORPE" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4)* RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 23RD, 24TH, 25TH, AND 29TH, 2007) FOR CROSSING OVER WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE CAUSING INTERFERENCE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

This ruling was issued after Cruz had viewed video of the first race from November 11th, in which his mount was responsible for interference in the early stages of the race. Cruz offered several excuses, none of which would forestall a ruling.

(3) FARIAS RULINGRULING # 251

TRAINER ADAN FARIAS WHO STARTED THE HORSE "RGR DOWN N LONELY" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 6, 2007 IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – FLUNIXIN IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL – FIRST OFFENSE).

This ruling was issued after a hearing with the trainer into a complaint filed against him for an overage of Flunixin. The permitted level is 100ng/ml, but the sample obtained from his horse showed a level of 117ng/ml.

Farias had no explanation for the findings, stating that he has not used the medication in quite some time.

(4) MUTUEL DEPARTMENT SNAFU

An error in the parimutuel department forced the Stewards to declare # 1a "Sea Boy" from the third race this evening. The other half of the entry, # 1 "Princely Gift," had properly been scratched earlier today due to not having been on the grounds of the association for 24 hours. Parimutuel manager Robert DiGiovanni did not realize that there was an entry and had Tote take # 1 out of the system. Since both had been out of the wagering format for some 25 minutes, the Stewards felt it would be improper to re-instate the previously scratched horse. A report will be attached.

The refund from the scratch amounted to \$510.00.

(5) JOCKEY EXCUSED

Ramon Guce was excused from his mounts this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

(6) STEWARDS INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the third race to review an incident approaching the finish involving the second and third place finishers, # 5 "Halfway There" (J. Vail) and # 4 "Chons Dream" (M. Segundo).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into consideration reports from the Patrol Judge and reviewing tapes of the stretch run, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. Tapes show that while Segundo did steady briefly in deep stretch, his finish position was not affected.

(7) ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the seventh race to review the circumstances which caused jockey Juan Andrade, aboard # 5 "Why Czech Rumors," to be unseated shortly after the start. After speaking with the Patrol Judge and reviewing tapes of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. Tapes show "Why Czech Rumors" breaking out sharply at the start, likely being stepped on by # 6 "KC Specially Maid," whose path had been taken. The contact caused "Why Czech Rumors" to lose its action and break stride sharply, causing Andrade to lose his balance and fall. The loose horse caused no problems for the other runners. Andrade was not injured.

(8) LATE DECLARATION

8th Race - # 7 Te Doc Pass (Tr. G. Morales) colic, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$1,054.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,115	On Track Handle:	\$139,261
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,736</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$243,665
Total:	2,851	Out of State:	<u>\$415,329</u>
		Total:	\$798,255

FRIDAY

11/16/2007

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 9 Mr. Mescallero (Tr. H. Sanchez) sick, Vet.
Refund: \$428.00.

5th Race - # 2 Shine Dat (Tr. H. Sanchez) sick, Vet.
Refund: \$214.00.

10th Race - # 8 Royal Domain (Tr. D. Luna) injured, Vet.
Refund: \$538.00.

(2) RIDER REPLACED

Dorothy Williams was replaced in the sixth race as she failed to arrive at the Jockey's Room to complete her engagement. A replacement rider was named.

(3) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as # 3 "Conpa" became unmanageable during the warm up period and was ordered scratched by the Stewards.

The refund amounted to \$14,226.00.

(4) RIDER EXCUSED

Cody Jensen was excused after riding in the seventh race as he was examined by first aid personnel and found to be unable to complete his engagements. Replacement riders were named.

(5) ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the tenth race to review the circumstances which caused Abel Ramirez, the rider of # 5 "Willie Bud," to be unseated shortly after the start.

After speaking with the Patrol Judge and reviewing the tapes of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. Tapes show that # 7 "Houdinis Zoomin" (unplaced) broke in sharply at the start, bumping # 5 "Willie Bud" into the hind quarters of # 4 "Take Charge Lindsay" and turning that horse out. "Willie Bud" then caught the heels of "Take Charge Lindsay," stumbled sharply and lost the rider. The horses were uninjured; however, jockey Ramirez was taken to Los Alamitos General Hospital after complaining of leg pain.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,535	On Track Handle:	\$208,784
Off Track Attendance:	<u>6,215</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$729,058
Total:	7,750	Out of State:	<u>\$656,479</u>
		Total:	\$1,594,322

SATURDAY

11/17/2007

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

6th Race - # 4 Mouthy (Tr. E. January) sick, Vet.
Refund: \$236.00

8 My Honey and Spice (Tr. D. Ekins) sick, Vet.
Refund: \$437.00

7th Race - # 1 Work N Boots (Tr. H. Sanchez) sick, Vet.
Refund: \$170.00

8th Race - # 2 Quick Dashin Beduino (Tr. K. Rynearson) Horse ID.
Refund: \$164.00

(2) FILM REVIEW

Ramon Sanchez was in the office this evening to review the tenth race from last evening in which his mount was responsible for interference which led to a rider being unseated. After review and a discussion with the rider it was determined that Sanchez made a good effort to prevent interference. He will not be sanctioned.

(3) RULING

RULING # 252

TRAINER JAMES A. DAVIS III, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY), IS HEREBY SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JAMES A. DAVIS III ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION.

This ruling was issued after the trainer failed to appear and did not address a complaint filed against him for financial responsibility.

(4) RIDER OFF

Cody Jensen is still ailing and will be excused from his mounts. Replacement riders were named.

(5) REFUND

A Refund was ordered in the third race as # 1 "Jans Headlight" was off in the left hind leg during warm up and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Peyser.

Refund: \$3,102.00

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(6) JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO REFUND

The objection sign was posted after the seventh race as jockey Joel Valadez (7th, #2 "Special Spike") lodged a claim of foul against Juan Andrade (1st, #3 "Eloquent To Show") for interference at the start.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account from Patrol Judge, and reviewing tapes of the race, the Stewards quickly dismissed the objection. Tapes show that Valadez' horse broke slowly, and that while he steadied briefly, his finish position was not affected by the actions of the winner.

(7) CEILING DROPS

A thick marine layer, common to this venue this time of year, rolled in just prior to the ninth race, blanketing the track in a thin veil of fog. While the mist continued to gain intensity during the late races, no incidents could be attributed to the dampness.

(8) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eleventh race as # 6 "Victorys Hope" was off in the right foreleg and was declared in the advice of Racing Veterinarian Peyser. There was a refund of \$10,759.00, due to the scratch.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,377	On Track Handle:	\$265,035.60
Off Track Attendance:	3,215	Off Track Handle:	\$545,008.10
Total:	4,592	Out of State:	<u>\$609,861.90</u>
		Total:	\$1,419,905.60

SUNDAY

11/18/2007

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 4th Race - # 3 Impressive Flight (Tr. C. Roberston) sick, Vet.
Refund: \$281.00.
- # 5 Gliding Star (Tr. J. Martin) sick, Vet.
Refund: \$4,254.00.
- 6th Race - # 1 Xqsitly Cut (Tr. E. Navarro) sick, Vet.
Refund: \$516.00.
- 7th Race - # 10 McClintock (Tr. K. Craigmyle) unsound, Vet.
Refund: \$405.00.
- 8th Race - # 4 Too Fast To Show (Tr. A. Farias) sick, Vet.
Refund: \$262.00.

(2) FILM REVIEW

Trainer Jesse Godinez, along with jockey Joel Valadez, reviewed tapes of the seventh race, in which their horse took up shortly after the start. Both accepted the Stewards' explanation and were satisfied with the decision.

(3) JOCKEYS EXCUSED

Joel Cruz, Juan Andrade, and Abel Ramirez were excused from their mounts this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

(4) GODINEZ AGAIN

Trainer Jesse Godinez was in the office to address a complaint filed for using an unlicensed horseshoer on October 27, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rules. Godinez admitted that the Farrier, Bill Van Winkle, tacked on a spread shoe when he could not find a plater. Van Winkle had attempted to take the farrier's test, but it was cancelled.

In light of the above information, it was decided that a warning was in order.

(5) STEWARDS INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the eighth race to review an incident near the 1/16th pole involving the third and fourth place finishers, # 6 "Power To Wow" (D. Williams) and # 7 "Debs Boot" (R. Guce).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judge and reviewing tapes of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify "Power To Wow" from third to fourth position. Tapes show the horse coming out to make contact with "Debs Boot," causing that horse to stumble sharply. The incident, in the Stewards' opinion, cost Guce and his mount the chance at a better placing.

(6) CLAIM VOID

The claim deposited by trainer Jose Flores in the tenth race for # 8 "Super Social" was voided as the claim contained incorrect dates and was deposited after the time to submit claims had passed.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	901	On Track Handle:	\$210,843.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,409</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$577,243.50
Total:	3,310	Out of State:	<u>\$539,963.30</u>
		Total:	\$1,328,050.20

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
11/15/2007	8	7	Te Doc Pass	G. Morales	Colic	Guillen	\$1,054
11/16/2007	1	9	Mr. Mescallero	H. Sanchez	Sick		\$428
	5	2	Shine Dat	H. Sanchez	Sick		\$214
	10	8	Royal Domain	D. Luna	Injured		\$538
11/17/2007	6	4	Mouthy	E. January	Sick	Peyser	\$236
		8	My Honey And Spice	D. Ekins	Sick	Peyser	\$437
	7	1	Work N Boots	H. Sanchez	Sick	Peyser	\$170
11/18/207	4	3	Impressive Flight	C. Robertson	Sick		\$281
	4	5	Gliding Star	J. Martin	Sick		\$4,254
	6	1	Xqsitly Cut	E. Navarro	Sick		\$516
	7	10	McClintock	K. Craigmyle	Unsound		\$405
	8	4	Too Fast To Show	A. Farias	Sick		\$262

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 18, 2007.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

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

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

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

This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 11/15	FRI 11/16	SAT 11/17	SUN 11/18	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			1	1	0	0	2	23
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	32
CLAIMS			R	3	2	3	5	13	215
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	1	1	74
INQUIRIES	D			2	1	1	1	5	149
REFUNDS		A		2	3	5	4	14	680
RULINGS			Y	2	0	1	0	3	252

Stewards' Attendance: George Slender, Tom Ward, and Anne Alley were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward (Steward)

Anne Alley (Steward)

George Slender (Steward)

*Note: James Dreyer was still incapacitated. His position was filled by George Slender.