

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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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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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of March 9 through March 12, 2017.

**THURSDAY**

03/09/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office for entries and scratches the past three days and will be the author of the minutes for the coming week. The lack of entries, especially for the Friday card, was obvious as the seven race program was not drawn until after 6:00 P.M. The other two programs were drawn earlier, however not until mid-afternoon. The fact that there were trials on Saturday and Sunday undoubtedly helped fill those cards.

**FRIDAY**

03/10/2017

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

5<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Blessing Jess (Vet-Sick)  
 #4 Sis Seis Jess (Vet-Sick). Refund: \$693.00.

(2) **STEWARDS' REPLACEMENT**

Tom Ward was forced to cut the night short due to illness. Safety Steward David Nuesch filled in for the final two races.

(3) **SMOOTH EVENING**

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

(4) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	602	On Track Handle:	\$73,661.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,866</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$233,316.80
Total:	2,468	Out of State:	<u>\$621,689.54</u>
			\$928,668.24

**SATURDAY**

03/11/2017

(1) **STEWARDS' SUBSTITUTION**

Ron Church will stand in for Tom Ward as he battles a respiratory issue.

(2) **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Cruz Mendez appeared in the Stewards office in order to review Friday's fifth race. Mr. Mendez was cautioned regarding his effort and given a warning in this instance.

(3) RULING #57

**RULING # 57**

JOCKEY EDDIE S. GARCIA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND – FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 5, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Eddie Garcia met with the Stewards and concurred that he had struck his mount in excess of the allowable number.

(4) RULING #58

**RULING # 58**

EXERCISE RIDER LORENZO ESQUIVEL, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR TO ADDRESS CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489(a-1) (MORAL TURPITUDE) AND #1874(4) (DISORDERLY CONDUCT) IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). DURNING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF LORENZO ESQUIVEL ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), LORENZO ESQUIVEL IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Esquivel failed to attend his scheduled hearing.

(5) RULING #59

**RULING # 59**

EXERCISE RIDER EMMANUEL SEGUNDO JR. IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS – FAILURE TO OBEY INSTRUCTIONS OF OUTFIDER).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Segundo's explanation failed to excuse his wrongdoing.

(6) OUTRIDER GUMARO MEJA INFORMAL HEARING – RULING

An informal hearing was conducted to address case #17LA0059. After the conclusion of the hearing the following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 60**

OUTRIDER GUMARO MENA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – METHAMPHETAMINE/ALCOHOL.

FURTHERMORE, GUMARO MENA SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

(7) FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ INFORMAL HEARING – RULING

Owner Hernandez appeared before the Stewards to address case #17LA0060 Mr. Hernandez had no defense. The following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 61**

OWNER FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ IS SUSPENDED THIRTY (30) DAYS (MARCH 15, 2017 THROUGH APRIL 13, 2017) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND) AND #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – METHAMPHETAMINE/MARIJUANA

FURTHERMORE, FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

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

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #7 Runbro Run (Tr. P. Aguirre) Sick, Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$585.00.

(9) PROBLEM FREE

The evening's eight race program was conducted without noteworthy incident

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	779	On Track Handle:	\$98,756.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,968</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$289,546.90
Total:	<u>2,747</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$731,902.03</u>
		Total:	\$1,120,205.03

**SUNDAY**

01/29/2017

(1) RULINGS #62-65

**RULING # 62**

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND – FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 11, 2017.

**RUIING # 63**

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND – SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 11, 2017.

**RULING # 64**

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND – SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 11, 2017.

**RULING # 65**

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND – FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 11, 2017.

The foregoing rulings were issued after the above named jockeys violated Rule #1688 (b) (6) use of riding crop.

(2) NO SHOW WAGERING

Second race – late declaration of #2 Dashing Ash and #4 Prince of Glory, reduced the field to four betting interests, CHRb rule #1954 Pari-mutuel Pools.

(3) HORSE PULLED UP

After the finish of the second race, the winner #6 INITIATIVE pulled up on the backside and was vanned off, euthanized.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The third race claim of "HR EXPRESS" by Trainer Keith Craigmyle was voided after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck informed the Stewards the four year old gelding bled and placed him on the vet's list. HR EXPRESS was returned to the barn of Trainer Richard Rosales.

(5) STEWARDS INQUIRY – EIGHTH RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to review an incident at the start involving first place finisher, #3 That Rico (Roberto Hernandez) #4 Mr. Tempting (Eulices Gomez) and #5 G S Wintermeyer (Jonathan Roman) After examining the action from all angles, the Stewards did not alter the original placings.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> race - #2 DASHING ASH (Tr. Ricardo Guillen) Unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$416.00

2<sup>nd</sup> race - #4 PRICE OF GLORY (Tr. Angela Aquino) Sick, Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$339.00

3<sup>rd</sup> – Race #1 MAYDAY MALONE (Tr. Jesus Nunez) Unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$211.00

7<sup>th</sup> – Race #8 RENEWED (Tr. Roberto Dominguez) Injured, Dr. Fitzgerald  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$318.00

(5) Attendance And Handle

On Track Attendance:	623	On Track Handle:	\$104,837.20
Off Track Attendance:	1,786	Off Track Handle:	\$400,445.50
Total:	2,409	Out of State:	\$996,151.12
		Total:	\$1,501,433.82

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 12, 2017. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's List; two for soundness, one for injury, one for bleeding, and four for sickness. Six 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 2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 03/10	SAT 03/11	SUN 03/12	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		1	3	1	5	69
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	7
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	1	1	16
REFUNDS		A			1	1	4	6	66
RULINGS			Y		0	5	4	9	65
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	1	1	14

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Ron Church, Randy Winick, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

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Ron Church (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Steward)