

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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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 August 23 through August 26, 2018.

THURSDAY

08/23/2018

(1) **MORNING DUTY**

Tom Ward was in the office on entry days to oversee the entry and scratch procedures. Entries were rather slow, but there is an eight race card for Friday, while Saturday and Sunday will have nine events. As usual, Cal Bred races were nowhere to be found.

FRIDAY

08/24/2018

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2nd race - #4 Renegade Run(Vet-sick) refund of \$48.00
 3rd race - #7 Fast Lane Larry(entered back) refund of \$45.00

(2) **VETERINARIAN HEARING**

Dr. Nicola Hardgrove was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed by the Board alleging that she did not turn in a confidential veterinarian report in a timely manner. The matter came to light as one of her clients, trainer Jose Avalos, had a horse test positive for Betamethasone and there was no confidential report to match up with. Mr. Avalos told investigators that Dr. Hardgrove had administered the medication. Dr. Hardgrove produced a veterinarian report indicating that the horse in question was treated with Betamethasone on July 16th. Dr. Hardgrove said that she thought the report had been turned in but could not offer an excuse for its absence. Since the doctor had a similar violation in April, the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 195

VETERINARIAN NICOLA HARDGROVE IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1842 (VETERINARIAN REPORT).

(3) **RULING #193****RULING # 193**

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 19, 2018.

(4) RULING #194

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JOCKEY JUAN E. SANCHEZ, WHO RODE "COULDASHOULDADID" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 19, 2018, IS SUSPENDED TWO (2) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 31ST AND SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO FOURTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES). THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The preceding ruling was issued after the rider had viewed video of the first race from Friday, after which his mount was disqualified from third to fourth position. The rider admitted his mistake, stating that he thought he only had one horse to his outside, rather than two. Since he had not been in our office in nearly twelve months, it was felt that a two day suspension was in order.

(5) EVENING DECLARATIONS

4th race - #5 Zeppo (Vet-injured at barn) refund of \$558.00
7th race - #6 Miss Granite Bell (Vet-sick) refund of \$493.00

(6) STEWARDS INQUIRY – DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident immediately after the start involving the fourth, fifth and seventh place finishers - #6 Chocolutito (C. Huerta), #3 All Told(R. Aceves), and #5 Coronas Heir(E. Garcia). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the start, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify both #6 Chocolutito and #3 All Told and place them behind #5 Coronas Heir. Video showed that the outside horse broke in, while inside horse broke out, creating a chain reaction which resulted in jockey Garcia having to take up sharply and lose all chance.

(7) VIDEO REVIEW

What might be considered "swift justice" at this venue, the Stewards reviewed the sixth race for potential sanctions of the riders involved in the double disqualification. (See above) Both riders will be out of town for the next few days and it was felt that they should know their fate. After review, it was determined that both made a reasonable effort to prevent interference. Therefore, no suspensions were issued.

(8) LATE REFUND

A refund was ordered in the seventh race as #4 Super Slick Invader broke through the stall doors, unseated the rider, and ran off. The refund amounted to \$10,456.00.

(9) AFTERMATH OF SCRATCH

Shortly before the eighth race we received a call from veterinarian Jocelyn Lobeicky to the effect that the horse Zeppo, who was scratched from the fourth race earlier this evening after injuring itself in its stall, was showing signs of significant neurological distress and she, along with other veterinarians, was of the opinion that the horse should be euthanized. The problem was that the owner, Crystal Valley Racing, was strongly objecting to putting the horse down. Racing Veterinarian Chuck Jenkins was contacted and went to the barn following the last race. At that time Dr. Jenkins determined that it would be the humane thing to euthanize the horse.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

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| On Track Attendance: | 600 | On Track Handle: | \$102,641.50 |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>1,773</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$381,587.30 |
| Total: | 2,373 | Out of State: | <u>\$790,530.58</u> |
| | | Total: | \$1,274,759.38 |

SATURDAY
08/25/2018

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1st race - #4 Crowded Way (Vet-colic) refund of \$419.00
- 4th race - #1 Fly N Away (entered back)
 - #8 Personal Jess (Vet-sick) refund of \$475.00
- 6th race - #4 Baymax (Vet- injured) refund of \$395.99

(2) **MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer Jose Avalos was in the office today, responding to a complaint filed by the Board for an overage of Betamethasone (155pg/ml as opposed to the maximum of 10 pg/ ml). He stated that he and his attending veterinarian, Dr. Nicola Hardgrove, were attempting to ascertain where the horse's problem was, and after they injected the horse's shoulder the problem went away. He did say that there was likely some leakage from the joint after the injection. After discussion, the following ruling was issued:

RULING # 196

TRAINER JOSE AVALOS, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SOFT TRIP", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 21, 2018, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A)(TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (F)(1)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – BETAMETHASONE(155 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (10.0 PG/ML).

(3) **LATE DECLARATION**

There was a late declaration in the fourth race as #7 Valiant Thoughts got loose in the paddock and ran off. The refund amounted to \$2,406.00.

(4) **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident just prior to the line of finish involving the second place finisher, #3 Indie Anna(E. Gasca), and the fourth place horse, #5 I Spot A Cartel(J. Ayala). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to leave the original placings intact. The incident took place so close to the finish that I Spot A Cartel, which was fourth at the time the rider checked and ultimately finished fourth, was not denied the chance for a better placing.

(5) **REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #3 One Last Thought became fractious and got a leg over the stall divider, prompting Racing Veterinarian Chuck Jenkins to recommend that the horse be declared. The resulting refund amounted to \$8,865.00.

(6) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

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| On Track Attendance: | 1,002 | On Track Handle: | \$88,242.50 |
| Off Track Attendance | <u>1,931</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$368,837.10 |
| Total: | 2,933 | Out of State: | <u>\$936,334.88</u> |
| | | Total: | \$1,393,414.48 |

SUNDAY
08/26/2018

(1) **EARLY DECLARATION**

- 2nd race - #2 King Of Leon (Vet-sick) refund of \$777.00
- 4th race - #3 Where's Bubba (Vet-injured) refund of \$584.00

(2) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Jose Nicasio was excused from his mounts this evening as he was at the hospital with his wife, who was delivering their child. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULING #197

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JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA, WHO RODE "INDIE ANNA" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 25, 2018, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 2ND, 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

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This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the sixth race from Saturday as his mount was the subject of a Stewards' inquiry. While there was no disqualification, due to the fact the incident took place just before the wire, Gasca was nonetheless careless as he permitted his mount to drift out, placing the rider to his outside on heels.

(4) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Johnny Andre Allen was excused following the second race as he dislocated his left shoulder while pulling up. Replacement riders were announced.

(5) ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted following the sixth race to review the cause of an accident involving #6 Walk Thru The Bar, with Ruben Lozano aboard, shortly after the start. After reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original placings. Video showed that the horse "locked up" in the second stride away from the gate, causing it to stumble sharply and fall. The rider was examined by medical personnel, then transported to a local hospital with what was diagnosed as a possible fractured collarbone. Amazingly, the horse was not injured and walked off under its own power. Replacement riders for Lozano were announced.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

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| On Track Attendance: | 628 | On Track Handle: | \$84,937.10 |
| Off Track Attendance | <u>1,650</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$330,835.50 |
| Total: | 2,278 | Out of State: | <u>\$844,974.13</u> |
| | | Total: | \$1,260,746.73 |

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 26, 2018. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for injury and 6 for sickness. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

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SUMMARY

2018

| | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI 08/24 | SAT 08/25 | SUN 08/26 | WEEK TOTAL | MEET TOTAL |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| ACCIDENTS | D | | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| CAL-BRED RACES | | A | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| CLAIMS | | | R | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 237 |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS | | | | K | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 35 |
| INQUIRIES | D | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 60 |
| REFUNDS | | A | | | 5 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 289 |
| RULINGS | | | Y | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 197 |
| VOIDED CLAIMS | | | | S | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 |

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, David Nuesch, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Paul Atkinson (Steward)