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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 June 18, 2019 through June 23, 2019.

THURSDAY

6/20/2019

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office this week for entries, declarations and changes. The first Cal Bred race of the year, the Ivan Ashment Handicap, filled with eight starters. There was only one declaration- a horse entered back- and changes were held to a minimum. Ward will also be writing the minutes for this reporting period.

FRIDAY

6/21/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st race- #2 Cheyenne Dancer (Vet-unsound)  
#6 LA Artist (Vet-unsound) refund of \$456.00  
2nd race- #1 Slew The Waters (Vet- unsound)  
#2 Nahoy (Vet-injured) refund of \$520.00  
3rd race- #3 Ron's Answer (Vet-sick)  
#5 Parliamentarian (Vet-unsound) refund of \$614.00  
4th race- #1 Miss Napper Tandy (Entered back)  
#2 Parasail (Vet-unsound)  
#7 Herunbridledpower (Vet- unsound) refund of \$592.00  
5th race- #6 Jessaaabell (Vet-unsound) refund of \$1,095.00

(2) APPEAL WITHDRAWN

The appeal of a ruling issued against trainer Robert Lucas back in April of 2019 was withdrawn thirty minutes before it was due to be heard as the Appellant called to say that he did not feel there would be any change to the

disposition as Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald would not budge from her original assessment of the matter.

(3) RULING

RULING # 156

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 16, 2019.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Franco chose not to defend his actions with regard to the "crop" violation.

(4) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald reported that #6 Masters Circle was "off" in the left foreleg and recommended that the horse be scratched. The refund amounted to \$9,268.99.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	514	On Track Handle:	\$71,703.30
Off Track Attendance:	1,711	Off Track Handle:	\$329,489.20
Total:	2,225	Out of State:	\$552,149.23
		Total:	\$953,341.73

SATURDAY  
6/22/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2ND race- #2 Working (Vet-sick) refund of \$302.00  
3rd race- #1 Reyna Dubai (Vet-injured) refund of \$35.00  
5th race- #7 Monster Hand (Vet-sick) refund of \$126.00

(2) FINANCIAL COMPLAINT SETTLED

A sometimes acrimonious financial hearing between Eric Berman and Owner Roy Moorefield was settled after both sides had the chance to air their grievances. At issue was Mr. Berman's complaint for \$3,270.00 for training fees, vet bills and shoeing. Mr. Moorefield acknowledged that he owed his former trainer "something", but disputed the amount. Steward Chaney, who chaired the hearing, used his negotiating talents to the fullest and bartered a settlement. Mr. Moorefield will drop off a check to this office next week for the full amount.

(3) JOCKEY OBJECTION-NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the seventh race as jockey Alberto Zepeda (5th, #2 The Revenant) lodged a claim of foul against the third place finisher, #3 Rite Regal (C. Mendez) for interference approaching the finish. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. While Rite Regal did alter his path to the inside and caused jockey Zepeda to check briefly, the incident did not have an effect on the original placings.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 739	On Track Handle:	\$112,877.30
<u>Off Track Attendance 1,791</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$456,260.00
Total: 2,530	<u>Out of State:</u>	\$865,949.55
	Total:	\$1,435,086.85

SUNDAY  
6/23/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 1st race- #1 Centaurus Rule (Vet-sick)
  - #3 Far West (Vet-injured) refund of \$372.00
- 3rd race- #9 Mergie Troid (Vet-injured) refund of \$81.00
- 8th race- #2 Spectacular Corona (Stakes) refund of \$684.00

(2) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez was in to review the seventh race as his mount was the subject of a rider's objection. After review, it was determined that his actions were not worthy of a penalty, but he was cautioned to make a better effort in the future.

(3) RULING

RULING #157

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA, WHO RODE "JESS MOTIONS" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 22, 2019, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO RACING DAYS (JUNE 30TH AND JULY 5TH, 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE AT THE START, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (CARELESS RIDING-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST SIXTY DAYS). PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

This ruling was issued after a review of the fifth race from last evening, during which his mount drifted in shortly after the start to cause interference. Mr. Gasca chose not to represent himself at the review. He made no effort to correct his mount.

(4) STEWARDS' INQUIRY-NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race to review an incident shortly after the start involving the second and eighth place finishers, #4 As A Rule (M. Arana) and #5 Slightly (S. Iniguez). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original placings. While Mr. Iniguez and his mount were compromised to some degree, it was our opinion that they were not cost a placing.

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that #4 Mr. Kelly flipped while in the Receiving Barn and injured himself. The refund amounted to \$838.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	816	On Track Handle:	\$111,760.20
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,683</u>	Off Track Handle:	<u>\$296,181.80</u>
Total:	2,499	Out of State:	\$870,367.23
		Total:	\$1,278,309.23

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 23, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 2 for soundness, 5 for sickness, 1 for medication, and 2 for bleeding. 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 2019

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 6/21	SAT 6/22	SUN 6/23	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	1	0	1	1
CLAIMS			R		5	3	2	10	138
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	21
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	1	2	39
REFUNDS		A			6	3	4	13	236
RULINGS			Y		1	0	1	2	157
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	28

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

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Scott Chaney (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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