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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 July 30, 2019 through August 4, 2019.

THURSDAY

8/01/2019 (1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was on call this past Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in order to supervise entries, declarations and changes. The Friday card was particularly difficult to fill, as races were not drawn until after 5:00 pm. The Saturday card was drawn at 1:30 pm, while Sunday filled close to 3:30 pm. Scratches and changes were held to a minimum.

FRIDAY

8/02/2019 (1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

4th race- #7 Doctor Gene (Vet-injured). Refund \$224.00

(2) **RULING**

RULING # 204

JOCKEY FRANCISO ORDUNA-ROJAS IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 28, 2019.

This ruling was issued as the rider chose not to represent himself with regard to the crop violation.

(3) **RULING**

RULING # 205

OWNER VICTOR ARIAS, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 2, 2019 TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #19LA0122, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489 (a) (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE), #1890 (a) (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND-NEEDLE AND SYRINGE) AND #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION), IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 5, 2019.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF VICTOR ARIAS 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.

We were informed that Mr. Arias was in Mexico and would not attend.

(4) DELAY IN POST TIME

Due to three inquiries at Del Mar, post time at this venue was set back ten minutes to 8:05 pm.

(5) LATE VET SCRATCH-REFUND

There was a refund in the first race as #5 "Chocolate Mess" became extremely fractious in the starting gate and injured itself, prompting Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$31,118.00.

(6) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Juan Sanchez, who was aboard "Chocolate Mess" when it pitched a fit in the starting gate this evening, was excused from his remaining mount due to soreness. A replacement rider was named.

(7) STEWARDS' REPLACEMENT

Tom Ward was forced to beg off for the latter half of the card due to illness. Safety Steward David Nuesch pulled double duty and filled in for Ward.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	591	On Track Handle:	\$83,229.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,811</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$367,828.60
Total:	2,402	Out of State:	<u>\$745,457.82</u>
		Total:	\$1,196,516.32

SATURDAY

8/03/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 2nd race- #6 War Link (Vet-sick) refund of \$293.00
- 6th race- #1 Tribal Fire (Entered back) refund of \$77.00
- 7th race- #6 Poppys Return (Vet-injured) refund of \$164.00
- 8th race- #1 BF April Bombshell (Vet-injured)

#6 KR Amber (Vet-injured) refund of \$511.00

(2) RULINGS

RULING #206

OWNER JAVIER LOPEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SOMETHINGABOUTNICK" IN THE FIRST RACE ON JANUARY 12, 2019 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* AND SUSPENDED NINETY (90) DAYS) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887(a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) (ZILPATEROL - CLASS II) #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES).

FOR CAUSE, FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS OF THE NINETY (90) DAY SUSPENSION ARE STAYED PROVIDED MR. LOPEZ IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS #1843 AND #1887 REGARDING CLASS I, II, OR III DRUG SUBSTANCES DURING THE TERM OF PROBATION. IF MR. LOPEZ VIOLATES A CONDITION OF HIS PROBATION, THE ABOVE REFERENCED FORTY-FIVE (45) DAY STAY OF SUSPENSION SHALL BE LIFTED AND THE ACTUAL SUSPENSION SHALL BE IMPOSED AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING. THE FORTY FIVE (45) DAY SUSPENSION SHALL BE SERVED FROM AUGUST 9, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22, 2019.

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

RULING #207

OWNER ROBERTO DEDIOS, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SOMETHINGABOUTNICK" IN THE FIRST RACE ON JANUARY 12, 2019 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* AND SUSPENDED NINETY (90) DAYS) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887(a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) (ZILPATEROL - CLASS II), AND #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES).

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

The foregoing rulings were issued to finalize complaints against the two licensees who were involved in a Zilpaterol positive earlier in the year. The proposed decisions submitted by the Stewards were adopted by the Board.

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited by trainer Kelly Castaneda in the first race for #6 "Nevada Wild Cat" was voided as the horse was unsound during its time in the detention barn. It was returned to the barn of trainer Valentin Zamudio.

(4) LATE DECLARATION

#5 "Nova" was a late declaration from the second race as it "flipped" in the saddling paddock and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The resulting refund amounted to \$3,785.00.

(5) GOOD EVENING

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

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	860	On Track Handle:	\$120,192.10
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,949</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$489,027.20
Total:	2,809	Out of State:	<u>\$746,074.07</u>
		Total:	\$1,355,293.37

SUNDAY
8/04/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st race- #6 Persistent Touch (Vet-sick) refund of \$100.20
2nd race- #4 Mikeys Glory (Vet-unsound) refund of \$231.56
3rd race- #3 Rizzi's Honors (Vet-sick) refund of \$503.00

(2) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Juan E. Sanchez, who was injured in a starting gate incident last evening, was excused from his mounts tonight as he was still too sore to ride. Replacement riders were announced.

(3) RULINGS

RULING # 208

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE JR. 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 3, 2019.

RULING # 209

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA 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 AUGUST 3, 2019.

RULING # 210

JOCKEY JOSEPH BELLOC, JR. IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* 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 AUGUST 3, 2019.

These rulings were issued when the riders chose not to defend themselves with regard to the crop violations.

(4) ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the seventh race to review the cause of an accident at the start involving #5 "Hes Jess A Secret", ridden by Ruben Lozano. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards made no change to the original order of finish. Video showed that the horse stumbled sharply in the opening stride, throwing Lozano to the ground. We were originally of the opinion that the horse may have suffered a back injury as it struggled to get to its feet. However, after a short time, it was up and walking into the equine ambulance. Jockey Lozano was not injured.

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #7 "Tequila Sangria" injured itself in the starting gate and was declared after examination by Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$26,025.42.

(6) JOCKEY OBJECTION-NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the eighth race as jockey Vinnie Bednar (7th, #3 Transcend) lodged a claim of foul against Carlos Huerta (5th, #4 Purty Fancy Dude) for interference at the start. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted

to dismiss the claim of foul. Bednar's mount was slow leaving the gate and was not inconvenienced by the actions of the fifth place finisher.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	553	On Track Handle:	\$91,658.30
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,800</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$340,928.30
Total:	2,353	Out of State:	<u>\$795,996.47</u>
		Total:	\$1,228,583.07

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 4, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 16 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 6 for soundness, 7 for injury, 3 for sickness. Eleven 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 8/02	SAT 8/03	SUN 8/04	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	1	1	3
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		0	1	1	2	164
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	23
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	2	2	48
REFUNDS		A			2	4	4	10	268
RULINGS			Y		2	2	3	7	210
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	0	1	34

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

Scott Chaney (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)