



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 of July 2, 2019 through July 7, 2019.

Tuesday

7/02/2019

(1) **ENTRIES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for this Friday night.

Wednesday

7/03/2019

(1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Saturday night and changes to Friday's card.

Thursday

7/04/2019

(1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Sunday night and changes to Saturday's card.

Friday

7/05/2019

(1) **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CESAR FRANCO came to the office to review his ride in the last race on Sunday. We wanted to review both his horse's drift inward and his crop use, the two of which were related. Mr. Franco acknowledged that he violated the crop rule but explained that he did so because his mount was drifting in. While we were sympathetic to his predicament, he also won the race, so could

have used his reins more than the crop for directional control. We issued the following ruling:

RULING # 164

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00)* 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-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 30, 2019.

(2) ZAMUDIO HEARINGS

Trainer VALENTIN ZAMUDIO came to the office to answer two complaints filed by the CHRB: case numbers 19LA0124 and 19LA027. These were two positives on consecutive nights – Banamine and Dexamethasone respectively. We held an informal hearing into each case. Present at the hearings were Mr. Zamudio and his wife, CHRB Investigator Kevin Kitashima and the Board of Stewards. In both cases, Mr. Zamudio believed that they were either barn mistakes or veterinarian mistakes. Both cases will be reviewed and a decision will be made in the near future.

(3) INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the second race, we posted the inquiry to examine the start involving the first two finishers. Video revealed that the winner #4 Six Eighteen (E. Payeras) broke inward and second place finisher #3 American Heart (F. Orduna-Rojas) broke outward. Although the #3 was affected more by the contact between the two horses, the majority made no change to the original order of finish as both horses contributed to the incident.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
2nd Race #1 Louder California – Claimed – V. Zamudio, trainer. Refund \$0.00
3rd Race #5 Nevada Wild Cat – Claimed – V. Zamudio, trainer. Refund \$0.00
4th Race #5 Chiefs Lil Pearl – Stewards' scratch, entered back.
Refund \$189.50
5th Race #2 Jess Karma – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
#7 Wildness – Stewards' scratch, entered back. Refund \$910.50
6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 598	On Track Handle: \$88,758.70
Off Track Attendance: <u>1,703</u>	Off Track Handle: \$329,062.10
Total: 2,301	Out of State: <u>\$553,479.31</u>
	Total: \$971,300.11

Saturday
7/06/2019

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey JUAN PABLO LEON came to the office to review his crop use in the fifth race last night. He took responsibility for the violation and we therefore issued the following ruling:

RULING #168

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 5, 2019.

Jockey OSCAR ANDRADE JR. failed to appear to review his crop use in the seventh race last night. We nevertheless reviewed the video and issued the following ruling:

RULING # 169

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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 5, 2019.

(2) ZAMUDIO RULINGS

After careful consideration of the two hearings described last night, we issued the following two rulings:

RULING #166

TRAINER VALENTIN ZAMUDIO, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "LA CANDIDATA" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 24, 2019, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (a, b & d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844.1 (SUSPENSION OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-FLUNIXIN).

RULING #167

TRAINER VALENTIN ZAMUDIO, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "IMPROVISE" IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 25, 2019, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (a, b & d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844.1 (SUSPENSION OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-DEXAMETHASONE).

(3) KLAUSA RULING

Owner JOSEPH KLAUSA failed to appear yesterday to answer case number 19LA0133 which was a complaint filed by KC Horse Transport alleging an

unpaid vanning bill. We therefore issued the following ruling:

RULING # 165

OWNER JOSEPH KLAUSA IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$432.78 TO KC HORSE TRANSPORT).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JOSEPH KLAUSA ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), JOSEPH KLAUSA IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION. SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON JULY 8, 2019.

(4) GRIENER HEARING AND RULING

Trainer GARY GRIENER appeared by telephone to answer case number 19LA0123 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging a Phenylbutazone positive discovered in the post-race sample of one of his runners. CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcromb presented the case. Mr. Griener had no explanation for the positive—possibly veterinarian error, but he also stated that he treated this horse the same way he treats every other runner. Unfortunately, that method has resulted in another positive within the past year and 3 positives within the past two years. Therefore we elected to depart from the minimum recommended penalty and issued the following ruling:

RULING # 170

TRAINER GARY GRIENER, WHO STARTED THE HORSE “WYOMING CHIEF”, THE FIFTH PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 24, 2019, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (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 #1844.1 (SUSPENSION OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – PHENYLBUTAZONE).

(5) INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the eighth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine the start of the fifth place horse #5 Jess Bet Me (C. Mendez) and last place finisher #4 Chance to Fire (E. Nicasio). Video revealed that #5 broke inward and made solid contact with #4. However, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish despite the interference because #5 was slow to break and was beaten over 2 lengths for the next finish position.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
4th Race #4 Firebrand – Rider change – V. Bednar for A. Viramontes (family issue). Refund \$0.00

5th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	772	On Track Handle:	\$134,584.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,910</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$417,956.00
Total:	2,682	Out of State:	<u>\$671,056.01</u>
		Total:	\$1,223,596.71

Sunday

7/07/2019

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey CESAR FRANCO came to the office to examine his crop use during the sixth race yesterday. He acknowledged his error and unfortunately has been penalized 4 times for the same infraction in the past 60 days. We therefore issued a suspension for this infraction.

RULING # 171

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JULY 14TH AND 19TH 2019) 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-MULTIPLE OFFENSES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 6, 2019.

*THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

(2) INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the second race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident involving the first two finishers at the head of the stretch. Video showed that the winner #1 Shadow Op (E. Payeras) drifted out significantly throughout the turn and then again at the head of the stretch where he bumped second place finisher #5 Poinsettia Park (R. Guce). In total, #1 drifted out about 6 paths. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the video and given the 1 ¾ lengths that separated the two at the wire, we unanimously voted to disqualify the winner and place him second.

Original order of finish: (1)-5-4-6
 Corrected order of finish: 5-(1)-4-6

(3) INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the eighth race (Vessels Maturity Grade I), the inquiry sign was posted to examine the start of #9 Eyes the Favorite, who reared up and unseated the rider, who landed behind the starting gate. Video revealed that as the gates opened, the horse reared up, threw its head and finally left the starting gate without the rider. After conferring with the starter, we unanimously voted to make the horse a starter as he caused his own problems

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Nahoy – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
#4 Heaven Tink – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
#5 One Step Away – Rider change – E. Payeras for J. Sanchez (injured). Refund \$555.97
- 2nd Race #2 Ladies Man – Stewards’ scratch – Official veterinarian
#3 Theycallhimthekid – Veterinarian scratch, Dr. Fitzgerald
#5 Poinsettia Park – Rider change – R. Guce for J. Sanchez
Refund \$1,064.48
- 3rd Race #4 My Ebony Star – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
#5 Holidayincambodia – Rider change – E. Gomez for J. Sanchez
Refund \$101.78
- 4th Race #2 Texasdesire – Rider change – J. Leon (+5) for M. Arana (sick)
#3 Childhood – Claimed – J. Uranga, trainer
#4 Frozen Icon – Claimed – V. Zamudio, trainer. Refund \$0.00
- 5th Race #6 Also A Foose–Rider change–R. Castro for R. Arvizu (no show).
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 524	On Track Handle: \$103,209.60
Off Track Attendance: <u>1,706</u>	Off Track Handle: \$299,313.20
Total: 2,230	Out of State: <u>\$770,510.31</u>
	Total: \$1,173,033.11

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 7, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, Nine horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 4 for soundness, 2 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 2 for shock wave therapy. Seven horses previously on the Veterinarian’s list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward C. Scott Chaney.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY 2019**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 7/05	SAT 7/06	SUN 7/07	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		2	0	2	4	144
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	1	1	22
INQUIRIES	D				1	1	1	3	43
REFUNDS		A			2	0	3	5	242
RULINGS			Y		1	6	1	8	171
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	30

Stewards’ Attendance: Stewards Scott Chaney, James Dreyer, Ron Church and Safety Steward

Dave Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.