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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 August 13, 2019 through August 18, 2019.

**Tuesday**

8/13/2019

**(1) ENTRIES**

Steward Scott Chaney oversaw entries for this Friday night.

**Wednesday**

8/14/2019

**(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

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

**Thursday**

8/15/2019

**(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

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

**Friday**

8/16/2019

**(1) VALDEZ HEARING**

We held a formal hearing into case number 19LA0158 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against assistant trainer JOSE VALDEZ SANCHEZ alleging violation of CHRB rule 1890 (Possession of Contraband). Present at the hearing were Mr. Sanchez and his

brother, his attorney John Tyre, CHRB employee Amador Villanueva to interpret, and CHRB investigators Tom Blake and Barrett Halcromb. Court reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceeding. The facts were undisputed. The CHRB Investigative staff discovered a syringe (with needle) and an empty vial of a product called Tribedoce in the bed of a pickup truck driven by Mr. Sanchez and registered to his employer, trainer Hector Palma. Counsel for Mr. Sanchez argued that his client did not own, use or place the contraband in the truck, that he has numerous enemies in the stable area, and therefore someone must have placed it there, either to cause him trouble or just tossed it there to dispose of the material. Documentary evidence was submitted, testimony taken and the record was closed. Decision to follow.

**(2) INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the second race, we posted the inquiry to examine three incidents: (1) Video revealed that the winner #2 Royal Blue Grass (S. Iniguez) was getting out throughout the turn, carrying fifth place finisher #8 wide and making contact at least once; (2) Video revealed that #1 La Lolita ducked out at the head of the stretch causing two horses to steady; and (3) #2 drifted in and made contact with second place finisher #6 Raw Diamond nearing the wire. With regard to the second incident, #1 finished last and therefore no change was required. However, the winner #2, caused both of the other two incidents and therefore we unanimously voted for a disqualification.

Original order of finish: (2)-6-7-4-8-5-3-1

Corrected order of finish: 6-7-4-8-(2)-5-3-1

**(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Curly's Mark – Claimed – E. January, trainer. Refund \$0.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 La Lolita – Rider change – M. Arana for C. Aragon (rode at Ferndale)

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Aflamin James – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$132.20

5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Secretary of Defense – Stewards' scratch, entered back  
#8 Zeelo -- Stewards' scratch, entered back. Refund \$195.40

6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 My Favorite Candy -- Stewards' scratch, entered back  
#6 First and Fourth -- Stewards' scratch, entered back  
#5 Rational Lady – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped on track – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$11,843.99

7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Estelline -- Stewards' scratch, entered back. Refund \$210.10

**(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	590	\$86,278.50
Off track	1,879	\$331,803.70
Out of state	N/A	\$698,041.37
Total	2,469	\$1,116,123.57

**Saturday**

8/17/2019

**(1) FILM REVIEW**

Jockey SALVADOR INIGUEZ came to the office as directed to view his ride in the second race last night, after which his mount was disqualified. We reviewed two incidents: (1) Mr. Iniguez's horse was drifting out around the turn, bumping and carrying his rival wide; and (2) video revealed that nearing the finish, his mount also drifts in making contact with another rival. The majority blamed the horse for the erratic behavior and therefore did not issue a penalty. Steward Chaney voted for a three suspension.

Jockey ARMANDO CERVANTES failed to contest his crop violation and therefore issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 215

JOCKEY ARMANDO CERVANTES 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 16, 2019.

Jockey JAIRO RANGEL failed to appear to review his ride in the third race last night. We reviewed the film and issued him a warning. We also issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 216

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATION), JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR TO REVIEW VIDEO AFTER BEING ORDERED TO DO SO BY THE STEWARDS.

**(2) SANCHEZ DECISION**

After carefully considering the evidence presented in the Sanchez hearing last night, we dismissed the matter, feeling that a preponderance of the evidence did not prove a rule violation.

**(3) OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the fifth race, trainer Jorge Farias (last place finisher #4 Treacherous) lodged an objection against second place finisher #3 Kountry Fun for interference shortly after leaving the gate (330 yards). Video revealed that #3 did drift over but that #4 was nearly a length back at the time and finished 4 lengths behind the horse in front of him. Therefore, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original of finish.

**(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #3 Tip Tap Time – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald.

Refund \$59.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Spacerika – Claimed – E. January, trainer

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Tazs Tiny Pebble – Claimed – M. Fales, trainer  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Secretary of Defense – Stewards' scratch, entered back  
 Refund \$96.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Lady Six Sky – Stewards' scratch, stake. Refund \$364.00

**(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	726	\$89,489.50
Off track	1,915	\$310,951.60
Out of state	N/A	\$741,476.06
Total	2,641	\$1,141,917.16

**Sunday**

8/18/2019

**(1) FILM REVIEW**

Jockey MINOR ARANA came to the office to review his ride in the second race from Friday night. His horse drifted out at the top of the stretch. After a brief review, it became clear that his horse was trying to get out during the entire race, so we simply told him to be careful.

Jockey CESAR FRANCO called in advance of his hearing this evening after his only mount scratched. He conceded that he had violated the rule and not just by a little. Mr. Franco struck his horse four times in succession and then seven times in succession without giving his horse the chance to respond. Given this egregious violation and the fact that it was his fifth in the last 60 days, we issued the following ruling:

Ruling #217

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR FOUR RACING DAYS (AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>, 31<sup>ST</sup> AND SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 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-FIFTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 17, 2019.

Jockey JONATHAN ROMAN failed to appear to review his crop use in the eighth race last night, so we reviewed the race and issued the following ruling:

Ruling #218

JOCKEY JONATHAN ROMAN 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS  
RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 17, 2019.

**(2) INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the third race we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident at the start involving the winner #1 Fancy Terrace (M. Arana) and #2 B S Cyclotron. Video showed that #1 breaks out and bumps #2, who breaks slowly. Then, #3 and #4 drift in putting #2 on heels and forcing him to check. While #2 does lose about 2 lengths, he closes to take the lead in the stretch before relinquishing the lead at the finish. While the finish margin between the first two was small, it was the unanimous opinion that the interference was minor, not entirely caused by the winner, that #2 did not break well, that he gave up the lead, and therefore no change was appropriate.

**(3) INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

We posted the inquiry sign following the running of the eighth race (Golden State Derby). Specifically, we wanted to examine the actions of sixth place finisher #8 Delayed Steal (R. Lozano). Video revealed that #8 broke in, starting a chain reaction which affected most of the horses to his inside. After speaking with both riders, we unanimously voted to disqualify #8 and place him last.

Original order of finish:       3-9-5-1-4-(8)-2-10-6  
Corrected order of finish:     3-9-5-1-4-2-10-6-(8)

**(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#5 Luv Is All U Need – Claimed – S. Morfin, trainer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 Heliacal – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck #5 Chatterman – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald #2 Kenny Benny – Claimed – L. Ruiz, trainer No Show Wagering. Refund \$10,434.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#5 Gone With It – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald #6 Dream On Brother – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald #3 Towards the Light – Claimed – K. Castaneda, trainer No Show Wagering. Refund \$562.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Valencia JQM – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$204.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Chik On Fore – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald #4 El Angel Corona -- Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald Win Wagering Only. Refund \$504.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#7 Terrific First Down – Stewards' scratch, stake. Refund \$820.00

**(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	634	\$94,759.00
Off track	1,733	\$256,120.60
Out of state	N/A	\$680,488.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>\$1,031,368.57</b>

## TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 18, 2019. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness, 3 for injury, 2 for bleeding, and 4 for sickness. Two horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward C. Scott Chaney.

2019

### SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 8/16	Sat 8/17	Sun 8/18	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D		0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A		0	0	0	0	23
<b>Claims</b>	R		1	2	3	6	176
<b>Disqualification</b>	K		1	0	1	2	25
<b>Inquiries</b>		D	1	1	2	4	52
<b>Refunds</b>		A	4	3	5	12	292
<b>Rulings</b>		Y	0	2	2	4	218
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S	0	0	0	0	38

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

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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David Nuesch, Safety Steward