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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 February 18, 2020 through February 23, 2020.

Tuesday

02/18/2020

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer will preside over entries and morning business in addition to authoring the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$10,000 claim, failed to attract an entry.

(3) THE DRAW

Fifty-two horses will vie for the winners share of eight races Friday evening.

Wednesday

02/19/2020

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no scratches or changes on Friday's program.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$4,000 claim, was called off with no entries.

(3) THE DRAW

After a marathon session, approximately 7:00 pm, seven races were drawn with a total of forty-two horses.

Thursday

02/20/2020

(1) SCRATCHES

One rider switch was the only change on Saturday's program.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$8,000 tag, attracted zero interest and was off.

(3) THE DRAW

Today it was 7:30 pm before forty-one horses were found to make up seven races.

Friday
02/21/2020

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no changes or declarations on Sunday's program.

(2) RULINGS #40, #41

Ruling # 40

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2020.

Ruling # 41

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2020.

The foregoing rulings were issued after Jockey Cervantes violated the "crop" rule in two consecutive races.

(3) FILMS

Jockeys Edward Rojas and Juan Sanchez were both in to review Sunday's third race. Sanchez's incident occurred down the backstretch. His mount laid on #5 Mr. Bingley for the majority of the run down the backstretch. The second incident was down the stretch. Rojas' mount drifted out throughout the run down the lane. Neither incident rose to requiring any action by us and warnings were issued.

(4) RULING #42

Ruling # 42

OWNER GEORGE CASTANARES, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$1,712.50 TO DR. NICOLA HARDGROVE), IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #286, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2019, IS SET ASIDE.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Castanares satisfied his debt to Dr. Hardgrove.

(5) RULING #43

Ruling # 43

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA, WHO RODE VANESSUKY IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACECOURSE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 28TH, 29TH AND MARCH 1ST, 2020) FOR CROSSING OVER WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Zepeda had no defense for allowing his mount to drift in, putting Jesus Ayala on #4 Nochebonita in a very precarious position for several strides.

(6) RULINGS #44, #45, #46, #47, #48, #49- TALL TALE

Ruling # 44

JOCKEY JONATHON ROMAN IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

(\$100.00) * FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACECOURSE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2020.

Ruling # 45

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACECOURSE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2020.

Ruling # 46

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACECOURSE ON FEBRUARY 16, 2020.

Ruling # 47

JOCKEY JONATHON ROMAN IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 28TH, 29TH, MARCH 1ST, 6TH, AND 7TH, 2020) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) AND #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) FOR MISREPRESENTING THE REASON FOR FAILING TO FULFILL A JOCKEY AGREEMENT ON FEBRUARY 16, 2020.

Ruling # 48

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 28TH, 29TH, MARCH 1ST, 6TH, AND 7TH, 2020) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) AND #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) FOR MISREPRESENTING THE REASON FOR FAILING TO FULFILL TWO JOCKEY AGREEMENTS ON FEBRUARY 16, 2020.

Ruling # 49

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 28TH, 29TH, MARCH 1ST, 6TH, AND 7TH, 2020) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) AND #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) FOR MISREPRESENTING THE REASON FOR FAILING TO FULFILL A JOCKEY AGREEMENT ON FEBRUARY 16, 2020.

Sunday afternoon, Steward Dreyer received a call from jockey Jonathan Roman asking that he be excused from his mount that evening because he had to take his pregnant wife to the hospital. Later that night, Steward Ward took a call from Jairo Rangel's girlfriend who told him Jairo had been in a car accident and was in the hospital. While Steward Ward was still on the phone, Steward Chaney received a call from Jose Nicasio's better half asking that Jose be excused from his mounts as he was not feeling well. We later found out that all three were at the match races and had been involved in a spill. This fabrication prompted the above six rulings. Dr. Allred went a step further, telling all three jockeys that they were unwelcome at Los Alamitos until further notice. The match racing information was referred to the CHRB Investigative staff.

(7) GOOD EVENING

Friday evening, for the most part, was problem free.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #3 Thomas Henry (O. Heredia) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$166.00
 2nd Race #4 Devils Angel (A. Vallejo) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$236.00

(9) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	501	\$69,210.20
Off track	1,643	\$180,143.50
Out of state	N/A	\$644,633.65
Total	2,144	\$893,987.35

Saturday
 02/22/2020

(1) RULING #50

Ruling # 50

OWNER RANDY RENNON (DBA SUMMER KNIGHTS STABLES, INC.), HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$8,931.32 TO WEST COAST FEED, INC.), IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER RANDY RENNON ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), MR. RENNON IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION. SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 24, 2020.

The foregoing ruling was issued after owner Randy Rennon chose not to address financial complaint #20LA0040.

(2) RULING #51

Ruling # 51

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* 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 PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2020.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Arana was guilty of violating "crop" rule #1688(b)(6).

(3) FILMS

Mr. Arana was also in to review last evening's second race. Watching it today we felt he had made an adequate effort to correct his mount who had ducked in leaving the gate.

(4) CLEAR SAILING

It was another flawless night of racing at the Los Alamitos Race Course.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #3 Latin Charm (A. Aquino) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$101.00
 #6 Roseannadana (C. Treece) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$133.00
 4th Race #5 Holidayincambodia (D. Azcarate) – Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$205.00
 5th Race #2 Madame Mousse (S. Naranjo) – Failed to warm up properly– Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund \$2,654.00

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	701	\$55,727.50
Off track	1,789	\$208,241.80
Out of state	N/A	\$681,080.93
Total	2,490	\$945,050.23

Sunday
02/23/2020

(1) NO PROBLEMS

It was another benign evening at Los Alamitos with nothing of significance to note.

(2) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #4 Flags West (E. January) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$217.00
3rd Race #3 Val Sierrita (G. Amezcua) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$114.00
#6 Vanessuky (R. Guillen) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$82.00
4th Race #3 Reyna Dubai – (O. Heredia) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$191.00
5th Race #2 For Some Jess (H. Magallanes) - Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$490.00

(3) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	492	\$64,282.50
Off track	1,628	\$335,301.40
Out of state	N/A	\$617,342.76
Total	2,120	\$1,016,926.66

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 23, 2020. There were 2 equine deaths reported this week. During this reporting period, 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness and 9 for injury. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 02/21	Sat 02/22	Sun 02/23	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R		4	2	5	11	69
Disqualification	K		0	0	0	0	6
Inquiries		D	0	0	0	0	14
Refunds		A	2	4	5	11	81
Rulings		Y	10	2	0	12	51
Voided Claims		S	0	0	0	0	6

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

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Scott Chaney, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward