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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.**

Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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For the period: Wednesday, February 24, 2010, through Sunday, February 28, 2010.

WEDNESDAY

02/24/10¹

VON BLUECHER HEARING

Dr. HELMUTH VONBLUECHER met with the stewards this morning in an informal hearing to discuss case numbers 10SA015 and 10SA050 which were complaints initiated by official veterinarian Jill Bailey and filed by the CHRB. Both cases involved alleged violations regarding paperwork: the first involved Dr. VonBluecher's alleged failure to telephone the diagnostic laboratory after euthanizing a horse on Santa Anita's grounds (CHRB rule 1846.5 – Postmortem Examination); the second involved alleged errors on a Veterinary Confidential Report filed by Dr. VonBluecher. In both instances, Dr. VonBluecher took full responsibility for the errors although continues to question the importance of accurate confidentials. Ruling to follow.

02/24/10²

STABLE AREA VIOLATIONS AND RULINGS

LATS Rulings 042 through 052 involved routine stable area violations initiated by Hollywood Park security:

LATS #042

Groom **JOSE L.GONZALEZ** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #043

Groom **MARTIN G. QUEVEDO** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Intoxicated) and #1930(Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers-failure to comply with Security Officer).

LATS #044

Groom **ABEL HERRARTE** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #045

Groom **ROGELIO V. RIVERA** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #046

Groom **JOSE S. GONZALEZ** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #047

Groom **JOSE L. ROBLES** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #048

Groom **BRUCE ARMSTRONG** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #049

Groom **MARTEL CASTENADA** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #050

Groom **CARMELO HERRERA** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #051

Groom **INOCENTCTOTI DIAZ** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #052

Groom **NERY HERRERA** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

02/24/10³

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the eighth race to examine an incident in which the winner #9 Fermelia, ridden by Alonso Quinonez, appeared to drift in and take the path of eventual fifth place finisher, #1 Kim's Leading Man, ridden by Chantal Sutherland. Films revealed that around the eighth pole, Mr. Quinonez's mount drifts in and puts pressure on Ms. Sutherland's mount, causing her to steady briefly. In speaking with Ms. Sutherland, she explained that more than Mr. Quinonez's actions, her mount was uncomfortable in tight quarters. Although Ms. Sutherland's mount was beaten a head for fourth, it was our unanimous opinion that the incident did not warrant a disqualification.

02/24/10⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$339.00
- 4th Race #6 Stevie's Afleet – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$10,926.00; Minus Pool \$1.97
- 5th Race #2 Ultra Awesome – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
#7 Silent Stalk – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead
#8 Kelleys Kitchen (MEX) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
#5 Multitasker – Claimed – C. Sise, trainer
Refund \$105,338.85
- 6th Race #5 National Holiday – Stewards' scratch, main track only
Refund \$594.50
- 7th Race #3 Via Veneto – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$582.20

02/24/10⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,348	598,465.00
Inter-track	5,017	1,290,013.10
Out of state	n/a	2,805,036.68
Total	7,365	4,693,514.78

THURSDAY

02/25/10¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ came to the office this morning to discuss his ride in the eighth race yesterday in which his mount was the subject on the inquiry referenced above. Mr. Quinonez was candid in his admission that he was so focused on the horse to his outside and winning the race that he did not realize that there was a horse to his inside. He was disappointed in himself for the error. The majority voted to issue him a warning (while Steward Chaney voted for three suspension days).

02/25/10²

VON BLUECHER RULING

The following ruling was published after considering the second complaint filed against Dr. Von Bluecher described yesterday (he was issued a warning on the first complaint):

LATS #053

Veterinarian **HELMUTH VON BLUECHER**, is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS*** (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report-incorrect confidential filed).

02/25/10³

PONY INCIDENT

Seconds after the start of the second race (seven furlongs synthetic) this afternoon, the outrider warned that there was a pony attempting to enter the track at the quarter pole chute. The pony managed to enter the track while the race was running, but the outrider did a superlative job hazing him down the stretch and past the wire. This Board of Stewards considered calling off the race, but in monitoring the situation, felt that the race could be completed safely, without impacting the field, and therefore opted to allow the race to continue. Obviously this could have had a bad outcome, but with some luck and excellent riding skills by Outrider Jesus Camacho, disaster was averted. The owner of the pony is scheduled to see us in the morning, and a meeting will be scheduled with track management personnel to determine if any changes are appropriate.

02/25/10⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Minus Pool \$10,575.28
2 nd Race	#4 Really Uptown – Claimed – JC Green, trainer
3 rd Race	#2 Youvegotthatright – Rider change – V. Espinoza for J. Rosario (sick) Minus Pool \$295.49
4 th Race	#3 Chocolate Marini – Rider change – A. Solis for J. Rosario #6 Tribal Face – Claimed – J. Canani, trainer Refund \$18.00
5 th Race	#3 Warren’s Kong – Rider change – M. Garcia for J. Rosario Refund \$35.00
6 th Race	#9 Miss Celebration – Stewards’ scratch – also eligible #8 I’mneverwrong (IRE) – Rider change – V. Espinoza for J. Rosario Refund \$1,214.36
7 th Race	No changes; Refund \$1,141.28
8 th Race	#7 Oneinamillionyou – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey #8 Holladay Road – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #9 Jade Ruler – Rider change – A. Quinonez for J. Rosario #10 Devil On the Roof – Claimed – V. Cerin, trainer Refund \$5,777.68

02/25/10⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,388	669,714.60
Inter-track	5,185	1,539,039.20
Out of state	n/a	2,912,643.74
Total	8,573	5,121,397.54

FRIDAY
02/26/10¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey CHANTAL SUTHERLAND and apprentice jockey SIMON PEARCE both came to the office this morning as directed for failing to see the film analyst. Both were given warnings and apologized for their forgetfulness.

02/26/10²

PONY RIDER MEETING

Pony rider PAM CAVINESS came to the office as directed this morning to discuss the incident described yesterday involving her pony. She had previously been warned that tying the pony near the gap was not permitted because he had gotten loose before and run around the gap. She moved the pony two barns away and tied it in a trainer's shed row. After surveying the scene shortly after the incident, Safety steward Luis Jauregui reported that the snap on the halter had broken, presumably after the pony had become agitated. Ms. Caviness was ordered to keep the pony in a stall when not being used and the matter was referred to the CHRB investigative staff.

02/26/10³

BLEA HEARING

Dr. JEFF BLEA came to the office and participated in an informal hearing this morning regarding case number 10SA047. This involved a complaint filed by official veterinarian Dr. Jill Bailey alleging that Dr. Blea had submitted his veterinary confidentials late on January 29, 2010. Apparently, Dr. Blea had received several warnings for this behavior. He acknowledged the mistake, but like his partner Dr. VonBluecher (referenced yesterday), didn't seem to appreciate the importance of regulatory paperwork. More to follow.

02/26/10⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 You know I Wanna – Claimed – W. Morey, trainer
#5 Right to Work – Rider change – T. Baze for C. Santiago-Reyes (injured)
Minus Pool \$146.80

2nd Race No changes; Minus Pool \$1,034.87

3rd Race #3 Gula Gold – Rider change – MC Baze for C. Santiago-Reyes
#1 Spell Caster (GB) – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in paddock
Refund \$6,738.80; Minus Pool \$1,598.15

5th Race No changes; Refund \$49.00

6th Race No changes; Refund \$320.00

7th Race #9 Remus – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#10 Laser Point – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
Refund \$731.67

8th Race #1 Mostro Marino – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
#7 Eminent Honor – Rider change – J. Herrera for C. Santiago-Reyes
Refund \$3,418.02

02/26/10⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,036	898,629.50
Inter-track	5,274	1,588,339.50
Out of state	n/a	3,083,406.54
Total	10,310	5,570,375.54

SATURDAY

02/27/10¹

RACING CANCELLED

Racing was cancelled for a fifth time this season, when the decision was made at 9:45 this morning. Apparently, there was excessive water near the wire and on the turn. These issues were manageable but with a second, significant storm coming, management felt that erring on the side of safety was proper. At the time of cancellation, the temperature was 58.1 degrees, precipitation for the day was 1.48 inches and the moisture content in the track was 26.2%.

02/27/10²

MORE STABLE AREA VIOLATIONS

The following rulings memorialized stable area citations issued by Hollywood Park security:

LATS #054

Hotwalker **MANUEL SOLARES** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #055

Assistant Trainer **RUBEN COSME** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #056

Groom **CATACHO MARQUEZ** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #057

Groom **TITO COLINDRES** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #058

Groom **JUAN D. OROZCO** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

LATS #059

Hotwalker **JOSE TUNCHE** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Fighting).

02/27/10³

BLEA RULING

The following ruling was issued regarding Dr. Jeff Blea's late confidentials described yesterday (case number 10SA047):

LATS #060

Veterinarian **JEFF BLEA**, is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$200.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report-untimely confidential filed).

02/27/10⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$18,557.20
2 nd Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$6,856.50
3 rd Race	RACES CANCELED; Refund \$6,108.85
4 th Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$11,993.90
5 th Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$8,830.95
6 th Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$17,307.00
7 th Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$14,150.55
8 th Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$34,306.55
9 th Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$5,949.10

SUNDAY
02/28/10¹

RACING ON

After cancelling yesterday afternoon's card, the track maintenance team was able to return the track to a safe and fair condition. In fact, all turf races (except the Crystal Water Handicap) have been moved to the main track.

02/28/10²

FIRST RACE DELAY

There was a five minute delay before the first race this afternoon when #7 General Dan lost a shoe warming up. Fortunately, the horse shoe inspector, Victor Tovar, was able to make it to the gap and replace the shoe with minimal impact on the field or card. The jockeys dismounted while the shoe was being replaced.

02/28/10³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #6 Stormy Game – Rider change -- S. Amador for C. Santiago-Reyes (injured). Refund \$438.00
- 2nd Race #4 Minute Limit – Stewards' scratch, off turf
Refund \$1,824.55
- 3rd Race #1 Capt. Sparrow – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
#2 Point Attended – Claimed – R. Diodoro, trainer
#5 Equiparado (ARG) – Claimed – AC Avila, trainer
Refund \$454.95
- 4th Race #1 Halo's Law – Stewards' scratch, off turf
#3 Danzig Tribal -- Stewards' scratch, off turf
#9 Milyone -- Stewards' scratch, off turf
#2 Starcatter – Rider change – V. Espinoza for C. Santiago-Reyes
Refund \$2,409.75
- 5th Race #2 Johnnie Gold – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
#6 Swiss Currency – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr .Bailey
Refund \$3,908.45
- 6th Race #4 Justincredible – Stewards' scratch, off turf
#7 First Queen (GB) – Stewards' scratch, off turf
Refund \$1,387.45
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$858.85
- 8th Race #5 Red Sun – Stewards' scratch, stake
Refund \$5,146.90
- 9th Race #13 Born to Shop – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#3 Frankie V. – Rider change – S. Amador for C. Santiago-Reyes
#2 Google Me – Rider change – S. Pearce for F. Valdez (injured – see attached accident report). Refund \$700.85

02/28/10⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,733	2,057,642.20
Inter-track	8,268	2,598,002.80
Out of state	n/a	4,034,229.65
Total	17,001	8,689,874.65

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN REPORT - WEEK of 02/22/10 – 02/28/10

Horses on Vet List 11
Horses off Vet List **19**
Shock Wave Therapy 13
Deceased 1
Medication 5

SUMMARY

	Wed. 02/24	Thurs. 02/25	Fri. 02/26	Sat. 02/27	Sun. 02/28		Week	Meet
Inquiries	1	0	0	n/a	0		1	14
Disqualifications	0	0	0	n/a	0		0	1
Rulings	11	1	0	7	0		19	60
Refunds	6	5	5	9	9		34	214
Accidents	0	0	0	n/a	1		1	5
Claims	1	3	1	n/a	3		8	82
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	0	n/a	2		6	41

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward