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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor
 Honorable David Israel, Chairman
 Honorable Chuck Winner, Vice-Chairman
 Honorable Steve Beneto, Member
 Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member
 Honorable Bo Derek, Member
 Honorable George Krikorian, Member
 Honorable Richard A. Rosenberg, Member
 Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director

WEEK 5-Sunday, October 20, 2013-Saturday, October 26, 2013

SUNDAY

10/20/13¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

3rd race - #5 Tuckers Point (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$860.31
 6th race - #5 Silic's Valley (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$444.84
 7th race - #5 Sweetest Secret (Veterinarian-injured)
 #10 Coco de Carchy (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,905.31

10/20/13²

RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Freddy Rodriguez was excused from his mount this afternoon as he is in Northern California and did not know that he was named to ride here today. A replacement rider was named.

10/20/13³

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

10/20/13⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,230	\$1,163,418.40
Inter-track	6,040	\$1,647,816.00
Out of state	n/a	\$3,297,463.86
Total	12,270	\$6,108,698.26

THURSDAY

10/24/13¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race - #6 Attracta (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$593.40
 2nd race - #1 Golden Itiz (Veterinarian-sick)
 #3 Would You (Veterinarian-sick)
 #5 Apollo Ten (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,1551.92
 4th race - #2 Code of Pleasure (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$660.20
 5th race - #9 Lilly's Perfect (Also eligible) refund of \$1,121.30
 8th race - #3 Visions of Candy (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$702.46

10/24/13²

VIDEO REVIEW

Apprentice jockey Irving Orozco was in the office this morning to review the third race from Sunday, during which his mount was responsible for interference at the top of the stretch. Mr. Orozco thought he was clear of the horse to his inside, but after looking at the various video angles he realized that he was not. While the incident did not reach the level for a sanction, the young rider was cautioned to make a better effort in the future.

10/24/13³

BACKSTRETCH PHYSICAL ALTERCATION

Grooms Silvano Vaca and Joseph Scavo were in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against them for a fight on the backstretch of Hollywood Park. Testifying by telephone was trainer Joseph Herrick, the third participant in the melee. Mr. Herrick claimed that he was the victim in the incident, stating that both Scavo and Vaca attacked him. Scavo maintained that Herrick was the aggressor in the incident as it started when Herrick berated him over money allegedly owed to Herrick's friend and then attacked him when he came down stairs to confront the trainer. Vaca corroborated Scavo's version. The security report and Inglewood Police Department report could no place the onus on one or the other. A decision will be rendered shortly.

10/24/13⁴

RULING LATS #012

Jockey Agent **SAUL MARQUEZ** is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)*** pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1790 (Jockey Agent) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement-Agapito Delgadillo) on October 25, 2013.

This ruling was issued after he admitted to not honoring a "call" given to trainer Linda Mikus. Mr. Marquez was forthright, stating that he found a better mount for his rider after he had given Ms. Mikus the call.

10/24/13⁵

RULING LATS #013 and #014

Owner **JAMES MURRAY**, having failed to appear to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility-Trainer Ted West-\$2,062.83), 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 James Murray are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Murray is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

Owner **LEOBARDO DEL HARO JR**, having failed to appear to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489(a)(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License-animal cruelty conviction), 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 Leobardo Del Haro Jr. are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Del Haro Jr. is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

These rulings were issued as neither of the licensees appeared to respond to complaints alleging violation of Board rules.

10/24/13⁶

MINUS POOL

A minus pool was created in the first race when #5 Eltoninadress, the prohibitive favorite at 3/5, romped home an easy winner. The amount needed to balance came to \$8,713.50.

10/24/13⁷

STEWARDS' INQUIRY-NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident near the ¼ pole involving the third and fifth place finishers, #6 Still Unbroken(A. Gryder) and #1 Anythingtogeteven(E. Maldonado).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. While it was obvious that Maldonado steadied inside of Gryder, video angles failed to establish the cause of the incident. Therefore, no action was taken.

10/24/13⁸

CLAIM VOIDED

A claim in the sixth race deposited by trainer Chuck Treece was voided as the horse was deemed unsound after observation by Official Veterinarian Grande. The horse was returned to the barn of the original trainer, Bill Spawr.

10/24/13⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,797	\$597, 902.20
Inter-track	4,289	\$1,043,026.60
Out of state	n/a	\$1,972,314.62
Total	7,086	\$3,613,243.42

FRIDAY

10/25/13¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race - #2 Sydney's Darling (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$846.60

2nd race - #2 Hoosier Daddy (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$170.50

3rd race - #9 Little Unusual (Also eligible)

4th race - #7 Masochistic (Veterinarian-sick)

#9 Chicago Hero (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$2,372.85

5th race - #9 Bornatthetrack (Also eligible)

#10 Apostle Paul (Also eligible) see minute entry

6th race - #2 Point Happy (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$132.60

7th race - #2 Tortola (Stewards-entered back) refund of \$418.00

10/25/13²

STARTER AND ASSISTANT RESPOND

Starter Jay Slender and his head assistant, John Lopez, were in the office to explain the circumstances which resulted in Dolphin Shorts, the prohibitive favorite in the sixth race on October 18th, breaking well behind its field. The horse was ultimately declared a non-starter, resulting in an extremely large refund.

Mr. Slender said that his attention was diverted from the horse in question to the last horse to load, #9 Secret of Success, who became fractious once it entered the gate. When that horse settled he dispatched the field. Mr. Lopez, who was in the stall with Dolphin Shorts, explained that he had handled the horse at Del Mar and it had given him problems. He said that it was his intention to straighten the horse's head at the last moment to give it the best chance to break well. Unfortunately, his best intentions went for naught as he did not think the field would be dispatched so quickly. A bad set of circumstances created the unfortunate incident.

10/25/13³

EXERCISE RIDER

Exercise rider Paul Roberts was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him for possession of a controlled substance. He was arrested and pled guilty to one count of possessing a small amount of cocaine. He is currently in the midst of complying with court orders regarding probation and will complete his diversion this coming December. We will revisit his case when he completes probation.

10/25/13⁴

MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Genaro Vallejo testified via telephone in a case filed against him after his horse Pawn Shop, the second place finisher in the fourth race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, tested positive for Ketoprofen (63.9ng/ml) in an amount far above the legal limit. Michelle Deirig recorded the proceedings while Investigator James Hamilton presented the case for the Board. Mr. Vallejo, who trains in Northern California, was not present when the horse ran, having sent the horse to trainer Shaun Morrow, who also testified in the matter. Neither man could offer an explanation for the findings. Mr. Morrow testified that he does use Ketaprofen as a pre-race treatment, but did not do so in this case. He said the horse received Phenylbutazone and Lasix, as instructed by Mr. Vallejo. The amount present in the sample would indicate race day medication but the veterinarian who administered the Lasix injection was adamant that Lasix was the medication given. We will make a determination shortly.

Comment [ZV1]:

10/25/13⁵

MINUS POOL

A minus pool of \$16,582.07 was created in the fourth race when #6 King Maya, the overwhelming choice at 1/9, won in facile fashion.

10/25/13⁶

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #3 Maxx the Giant was not warming up to the satisfaction of Racing Veterinarian Stead and was declared on his advice. The refund amounted to \$83,993.42.

10/25/13⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,663	\$609,706.00
Inter-track	4,687	\$1,392,054.80
Out of state	n/a	\$3,274,827.20
Total	7,350	\$5,276,588.08

SATURDAY

10/26/13¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

2nd race - #1 Moving Seas(Vet-sick) refund of \$1,118.50
 4th race - #9 Sixy Eddie(Vet-unsound) refund of \$483.30
 7th race - #3 Christianas Mirage(Vet-sick) refund of \$958.85
 8th race - #12 Ighraa(Also eligible)
 #13 Becky Lou(Also eligible) refund of \$929.20

10/26/13²

PONY RIDER RESPONDS

Cesar Aguirre was in the office this morning as he was observed talking on a cell phone during the warm up period for the seventh race on Friday. Mr. Aguirre was contrite and embarrassed, stating his phone rang and he absentmindedly answered it. He promised that it would not happen again. By a majority decision (Mr. Chaney dissenting), it was determined that a warning would be in order.

10/26/13³

RULING LATS #018

Groom **ANTHONY NICOMENTO**, having appeared before the Board of Stewards is reinstated. Ruling LATS #029 issued at Santa Anita Race Track on February 14, 2013, is set aside.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Nicometo, who had been suspended for failure to appear on an assault charge, finally surfaced. While his license is restored, he has been barred from all tracks in Southern California.

10/26/13⁴

RULING LATS #019

Jockey **TYLER BAZE**, having failed to comply with the conditions set forth in amended HIRTH Ruling #043 dated July 7, 2013, is not reinstated at this time. Before requesting another fitness for license hearing, Mr. Baze must be evaluated by the Winners' Foundation and abide by the terms set forth by that organization.

During the continued suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Tyler Baze are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Baze is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The foregoing ruling was issued to finalize our decision with respect to the fitness hearing held on October 19, 2013.

10/26/13⁵

RULING LATS #020

Trainer **GENARO VALLEJO**, who started the horse "PAWN SHOP", in the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 14, 2013, is fined **ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)*** pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a)(d)(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1844(c)(3)(Authorized Medication-Ketoprofen in excess of permitted level-63.9ng/ml) and #1843.5 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances Permitted After Entry in a Race).

This ruling was issued as the Stewards came to a determination in the complaint filed against the trainer for a large amount of Ketaprofen. The rules provide for a minimum fine of one thousand dollars for a level such as was found in Mr. Vallejo's horse; however, due to prior medication violations, the Stewards felt that a larger penalty was in order.

10/26/13⁶

RULING LATS #021

Veterinarian **NOLTON PATTIO** is fined **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report-inaccurate confidential).

This ruling is the result of a complaint filed against Dr. Pattio this past summer for failure to file an accurate confidential veterinarian report.

10/26/13⁷

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the first race in order to review an incident shortly after the start involving the winner, #8 Julio's Gold(M. Pedroza), and #6 Love Salah Dancer(G. Nicolas).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. The winner dropped over too quickly while not clear, causing Love Salah Dancer to clip heels and stumble. The Stewards, however, felt that Nicolas and his mount were not cost the opportunity for a better placing. Mr. Pedroza will meet with us tomorrow morning.

10/26/13⁸

ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION-JOCKEY OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the sixth race to review an incident shortly after the start which resulted in jockey Jose Valdivia, Jr. being unseated

from his mount, #5 Oh Brother Go. While the inquiry was in progress, jockey Felipe Martinez(3rd, #9 Life's Journey) lodged a claim of foul against the first two finishers, #7 Neverwerecauseway(A. Bisono) and #8 Storm the Channel(E. Maldonado) for interference at the finish.

After speaking with all riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of both incidents, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the claim of foul by Mr. Martinez. While he did steady right at the wire, his finish position was not affected. With respect to the accident, the Stewards disqualified #1 Being There from sixth position to unplaced. The horse ducked out shortly after the break, causing a chain reaction bumping situation which resulted in jockey Valdivia being unseated. Accident report attached.

10/26/13⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,383	\$1,417,339.90
Inter-track	6,796	2,070,334.60
Out of state	n/a	\$3,933,277.07
Total	15,179	\$7,420,951.57

WEEKLY SUMMARY

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: 10/14/13-10/20/13

Horses on Vet List 20
Horses off Vet List **10**
Shock Wave Therapy 18
Deceased 5
Medication 11
Claims Voided 2

SUMMARY

	Sun 10/20	Thurs 10/24	Fri 10/25	Sat 10/26	WEEK	MEET
Inquiries	0	1	0	3	4	12
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	1	1
Rulings	2	3	3	4	12	21
Refunds	3	5	7	4	19	99
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	2
Claims	5	4	3	5	17	57
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	3	4	20
Voided Claims	0	1	0	0	1	5

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward