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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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WEEK 10 – Sunday, February 23, 2014 – Saturday, March 1, 2014.

SUNDAY

02/23/14¹

A. M. Declaration

7th race - #7 MOSSO (Vet-injured)

Refund of \$4,704.09

9th race - #3 STAR OF AMERICA (Vet-injured)

Refund of \$300.70

02/23/14²

RULING – LATS #044

Jockey OMAR BERRIO, who rode IT IS LIVING WATER in the second race at Santa Anita Park on February 22, 2014, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (March 1, 2 and 6, 2014), for crossing over without sufficient clearance, causing interference shortly after the start. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

The term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Berrio had viewed the second race from Saturday, as his mount was responsible for interference shortly after the start. The rider gave no plausible excuse for his actions and accepted the three-day ban.

02/23/14³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY and DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted after the first race to review an incident at the top of the stretch involving #1 RYDERROO (1st, Delgadillo) and #3 JETBIRD (2nd, Mojica). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges

and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify RYDERROO from first to second position. Video review showed RYDERROO coming in shortly after entering the stretch, making hard contact with JETBIRD and placing that horse down on the heels of #2 FAST MOKA TOO, ridden by Jose Valdivia. There was additional contact between the first two finishers later on in the stretch, but that was due to the actions of Valdivia and his mount. It was our opinion that JETBIRD was cost the opportunity for a better placing due to the actions of the winner.

02/23/14⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,576	1,499,138.40
SCOTWinc	6,672	2,071,917.50
Out of state	N/A	6,254,305.91
Total	13,248	9,825,361.81

Thursday02/27/14¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

4th race #2 LONDINIUM (did not ship from Los Alamitos) Refund of \$5,613.25

5th race #2 BERTIE (Off turf)

#3 NEW HOPE (Off turf)

#5 READYFORHERCLOSEUP (Off turf)

#8 LOVE TALE(Off turf)

Refund of \$3,607.45

6th race #1 DREAMY BLUES (Vet-injured)

Refund of \$1,985.10

7th race #2 JENNY'S CHOICE (Off turf)

#3 STONEY FLEECE (Off turf)

#4 EL COMMODORE (Off turf)

#7 MAGIC CHANNEL (Off turf)

Refund of \$10,274.66

02/27/14²**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey GARY STEVENS was excused from his mount this afternoon as he was not feeling well and did not think he could do justice to his horse. A replacement rider was named.

02/27/14³**RULING – LATS #045**

Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO, who rode RYDERROO in the first race at Santa Anita Park on February 23, 2014, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days, (March 9, 13, 14, 2014) for crossing over without sufficient clearance, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to second position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed video of the first race from 02/23/14, when his mount was disqualified for interference shortly after entering the stretch (Ref 02/23/14³). While Mr. Delgadillo did not feel that he was responsible for interference, the video did not substantiate his contention.

02/27/14⁴**RULING – LATS #046**

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA, Jr., who rode FAST MOKA TOO in the first race

at Santa Anita Park on February 23, 2014, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days, (March 2, 6, 7, 2014) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Valdivia viewed the video of the first race from 02/23/14, in which his mount caused interference during the stretch run. Mr. Valdivia acknowledged that his horse did drift out, but felt it was “tipped” out more after contact with a horse to his outside. Unfortunately, the video did not support his opinion.

02/27/14⁵

RULING – LATS #047

PAUL G. AGUIRRE, trainer of the horse LONDINIUM, entered to run in the fourth race at Santa Anita on February 27, 2014, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1698 (Failure to Start and Run – failed to ship), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration).

The preceding ruling was issued after a conversation with the trainer regarding his failure to ship his horse LONDINIUM to Santa Anita from Los Alamitos this morning. Mr. Aguirre said that he thought he would be able to scratch due to track condition from the overnight rain, but the main track was in good condition. By the time he realized that he could not get out for an off track, it was too late to find another means of transportation.

02/27/14⁶

RULING – LATS #048

Jockey ORLANDO MOJICA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to meet with the Board of Stewards in a timely manner) at Santa Anita Park on February 27, 2014.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Mojica arrived late for mandatory video review. The rider had no acceptable excuse for his tardiness.

02-27-14⁷

STEWARDS’ INQUIRY and DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted after the fifth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident just prior to the finish involving #9 BORN LUCKY (1st, F. Perez) and #6 LILLY’S PERFECT (2nd, V Espinoza). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify BORN LUCKY from first to second position. Video showed the winner drifting out near the finish, forcing Espinoza and his mount off of their intended path. Just before the wire, BORN LUCKY came out to bump LILLY’S PERFECT, causing Espinoza to lose his balance. The margin at the finish was a “neck,” and in the opinion of the Stewards Espinoza and his mount were cost the opportunity for a better placing.

02/27/14⁸**CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim of the horse ANABAA PREMIUM from the fourth race was voided as the horse was lame in the left hind leg while under observation by Official Veterinarian Grande in the Receiving Barn. The affected parties were notified.

02/27/14⁹**MINUS POOLS**

Due to numerous scratches, there was a series of Minus Pools totaling \$15,642.07 for today's card.

02/27/14¹⁰**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,719	719,420.50
SCOTWinc	4,840	1,399,715.90
Out of state	N/A	4,165,652.05
Total	7,559	6,284,788.45

FRIDAY02/28/14¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

The first wave of what is expected to be a strong storm system arrived overnight, prompting the following scratches:

2nd race	#1 WOODMAN'S LUCK	
	#2 SIZZLIN' JOE	
	#3 KESSABTSI	
	#5 CHRISTOPHER STREET	
	#8 BENCH LIGHT	Refund of \$1,911.81
3 rd race	#4 KATERIFFIC	Refund of \$561.78
4 th race	#2 TIZAPALOOZA	
	#5 HEAT FLASH	
	#6 PROUD FIGHTER	
	#7 STAKE HUNTER	Refund of \$1,053.78
7 th race	#3 VERONICA'S BAY	
	#5 I'MSOULFLATTERING	
	#6 TURN ON	
	#9 RUSSIAN SILK	Refund of \$1,375.23

NOTE: Races 2, 4, and 7 were moved from turf to the main track

02/28/14²**RULING – LATS #049**

Jockey FERNANDO PEREZ, who rode BORN LUCKY in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on February 27, 2014, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days, (March 6, 7, 8, 2014) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Perez had viewed the fifth race from yesterday, following which his horse was disqualified for interference near the finish. Mr. Perez was candid, stating that he accepts responsibility for his actions.

02/28/14³**LICENSE RESTORED – RULING – LATS #050**

Veterinarian KEITH TARABA, having satisfied his financial obligation pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Southern California Equine Foundation \$5,865.04), is restored to good standing. LATS Ruling #023 dated January 8, 2011, and issued at Santa Anita Race Track, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after the Stewards received notification that Dr. Taraba had paid his debt to Southern California Equine Foundation in full.

02/28/14⁴**MINUS POOLS**

There were three minus pools during the afternoon card totaling \$3,243.39.

02/28/14⁵

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

02/28/14⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,405	454,111.50
SCOTWinc	4,392	1,405,321.40
Out of state	N/A	3,002,819.49
Total	5,797	4,862,252.39

SATURDAY03/01/14¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

All scratches are for track condition or a change of racing surface unless otherwise noted.

2 nd race	#3 LLANDUDNO	Refund of \$1,100.16
3 rd race	#5 MANK	Refund of \$933.34
4 th race	#4 OLD MAN LAKE	
	#6 BOOZER	
	#8 ELUSIVE JOURNEY	
	#9 KORBAN	Refund of \$1,852.96
7 th race	#2 SUMMERS DIGNITY (Vet – sick)	Refund of \$1,221.70
8 th race	#2 ANNIVERSARY KITTY (Stakes)	
	#6 SWEET BLISS (Stakes)	Refund of \$9,220.22
9 th race	#3 KANUCK KOWBOY (Vet – sick)	
	#5 WESTERN SHOWDOWN	Refund of \$1,457.00

03/01/14²**STEWARD REPLACEMENT**

SCOTT CHANEY will be absent this weekend and Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI will replace him.

03/01/14³**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool was created in the second race as #4 SOCIALBUG, the prohibitive favorite at 2/5, proved to be an easy winner. A total of \$7,311.23 was needed to balance the pools.

03/01/14⁴**INQUIRY INTO START – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the seventh race to ascertain the reason #9 WARREN'S ASSASSIN, with apprentice DRAYDEN VANDYKE aboard, broke poorly. After speaking with Starter JAY SLENDER and reviewing the video of the start, the Stewards voted unanimously to declare WARREN'S ASSASSIN a starter. Video showed VanDyke breaking on the horse's mouth, losing his balance and causing him to lose his inside iron. This forced him to kick his right foot out of the iron and pull the horse up.

03/01/14⁵**INQUIRY INTO START – NO CHANGE**

Once again the Inquiry sign was posted, this time following the ninth race as apprentice DRAYDEN VANDYKE left the gate poorly while aboard #1 WHITE FRONT FREDDY. After a discussion with Starter JAY SLENDER and reviewing the video of the break, the Stewards voted unanimously to declare WHITE FRONT FREDDY a starter. The circumstances were almost the same as VanDyke's last mount as he once again came out on his horse's mouth, only this time he did not lose his irons. We will review video with the rider tomorrow.

03/01/14⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,624	1,293,595.90
SCOTWinc	7,152	2,655,622.80
Out of state	N/A	6,326,661.77
Total	10,776	10,275,880.47

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

SUMMARY

	Sun 2/23	Thurs 2/27	Fri 2/28	Sat 3/1	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	7
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	3	1	5	45
Claims	3	3	3	6	15	165
Disqualifications	1	1	0	0	2	9
Inquiries	1	1	0	2	4	28
Refunds	2	3	3	6	14	166
Rulings	0	4	2	0	6	49
Voided Claims	0	1	0	0	1	26

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

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