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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 16 – Sunday, April 6, 2014 – Saturday, April 12, 2014.

SUNDAY

04/06/14¹

A. M. DECLARATIONS

2 nd race	#6 MONEY PLAYS (Vet-sick)	
	#9 BIRTHDAY SURPRISE (Vet-injured)	Refund of \$2,997.00
6 th race	#5 SNAPS (Vet-injured)	Refund of \$3,441.50
9 th race	#8 CHASING HOPE (Vet-sick)	Refund of \$1,476.70

04/06/14²

BACKSTRETCH RULINGS

Rulings 140 through 160 were issued this morning for minor backstretch infractions. This brings us up-to-date in this category.

04/06/14³

EXERCISE RIDER HEARING

An informal hearing was held this morning into a complaint filed against provisional outrider GREGORY HENDRICKS alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), in that he rode a horse in the wrong direction while on his way to the training track, then attempted to choke the outrider who stopped him and took control of his horse. The incident took place on March 23, 2014. Mr. Hendricks was very remorseful for his actions, stating that he went to a party the previous evening and smoked marijuana with someone he met at the event. He does not remember much about the incident on the track. He also said that even though he has a medical marijuana card, he has not used it since the incident and has sought counseling for his problem. Mr. Hendricks volunteered to take part in a testing program.

A decision will follow shortly.

04/06/14⁴**COMPLAINT DISMISSED**

The complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board against owner ANTHONY CONTRERAS was dismissed as the Stewards did not feel that testimony and documentation supported the Board's allegations.

04/06/14⁵**RULINGS****LATS #161**

Owner JOSE RODRIGUEZ, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Veterinarian Nolton Pattio - \$1,043.00), 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 JOSE RODRIGUEZ are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. RODRIGUEZ is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

LATS #162

Owner RONALD MOORE, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Veterinarian Nolton Pattio - \$100.00), 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 RONALD MOORE are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. MOORE is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The foregoing rulings were issued after both failed to appear for their scheduled hearings.

04/06/14⁶**CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim of the horse ATTA BOY PETE from the fourth race this afternoon by trainer JACK CARAVA was voided as the horse was unsound while under observation in the Receiving Barn. The interested parties were contacted.

04/06/14⁷

All other matters during the course of the racing barn were routine.

04/06/14⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,505	1,461,349.50
SCOTWinc	6,548	2,101,202.40
Out of state	N/A	6,490,889.07
Total	13,053	10,053,440.97

THURSDAY04/10/14¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

2nd race #4 RUTILE (Vet-injured) Refund of \$719.30
4th race #6 WARREN'S SUSIE Q (Vet-sick) See 04/10/14⁵

04/10/14²**STEWARDS OFF**

Steward C. SCOTT CHANEY will not be working this week and LUIS JAUREGUI will fill his position.

04/10/14³**FORMAL HEARING**

Trainer INA HAJEK was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against her for failure to have someone in attendance with her horse CAROL'S LEGACY, which was scheduled to run in the eighth race at Santa Anita on March 14, 2014. MICHELLE DERIEG recorded the proceedings.

The matter came to light when Official Veterinarian BARRY GRANT went to the horse's stall for its pre-race examination and found the horse to be unattended. The horse had attempted to rip the bandage off of its left front leg during the night; there was no water in the water bucket, and there was quite a bit of manure in the stall.

Ms. Hajek testified that the horse was shipped from San Luis Rey by horse transporter BRIAN STRONG, who bedded the stall and placed food and water in the stall. She said that she contacted a person whom she had used for a number of years, ISIDRO PAEZ (Izzy), told him that she wanted him to care for the horse, and said she would contact him when the horse arrived. She admitted, however, that she failed to follow up with Izzy, assuming he would see the horse in the holding barn and take care of it.

At the close of the hearing Ms. Hajek indicated that she is contemplating retiring from the training ranks.

The horse was ultimately scratched by Dr. Grant as it had a tendon injury, the cause of which was undetermined. A decision will follow shortly.

04/10/14⁴**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey OMAR BERRIO was in the office this morning to review the ninth race from Sunday, during which his mount was responsible for interference entering the stretch. While the incident was not severe enough for a sanction, Mr. Berrio was cautioned to be more careful when searching for room. He acknowledged his error and said he would more alert in the future.

04/10/14⁵**RULING – LATS #163**

Pony Rider GREGORY JAMES HENDRICKS is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Mr. HENDRICKS is also required to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, be evaluated and enter into a contract with the Winners' Foundation and abide by terms specified.

This ruling was issued in order to finalize the complaint against Mr. Hendricks for disorderly conduct.

04/10/14⁶**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #5 NEW NATURE broke through the starting gate, unseating the rider in the process, then ran off and exited the track via the ¼ chute. The refund amounted to \$172,570.54.

04/10/14⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,153	597,491.70
SCOTWinc	4,437	1,260,754.40
Out of state	N/A	3,682,762.46
Total	7,590	5,541,008.56

FRIDAY
04/11/14¹

A. M. DECLARATIONS

1 st race	#6 OUR LUCKY SON (Vet-injured)	Refund of \$596.50
3 rd race	#6 CORINTHIAN MELODY (Vet-injured)	Refund of \$1,190.67
4 th race	#6 HARNESS MENTALITY (Vet-sick)	
	#7 ELUSIVE JOURNEY (Vet-unsound)	Refund of \$3,166.87
8 th race	#14 PEG'S JOURNEY (Also eligible)	Refund of \$779.70

04/11/14²

RULING – LATS #164

Apprentice jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688(b) (4 & 5) (Use of Whips – continuing to use his whip when his mount was clearly out of the race), during the third race at Santa Anita Park on April 6, 2014.

This ruling was issued after Mr. VanDyke had viewed the third race from this past Sunday, during which he struck his mount several times in the stretch after the horse had clearly achieved its maximum placing. Mr. VanDyke was contrite, stating he realizes he should not have hit the horse and does not know what possessed him to use his whip.

04/11/14³

CONTINUANCE GRANTED

Trainer VLADIMIR CERIN, who appeared for a medication hearing this morning, was granted a continuance after he was served with a second complaint for the same violation. Both levels of the medication, Methocarbamol, were extremely high and Mr. Cerin's medication records indicate that neither horse received the drug.

04/11/14⁴

TOTE BOARD PROBLEMS

Following the running of the fourth race, the wrong number of the first place finisher was incorrect after being correctly input on the totalizator board by the Placing Judges. The original correct numbers were 5-2, but when they appeared on the Board the number "3" was in the Win position. The numbers were immediately cleared and an announcement was made as to the error. The Placing Judges were not aware of the problem as they were involved in a photo for the Show position and when the numbers were input for third and fourth, the correct numbers appeared in the Win and Place positions without being changed. This leads the Stewards to believe that human error was not the source of the problem, but rather a technical glitch in the tote board software. There have been a number of problems associated with the board since the start of the meeting, but despite the efforts of the Pari-mutuel Manager, RANDY HARTZELL, and his staff, they continue to occur.

A meeting is being scheduled for tomorrow morning to address the issue.

04/11/14⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,796	763,669.90
SCOTWinc	4,761	1,650,079.10
Out of state	N/A	4,149,811.07
Total	7,557	6,563,560.07

SATURDAY
04/12/14¹

A. M. DECLARATIONS

1 st race	#4 TIME FOR ANGIE (Vet-injured)	Refund of \$2,256.00
2 nd race	#1 ITALIAN BABA (Vet-injured)	Refund of \$1,182.22
4 th race	#6 THE PRIME MOVER (Vet-sick)	Refund of \$193.11

04/12/14²**VIDEO REVIEW**

MARTIN GARCIA was in the office this morning to review the sixth race from Friday, during which his mount contributed to interference during the stretch run by drifting out near mid-stretch. While Mr. Garcia and his mount were not the sole source of the problem, he was cautioned to make more of an effort to maintain a straight path. Others involved will be reviewing the race with video analyst RUBEN HERNANDEZ.

04/12/14³**RIDER EXCUSED**

EFRAIN HERNANDEZ was excused from his only mount of the day as he incurred car problems which prevented him from fulfilling his engagement. The horse won convincingly with the replacement rider.

04/12/14⁴

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

04/12/14⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,237	1,697,013.10
SCOTWinc	7,224	2,662,968.70
Out of state	N/A	6,905,574.99
Total	13,641	11,265,556.79

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: March 31, 2014 – April 6, 2014

Horses on Vet List	16
Horses off Vet List	15
Shock Wave Therapy	12

SUMMARY

	Sun 4/06	Thurs 4/10	Fri 4/11	Sat 4/12	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	11
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	2	0	5	72
Claims	2	4	0	3	9	266
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	10
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	35
Refunds	3	2	4	3	12	281
Rulings	23	1	1	0	25	164
Voided Claims	1	0	0	0	1	37

Respectfully submitted,

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