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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 22, 2015 – Saturday, February 28, 2015

SUNDAY

2/22/15¹

A. M. DECLARATIONS

1 st race - #5 W. GILES (Vet - sick)	Refund of \$1,806.43
2 nd race - #6 SHE'S DISCREET (Vet - unsound)	Refund of \$548.15
4 th race - #5 LIRICA HEAT (entered back) see 2/22/15 ⁶	
7 th race - #7 AIN'T MISBEHAVIN (Vet - sick)	Refund of \$10,611.03

2/22/15²

RULING – LATS #043

Jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report - third offense) on February 15, 2015.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Trujillo had no acceptable excuse for not reporting to the Jockeys' Room on time.

2/22/15³

VIDEO REVIEW

VICTOR ESPINOZA, EDWIN MALDONADO, and BRANDON BOULANGER were in the office this morning to review an incident passing the ¼ pole in yesterday's final race. There was a five-horse spread racing toward the back of the pack when Mr. Espinoza's horse ducked in slightly. This resulted in Mr. Boulanger's horse stepping in, causing severe interference to the three horses to his inside. Mr. Maldonado, who was just to Boulanger's inside, blamed Boulanger for the entire incident, stating that he did not react to the incident in the proper manner. Espinoza also blamed Boulanger. It should be noted that Mr. Boulanger, an apprentice rider, has had his share of problems with other riders in the room and will not get a break when it comes to riding incidents. In this case, however, it was a combination of factors, not solely the "bug boy."

2/22/15⁴

RULING – LATS #044

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations), trainer VICTOR FERNANDEZ is

fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for failure to have the horse LUCKYVIC in the fourth race at Santa Anita properly shod for the turf.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Fernandez had no acceptable excuse for sending his horse to the Receiving Barn for a turf race with toe grabs on all four shoes.

2/22/15⁵

CHANGE IN RACING SURFACE CREATES PROBLEMS IN PARI-MUTUEL DEPARTMENT

A heavy downpour occurred during the running of the second race, prompting management to switch races four and eight, originally scheduled for six and one-half furlongs on the turf, to the main track. Since the Pick 5 wager had started in race one, California Horse Racing Board rule #1976.9(n) came into play. That rule dictates that should a change in racing surface occur once the wagering starts and the change has not been announced to the public before the close of wagering, all wagers on such race shall be considered winning wagers for the purpose of the pool.

The problem arose when the Tote Department tried to calculate the price for winning Pick 5 wagers. It originally thought that a software glitch was the source of the problem, but it later was determined that a human error was the cause. It was not until 8:30 P.M. on Sunday evening that a price could be calculated.

2/22/15⁶

AFTERNOON DECLARATIONS

The following scratches were submitted due to races being taken off of the turf:

4 th race - #4 RELATIVE TIME	Refund of \$2,174.00
8 th race - #1 SWEET SWAP	
#2 WINNING PRIZE	
#6 HOME RUN KITTEN	
#7 HAY DUDE	Refund of \$55,606.99

2/22/15⁷

RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey GARY STEVENS was excused after the fourth race as he was suffering from congestion. A replacement rider was named.

2/22/15⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,234	1,287,313.80
SCOTWinc	6,194	2,115,349.70
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,307,776.41
Total	10,428	8,710,439.91

THURSDAY

2/26/15¹

A. M. Declarations

7 th race - #1 LONG HOT SUMMER (Vet - sick)	
#2 BAD JU JU (Vet- sick)	Refund of \$2,029.50

2/26/15²

RULINGS
LATS #045

Owner GREG E. NORMAN, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$1,295.00 to KC Horse Transportation), 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 GREG E. NORMAN, are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. NORMAN is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

LATS #046

Owner RUBEN VASQUEZ, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$1,246.00 to KC Horse Transportation and \$510.00 to Veterinarian AMY SEIM), 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 RUBEN VASQUEZ, are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. VASQUEZ is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

These rulings were issued as neither individual appeared to respond to complaints alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876(Financial Responsibility.

2/26/15³**MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer PATRICK BIANCONE was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him for an overage of Phenylbutazone found in a post-work test sample found in his horse PATRIOTIC BROTHER.

Mr. Biancone explained that the problem was in all likelihood caused by his stable foreman giving the horse in question two, one gram administrations of the medication, the first two days before the work and the second the day preceding the work. Official Veterinarian GRANDE agreed with Mr. Biancone's assessment. Since this is Mr. Biancone's first Phenylbutazone overage, he is eligible for a warning.

2/26/15⁴**RULING – LATS #047**

Owner MIGUEL MACIAS, having appeared and satisfied the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Agreements, \$1,650.80 with MOONLIGHT FARMS, INC., and \$363.00 with DAN AZCARATE) is eligible for relicensing. Ruling LATL #003 issued on July 7, 2014, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Macias provided proof that he has become current on his financial agreements.

2/26/15⁵**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Inquiry sign was posted after the first race to review an incident in the upper stretch involving the first and second placed finishers, #5 I'M POPEYE (F. Perez) and #3 JUSTONEMORETHING (M. Pedroza). Mr. Pedroza also lodged an objection. After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run, the Stewards voted unanimously to make no change to the original order of finish. While there was light contact when the winner shifted in, the incident, in the Stewards' opinion, did not alter the outcome of the race.

2/26/15⁶**VOIDED CLAIMS**

There were two claims voided during the course of the afternoon racing program. The claim of the horse LOB CITY from the fourth race by trainer BILL SPAWR was voided as the horse was "off" in the left foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of CRAIG DOLLASE. Shortly thereafter, Official Veterinarian TIM GRANDE informed us that QATAR'S PEARL, claimed by trainer RUBEN GOMEZ out of the sixth race, was also "off" in the left foreleg while it was under observation. This horse was returned to trainer DAVID BERNSTEIN's stable.

2/26/15⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,917	660,614.20
SCOTWinc	4,272	1,291,806.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	3,130,928.84
Total	7,189	5,083,349.44

FRIDAY2/27/15¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

2 nd race - #4 ROSEWHITENBLUE (Vet - injured)	Refund of \$1,555.40
5 th race - #11 THE CUSTODIAN (Also eligible)	
#12 FORT CASEY (Also eligible)	
#13 GENEROUS DON (Also eligible)	Refund of \$2,202.40
6 th race - #2 HARMONIC (Vet - sick)	Refund of \$500.70
8 th race - #1 ARCTIC CODE (Vet - unsound)	Refund of \$1,107.90

2/27/15²**RULINGS****LATS #048**

Exercise rider ANTONIO GUTIERREZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – galloping on rail in contradiction of track safety rules).

LATS #049

Exercise rider ALFREDO CASTRO RAMOS is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – backtracking in contradiction of track safety rules).

These rulings were issued as neither individual could offer an excuse for violating track safety rules.

2/27/15³**FORMAL HEARING**

Trainer ADAM KITCHINGMAN, accompanied by his assistant, HECTOR RANGEL, was in the office this morning in response to a complaint alleging that he brought several two-year-olds on the grounds in violation of management's house rule which states both on the stall application and on the overnight that two-year-olds were not allowed on the grounds until February 15th.

Mr. Kitchingman readily admitted his guilt, stating that he was low on horses but did not want to release any of his stable help. Bringing in the horses allowed him to keep his regular crew.

Management penalized the trainer as he was forced to relocate half of his twenty-four horses to another location. We will take the matter under submission and render a decision shortly.

2/27/15⁴**RULING – LATS #050**

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips – misuse of whip in post parade) while riding QATAR'S PEARL in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on February 26, 2015.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Desormeaux viewed video as the horses approached the starting gate for the sixth race yesterday. His horse, #5 QATAR'S PEARL was not cooperating and was trying to "freeze." At this point Mr. Desormeaux hit the horse twice in the stomach. Unfortunately for the rider the pan camera was trained on him when the

violation occurred. After viewing the video, Mr. Desormeaux readily admitted his mistake, stating that it was absolutely the wrong thing to do.

2/27/15⁵**AFTERNOON DECLARATION**

#7 CHARMSTEALER was declared from the fourth race as Dr. GRANDE called and informed us that the horse had an adverse reaction to the Lasix administration and could not compete. The refund amounted to \$1,234.50.

2/27/15⁶**CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim of the horse CASUAL ATTIRE from the first race by trainer RICHARD BALTAS was voided as the horse was lame in the left foreleg while under observation in the detention barn. The horse went back to its former trainer, PETER MILLER.

2/27/15⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,619	761,105.30
SCOTWinc	4,916	1,544,322.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,157,241.93
Total	7,535	7,462,669.23

SATURDAY2/28/15¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

4th race - #12 ARTISTIC CHARM (Also eligible)

#13 BIG BREAK (Also eligible)

#14 FOFA MELECA (Also eligible)

Refund of \$4,862.98

9th race - #13 DULCEMIA (Also eligible)

Refund of \$1,063.10

2/28/15²**OFFICIAL OUT**

Steward SCOTT CHANEY will be out of the office this weekend and Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI will fill the position. DAVID NEUSCH will replace Mr. Jauregui.

2/28/15³**RULINGS****LATS #051**

Exercise rider JUAN LANDEROS is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – backtracking in contradiction of track safety rules).

LATS #052

Jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – backtracking in contradiction of track safety rules).

These rulings were issued in response to citations issued by stable area security at the request of the morning outriders.

2/28/15⁴**VIDEO REVIEW**

FERNANDO PEREZ was in the office to review the eighth race from Friday, during which he permitted his horse to drift out and interfere with a competitor during the stretch run. Mr. Perez acknowledged his mistake, stating he overrode his horse in trying to get the win. (He ultimately finished behind the horse he bothered.) By majority vote, the rider left with a warning, while Ms. SAWYER felt a three-day suspension was in order. ELVIS TRUJILLO was also in to review the sixth race from Friday as he “shaved” a competing horse during the stretch run. The rider admitted his mistake, stating that at the time he felt he had the horse cleared. While the ride did not give rise to a penalty, he was warned to be more alert when altering course.

2/28/15⁵**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race to review an incident during the stretch run involving the winner #8 SMOOVE IT (M. Gutierrez) and the seventh place horse, #5 VANLOSE STAIRWAY (K. Desormeaux). After taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges, speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the stretch run, the Stewards voted unanimously to make no change to the original order of finish. While Mr. DESORMEAUX did take up when the winner drifted in at mid-stretch, it was the Stewards' opinion that he was out of horse at the time and his finish position was not affected by the incident. The conversation with Mr. Desormeaux supported the Stewards' contention.

2/28/15⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,706	1,594,965.00
SCOTWinc	7,129	2,455,886.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	9,626,347.19
Total	13,835	13,677,198.99

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 2/16/15 – 2/22/15

Horses on Vet List	7
Horses off Vet List	16
Shock Wave Therapy	26
Deceased	2

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 2/22	Thurs 2/26	Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	0	1	42
Claims	3	0	6	1	10	137
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	2	23
Refunds	5	1	4	2	12	171
Rulings	2	3	3	2	10	52
Voided Claims	0	2	1	0	3	18

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward_____
C. Scott Chaney, Steward_____
Kim Sawyer, Steward_____
Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward