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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Week 3 – Sunday, May 3, 2015 – Saturday, May 9, 2015

SUNDAY

5/03/15¹

PALMA HEARING

We held a formal hearing this morning into case number 15SA091 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer HECTOR PALMA alleging phenylbutazone overage discovered in the post-race blood sample of one of his runners. The level was just over the limit and this was his first such violation in several years so the CHRB asked for a warning. We complied with that request.

5/03/15²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1 st Race	#4 J AND S EXPRESS – Rider change – D. Van Dyke for E. Trujillo (no show – missed flight) #4 J AND S EXPRESS – Claimed – D. O’Neill, trainer Minus Pool \$1.43
2 nd Race	#4 MYNTZ CONNECTION – Rider change – D. Van Dyke for E. Trujillo (no show – missed flight) #1 BELLE OF THE FLEET – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer #4 MYNTZ CONNECTION – Claimed – R. Hess, Jr., trainer #6 PRETTYHOTPRINCESS – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer
3 rd Race	No changes
4 th Race	#10 BLACKFORD – Rider change – D. Van Dyke for E. Trujillo (no show – missed flight) #2 GAB POWER – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer
5 th Race	#4 JAZZED – Rider change – F. Perez for E. Trujillo #1 NOT TONIGHT – Claimed – R. Agarie #4 JAZZED – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer
6 th Race	#3 SIZZLIN JOE – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer Refund \$9.00

7th Race No changes; Refund \$7.00
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$113.80

5/03/15³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,453	1,315,963.10
SCOTWinc	6,582	2,076,632.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,465,513.53
Total	12,035	9,858,108.83

THURSDAY

5/07/15¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey BRICE BLANC came to the office to review his ride from the eighth race on Sunday. A rival was squeezed between Mr. BLANC'S mount and TYLER BAZE'S mount. Although the video was not conclusive, everyone agreed that both riders shared the blame. Warning.

Jockey TYLER BAZE appeared to review the race described above. He received a warning as well.

Jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO came to the office to review his ride in the fifth race last Friday. We felt that pulling his horse up would have been a preferable choice to slapping him on the shoulder and finishing the race. He agreed. We also asked that Mr. TRUJILLO to explain why he missed his mounts on Sunday. He explained that he overslept and missed his flight – ruling to follow.

5/07/15²

VALDEZ RULING – LATS #098

Jockey FELIPE VALDEZ was issued the following ruling when he failed to pull his horse up before the starting gate gap after the track renovation:

Jockey FELIPE VALDEZ 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).

5/07/15³

HERRICK RULING – LATS #099

We issued the following ruling after trainer JOE HERRICK contacted the office by telephone for case number 15SA108 and explained how one of his horses was improperly listed as a colt in the program. He was issued the following ruling:

Trainer JOSEPH HERRICK is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00) for failure to report the gelding of the horse SMOKIN' TEN, which ran in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on April 5, 2015. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

5/07/15⁴

FLORES RULING – LATS #100

After the formal hearing (case number 15SA0128) conducted 10 days ago, we issued the following ruling regarding the reciprocation of Singapore's disqualification ruling (a full statement of decision accompanied this ruling):

Following a formal fitness for license hearing, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1484 (Evidence of Unfitness for License) jockey DAVID FLORES is permitted to hold a license in the category of jockey.

5/07/15⁵**FUSCO HEARING – LATS #101**

We held an informal hearing regarding case number 15SA0101 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against hotwalker ALAN FUSCO alleging disorderly conduct.

Mr. Fusco freely admitted that he had assaulted his tack room roommate after a disagreement. Given the violence involved and the fact that Mr. Fusco really wasn't interested in continuing to hold a CHRB license, we suspended him in the following ruling:

Hotwalker ALAN FUSCO is suspended for the term of his license for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874(Disorderly Conduct – assault). Prior to re-licensing, ALAN FUSCO must participate in a fitness for license hearing.

5/07/15⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race #5 TRELAWNY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
#6 TIMELESS INDY – Claimed – M. Pender, trainer
Refund \$826.50; Minus Pool \$7,159.09

2nd Race No changes; Refund \$27.00

3rd Race #5 COUSIN CLAIRE – Veterinarian scratch, sick -- Dr. Grande
Refund \$964.01

4th Race #5 SISTER OF MERCY (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
Refund \$221.00; Minus Pool \$634.80

5th Race No changes

6th Race #1 LOVE BLIND (ARG) – Claimed – D. Pedersen, trainer
#4 JADE WITH ENVY – Claimed – J. Bonde, trainer
#5 SORESCA (IRE) – Claimed – P. D'Amato, trainer
#7 TANQUERRAY – pulled up, vanned off – H. Bacorn, trainer
(see attached Jockey Accident Report)
#4 JADE WITH ENVY – Claim **VOIDED** – returned to R. Baltas, trainer

7th Race #9 MISS LOUJEAN – Rider change – E. Flores for C. Charlton (sick)

8th Race No changes

5/07/15⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,412	606,630.00
SCOTWinc	4,063	1,243,807.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,079,299.12
Total	6,475	5,929,736.92

FRIDAY5/08/15¹**JOCKEY MEETING**

We held our first of monthly meetings with the jockey colony to discuss races and issues concerning the riders. We reviewed a few races and discussed several topics including the start, calling for permission to be late, and the impending riding crop rule change.

The next meeting was scheduled for a month from now.

5/08/15²**ESPINOZA RULING – LATS #102**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA called in advance of his hearing and accepted the following ruling pursuant to case number 15SA105:

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(B)(3) (Use of Whips – causing a break in the skin) during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on April 4, 2015.

5/08/15³**PERGOLA RULING – LATS #103**

Owner KARL PERGOLA was suspended when he failed to appear yesterday for two scheduled financial hearings:

Owner KARL PERGOLA, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$6,220.00 to CLAY WARD AGENCY, LLC and \$872.00 to SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EQUINE FOUNDATION), 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 KARL PERGOLA are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), KARL PERGOLA is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

5/08/15⁴**HIGUCHI RULING – LATS #104**

Owner RUSSELL HIGUCHI was suspended in the following ruling when he failed to appear for a financial hearing:

Owner RUSSELL HIGUCHI, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$248.47 to SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EQUINE FOUNDATION), 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 RUSSELL HIGUCHI are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), RUSSELL HIGUCHI is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

5/08/15⁵**REYES RULING – LATS #105**

Owner PEDRO REYES was reinstated in the following ruling when the financial complaint filed against him was withdrawn:

Owner PEDRO E. REYES, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is restored to good standing. Ruling LATS #015, issued at Santa Anita Park on January 13, 1996, is set aside.

5/08/15⁶**MUNOZ COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN**

LATC withdrew its complaint against owner AUGUSTIN MUNOZ when they reached a signed financial agreement (case number 15SA147).

5/08/15⁷**PATTIO WITHDRAWS COMPLAINTS**

Veterinarian NOLTON PATTIO withdrew two financial complaints when the owners paid in full: RUBEN VASQUEZ (case number 15SA0155) and JANE BRAUGH (case number 15SA0127).

5/08/15⁸**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#1 PHANTOM HEAT – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande Refund \$142.10
2 nd Race	No changes
3 rd Race	#2 AOTEAROA – Rider change -- M. Garcia for C. Nakatani (injured) Refund \$52.00
4 th Race	No changes Refund \$79.00

- 5th Race #5 VALENTINE'S REWARD – Stewards' scratch, off turf
 #7 LADYSGOTGAME – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande
 #12 DELANEY'S JOY – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
 Refund \$1,272.80
- 6th Race #1 HOT LIGHTNING – Claimed – V. Belvoir, trainer
 #2 GREAT LOU – Claimed – R. Hess Jr., trainer
- 7th Race #9 DECISIVE EDGE – Rider change – F. Pratt for C. Nakatani
 Refund \$83.00
- 8th Race No changes

5/08/15⁹**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,482	717,578.00
SCOTWinc	4,567	1,580,549.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,818,337.63
Total	7,049	7,116,465.03

SATURDAY5/09/15¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockeys JOE TALAMO and MARTIN PEDROZA came to the office (with Jockeys' Guild Rep Darrell Haire) to review the start of the first race yesterday. As we discussed yesterday with the jockey colony, it is important to have the cleanest starts possible which means that penalties will be imposed for poor reactions to mounts breaking in or out. Therefore, we issued two warnings with the caveat that for the next error, suspension days will be issued.

5/09/15²**LOPEZ WITHDRAWAL**

Veterinarian NOLTON PATTIO withdrew his complaint against owner GEORGE LOPEZ when alleged debt was paid in full (case number 15SA0151).

5/09/15³**TRUJILLO RULING – LATS #106**

After discussing the hearing noted above, jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO was fined when he missed four mounts last Sunday:

Jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for failure to fulfill his riding engagements (four) at Santa Anita Race Track on May 3, 2015. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

5/09/15⁴**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the second race, we posted the Inquiry sign to examine the stretch run involving the fourth place finisher #4 SWEETER THANCANDY (J. Talamo) and the sixth place finisher #2 HOLOGRAEME (M. Pedroza). Video revealed that #4 SWEETER THANCANDY stepped in when switching leads, causing her rival to steady. While we unanimously believed that this constituted interference, the majority believed it did not cost #2 HOLOGRAEME a better placing and therefore no change was appropriate (Steward Sawyer voted for a disqualification).

5/09/15⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

- 1st Race No changes
 2nd Race No changes
 3rd Race Rider change – B. Pena for O. Santos (injured)
 4th Race No changes; Refund \$60.20
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$308.00

6th Race #11 OLIGARCH – Claimed – G. Stute, trainer
Refund \$72.60
7th Race No changes; Refund \$249.60
8th Race No changes; Refund \$94.00
9th Race #9 SMOOVEN SQUARE – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande
Refund \$13,910.50

5/09/15⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,262	1753,104.20
SCOTWinc	6,964	2,345,640.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	8,528,817.61
Total	15,226	12,627,561.81

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of:

Horses on Vet List 13
Horses off Vet List 13
Shock Wave Therapy 13
Deceased 0
Medication 3

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.

SUMMARY

	Sun 5/3	Thurs 5/7	Fri 5/8	Sat 5/9	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	0	1	3	14
Claims	8	3	2	1	14	28
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	1	5
Refunds	3	4	5	6	18	41
Rulings	0	4	4	1	9	17
Voided Claims	0	1	0	0	1	1

Respectfully submitted,

 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 Tom Ward, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Safety
Steward