

**California Horse Racing Board**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Monday, March 16, 2020 through Sunday, March 22, 2020****MONDAY**

3/16/20<sup>1</sup>

**FORMAL HEARING (Case #19SA0261)**

Trainer ANDREW LERNER was in the office for a formal hearing filed by the CHRB for rule violations of 1843(a)(b)(d), 1843.1(a), and 1887(a), when his horse "Rager" allegedly tested positive for the drug "Dexamethasone" in the sixth race on 10/20/19 at Santa Anita Park. Present in the hearing were the Board of Stewards, Trainer Andrew Lerner, Court reporter Michelle Derieg, and presenting the case telephonically was CHRB Investigator Mike Barker. Mr. Lerner testified that his barn personal could of have accidently treated the wrong horse. He also stated that he's made many changes at his barn regarding administrating the medications. After hearing all the facts and entering all the exhibits, the hearing came to a close.

3/16/20<sup>2</sup>

**FORMAL HEARING (Case #19DM0052)**

Trainer ANDREW LERNER was in for another formal hearing this morning regarding his horse "Italiano" allegedly testing positive for the drug "Methocarbamol" (4.6ng/ml) on 10/24/19, in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park. Present in the hearing were the Board of Stewards, Trainer Andrew Lerner, Court Reporter Michelle Derieg, and presenting the case telephonically was CHRB Investigator Mike Barker. Mr. Lerner did not have an answer as to how the positive could of have occurred and reiterated that he's made many changes at his barn regarding medications. We heard all the testimonies and entered all the exhibits, then the hearing came to a close.

**TUESDAY**

3/17/20<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the office Tuesday morning to monitor entries for Friday. The Racing Office scheduled eight races with 67 entries for Friday's card.

**WEDNESDAY**

3/18/20<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES/PROGRAM CHANGES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the office on Wednesday morning to oversee entries for Saturday, and program changes for Friday. The Racing Office put together nine races for Saturday, with a total of 77 entries.

**THURSDAY**

3/19/20<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES/PROGRAM CHANGES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the office to monitor entries for Sunday and Program Changes for Saturday. The Racing Office scheduled nine races with a total of 65 entries on Sunday's card. There were three jockeys' program changes and two equipment changes for Saturday.

**FRIDAY**

3/20/20<sup>1</sup>

**CASE WITHDRAWN (Case #20SA0112)**

The following financial case against Owner STEVE TAUB was withdrawn, after we received notification that the debt has been paid in full. The case was filed by Southern California Equine Foundation Hospital, for services in the amount of \$529.82.

3/20/20<sup>2</sup>

**CASE WITHDRAWN (Case #20SA0113)**

The financial case filed by Dr. Mano DVM (San Dieguito Equine Group) against Owner CASEY MITCHELL, was withdrawn after we received notice that the debt had been paid in full (\$156.14).

3/20/20<sup>3</sup>

**LERNER RULINGS (Case #19DM0061)**

The following ruling was issued fining Trainer ANDREW LERNER regarding Monday's first formal hearing (ref 3/16/20<sup>1</sup>).

**LATS RULING #058**

Trainer ANDREW LERNER, who started the horse RAGER, first place finisher in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on October 20, 2019, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* pursuant to rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances- Dexamethasone [Class 4]).

3/20/20<sup>4</sup>

**LERNER RULINGS (Case #19DM0052)**

We also issued the following ruling regarding Trainer ANDREW LERNER's second formal hearing on Monday (ref. 2/16/20<sup>2</sup>).

**LATS RULING #059**

Trainer ANDREW LERNER, who started the horse ITALIANO, third place finisher in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on October 24, 2019, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* pursuant to rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances - Methocarbamol [Class 4] – second offense in 365 days).

3/20/20<sup>5</sup>

**HELLUM RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Trainer LANCE HELLUM failed to show for his scheduled hearing on Sunday, March 15, 2020. The CHRB filed a complaint against Mr. Hellum pertaining to CHRB rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility) and #1877 (Checks). Santa Anita Paymaster filed the complaint on behalf of Santa Anita when Mr. Hellum allegedly wrote a check in the amount of \$2,200, when the account was actually closed.

**LATS RULING #060**

Trainer LANCE HELLUM, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on March 15, 2020 to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1877 (Checks - \$2,200.00 to Santa Anita Park) is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on March 27, 2020.

During the term of Suspension, all licenses and license privileges of LANCE HELLUM are suspended and Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine). Subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

3/20/20<sup>6</sup>

### **JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES was in to review Sunday's sixth race, where it appeared that he violated the riding crop rule (#1688). Mr. Fuentes did not give his horse the chance to respond after using his riding crop more than three times. The young rider admitted his mistake and stated he would work on it. We unanimously voted to issue the following ruling.

#### **LATS RULING #061**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on March 15, 2020.

Apprentice Jockey VICTOR FLORES was in to review Sunday's fifth race, in which he was involved in a jockey's objection. Mr. Flores' mount drifted in the stretch causing another horse to alter course. He agreed that he has to do a better job of maintaining a straight course. Mr. Flores was issued a warning, because we felt the incident was minor. Steward Baker voted for suspension.

3/20/20<sup>7</sup>

### **RACING RESTRICTIONS**

Santa Anita Park management is restricting access to the grandstand during the races to essential CHRБ licensees only, due to the Covid-19 virus. The track will not permit owners or the general public to enter the grandstand, strictly the trainer and his employees are permitted.

3/20/20<sup>8</sup>

### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$2,246.31  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Buyback- Claimed by M. Chew, trainer. Refund \$86.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$1,065.44  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Enriched by Deb- Late veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, flipped in gate  
Refund \$77,521.15  
5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$23.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$28.00  
8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$278.79

3/20/20<sup>9</sup>

### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$0.00
SCOTWinc	0	\$0.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,944,391.40
Total	N/A	\$3,944,391.40

**SATURDAY**

3/21/20<sup>1</sup>

### **QUIET MORNING**

The morning was quiet in our office after the CHRБ took all their cases off the calendar due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The cases will be rescheduled to a later date.

3/21/20<sup>2</sup>

### **GOOD RACING**

The nine races on Saturday's card went as good as possible. We had two Grade 3 stake races, the San Simeon Stakes and the San Luis Rey Stakes.

3/21/20<sup>3</sup>

### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #7 SOPHOMORIC- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, unsound.

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Refund \$1,041.39  
 #1 ARIZONA MOON- G. Franco replaces C. Fletcher, denied access  
 Refund \$72.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 ABSOLUTELY PERFECT- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, unsound  
 #6 SWING THOUGHTS- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$1,223.36

4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0

5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 BOUND FOR NOWHERE- D. Van Dyke replaces J. Garcia, denied access

6<sup>th</sup> Race No change; Refund \$18.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$43.50

8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 DOHENT BEACH- H. Lopez replaces C. Fletcher, denied access  
 #5 SEE THROUGH IT- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, sick  
 Refund \$542.70

9<sup>th</sup> Race #5 BRANDONS DANGER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, injured  
 #8 EGYPTIAN GODDESS- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, injured  
 Refund \$297.26

3/21/20<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$0.00
SCOTWinc	0	\$0.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,176,498.49
Total	N/A	\$6,176,498.49

**SUNDAY**  
 3/22/20<sup>1</sup>

**RIDER REPLACEMENT**

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI was taken off his mounts, when Santa Anita Park Management did not allow him on the premises. Racing Secretary Steve Lym stated, "Mr. Rispoli did not attend morning training, allegedly because he didn't feel well." Per Management's COVID-19 Protocol, "Anyone showing any signs of illness will be denied access to the premises". All rider changes are listed in "Declarations, Changes, and Refunds".

3/22/20<sup>2</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE**

We posted the inquiry sign to review the start of the sixth race, in which the #6 "MADAME BOURBON" (D. Van Dyke) dwelt at the start. After reviewing the video several times, we unanimously voted to make no change to the order of finish. In our opinion, the #6 received a fair start, therefore no change was made to the order of finish.

3/22/20<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the seventh race to review an incident approaching the finish line, involving the second-place horse #5 "JAMMING EDDY" (G. Franco) and the third-place horse #3 "I CAN DO THIS" (A. Cedillo). After reviewing the video and speaking to the riders involved, we made a change to the order of finish. We unanimously voted to disqualify the #5 and place him third behind the #3. In our opinion, the #5 shifted out causing the #3 to steady, costing him a better placing.

Unofficial order 7-(5)-3-4-6-1-2

Official order 7-3-(5)-4-6-1-2

3/22/20<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #3 SUNRISE ROYALE- Jockey J. Velez replaces U. Rispoli, denied access  
 #5 DONUT GIRL- Claimed by M. Chew, trainer. Refund \$756.65

2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$3.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 AUDACE- Jockey A. Cedillo replaces U. Rispoli, denied access

4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$89.20

- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #4 EROTIC- Jockey R. Bejarano replaces U. Rispoli, denied access  
Refund \$60.06
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #7 SHINES HER LIGHT (IRE)- Stewards' scratch- Dr. Grande, sick  
Refund \$1,161.40
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 DANO'S DREAM- Jockey J. Velez replaces U. Rispoli, denied access  
Refund \$18.50
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 BRANDOTHEBARTENDER- Jockey V. Espinoza replaces U. Rispoli, denied  
access. Refund \$218.66
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #1 HYPERSONIC- Jockey J. Velez replaces U. Rispoli, denied access  
#2 KING PARKER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, sick  
#4 Gryffindor- Claimed by R. Hanson, trainer. Refund \$62,152.99

3/22/20<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$0.00
SCOTWinc	0	\$0.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,045,756.29
Total	N/A	\$7,045,756.29

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 3/20</b>	<b>Sat 3/21</b>	<b>Sun 3/22</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	2	4	8	64
<b>Claims</b>	1	1	2	4	96
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	1	1	8
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	2	2	13
<b>Refunds</b>	7	7	8	22	203
<b>Rulings</b>	4	0	0	4	61
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	8

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 3/16/20 TO 3/22/20**

Horses on Vet List	18
Horses off Vet List	4
Shock Wave Therapy	6
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Respectfully submitted,

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Grant W. Baker, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Ron Church, Safety Steward

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