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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD



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Report of the Board of Stewards

To the California Horse Racing Board

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- Honorable Charles Winner, Chairman
- Honorable George Krikorian, 1st Vice Chair
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- Honorable Araceli Ruano, Member
- Honorable Alex Solis, Member
- Rick Baedeker, Executive Director
- Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director
- Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report for the period Wednesday, August 9, 2017 through Sunday, August 13, 2017

Wednesday

08-09-17¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Steward Dennis Nevin was present for Thursday's scratches, Saturday's entries and the handling of any and all matters pertaining to the week's upcoming races.

Thursday

08-10-17¹

EARLY DECLARATION

8th race: #5 SILVER MINX (Tr. Wayne Baker)
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer

Injured
REFUND: \$ 119.80

08-10-17²

FIERROS RULING

RULING NO. 4

Groom **SALVADOR Z. FIERROS**, having shown proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation program acceptable to the Board of Stewards, is hereby restored to good standing, eligible to be relicensed and remains on probation through December 31, 2017.

Terms of probation include compliance with the terms of a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and abiding by the terms of a contract with the Winners Foundation. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will result in actions taken against Mr. Fierros' license privileges.

The above ruling was issued after Fierros appeared and showed a certificate of completion from a rehabilitation program. We wish him the best.

RULING NO. 5

Jockey **SILVIO AMADOR** is fined the sum of One Hundred-Fifty dollars (\$150.00)* for reporting late to the Jockey's Room on Saturday, August 5, 2017 a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report).

The above ruling was published after Silvio appeared and could offer no valid excuse to explain his third bout of tardiness in reporting to the jockey's quarters.

08-10-17⁴ **SAUCEDO RULING**

RULING NO. 6

Owner **GERARDO C. SAUCEDO**, having now satisfied the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine, is hereby deemed eligible for re-licensing and Pacific Racing Association Ruling #109, dated March 31, 2017, suspending Mr. Saucedo for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is set aside.

The above ruling was issued after we received written notification from San Francisco Equine that the debt had been resolved.

08-10-17⁵ **STEWARDS INQUIRY – FIRST RACE - DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident shortly after the start of this 300 yard mule race. The Stewards observed #6 READ MY LIPS (1st, Francisco Monroy) duck in sharply under a right-handed crop strike seconds after leaving the gate. That duck caused #5 COOPER'S DASHER (3rd, Jose Rodriguez) to alter course and bump #4 AFTER MIDNIGHT (5th, Jesus Velasquez) who was, in the Stewards unanimous opinion, cost the opportunity at a better placing. READ MY LIPS was subsequently disqualified from first and placed fifth behind AFTER MIDNIGHT. Monroy will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards in the morning.

Original Order of Finish: (6)-3-5-1-4-2
Official Order of Finish: 3-5-1-4-(6)-2

08-10-17⁶ **STEWARDS INQUIRY – SEVENTH RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to review an incident after the start of the six furlong event. Film shows that #7 SOUTHERN LIBERTY (5th, William Antongeorgi) crossed over in front of #6 MIEKALLON (9th, Cristobal Herrera) about one hundred yards away from the gate and may not have been fully clear when doing so. After a thorough review the majority left the original order of finish intact as it was not certain that the placings were affected by the incident. Steward Nevin voted for a disqualification. Antongeorgi will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards tomorrow.

08-10-17⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	1,910	\$ 185,010.20
NCOT	1,360	\$ 494,146.10
SCOT		\$ 158,294.20
Out of State		\$ 519,401.40
TOTAL		\$1,356,851.91

Friday

08-11-17¹ **EARLY DECLARATION**

8th race: #1 TORTOSA (Tr. Jose Bautista)
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer

Sick
REFUND: \$ 105.00

RULING #7

Owner/Trainer/Driver **GERALD LONGO**, in accordance with a Stipulated Agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, is hereby suspended sixty (60) days and fined the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00)*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances) after the horse CARESS OF STEEL, owned and trained by Gerald Longo, winner of the eleventh race at Cal Expo Race Track, Sacramento, California on May 5, 2017 showed the presence of the prohibited substances Cocaine, Benzoylecgonine, and Ecgonine methyl ester in post-race urine sample #CE27553.

In accordance with the Stipulated Agreement thirty (30) days of the suspension are stayed. The thirty (30) days will be served from August 17, 2017 through September 15, 2017 inclusive. Further, Gerald Longo will be placed on probation through August 8, 2018 with the provision that should he be in violation of California Horse Racing Board rules and regulations #1843, #1843.6 and #1887 regarding Class 1, 2 or 3 drug substances, the above referenced thirty (30) days stayed of suspension shall be lifted and the remaining actual suspension shall be imposed after notice and hearing and shall be in addition to any penalty imposed for the underlying rule violations.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Gerald Longo are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards received an executed copy of the stipulated agreement and had telephone conversations with Mr. Longo. The disqualification ruling regarding this matter will follow.

08-11-17³ **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Francisco Monroy came in to review two races from yesterday's card. In the first race Monroy's mule was disqualified for causing interference. The majority felt Francisco did not make a concerted effort to correct his mule's incursion on a rival's space while Steward Herbuveaux dissented.

In the second race Monroy acknowledged he struck his mount in excess of that permitted by regulations. The following rulings were issued:

RULING #8

Jockey **FRANCISCO MONROY** who rode **READ MY LIPS** in the first race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Thursday, August 10, 2017 is suspended five racing days (August 18, 19, 20, 24 & 25, 2017) for failure to maintain a straight course, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to fifth, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

RULING #9

Jockey **FRANCISCO MONROY** who rode **EDDIES JAZZIN** in the second race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Thursday, August 10, 2017 is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – 2nd offense in sixty days).

Jockey William Antongeorgi appeared to review his ride aboard SOUTHERN LIBERTY in yesterday's seventh race which was the subject of a Stewards' Inquiry. His mount drifted in shortly after the field left the starting gate and caused a rival to shorten stride.

Antongeorgi admitted his mount took the path of a horse to his inside. He stated yesterday he thought he was clear, but after viewing the tapes now sees such was not the case. The following ruling was issued:

RULING #10

Jockey **WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI III** who rode **SOUTHERN LIBERTY** in the seventh race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Thursday, August 10, 2017 is suspended three racing days (August 18, 19 & 20, 2017) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course on the backstretch and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

08-11-17⁴

STEWARDS INQUIRY- THIRD RACE - DISQUALIFICATION

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident at the start of the 400 yard Quarter Horse Derby involving #3 TR HITT N RUN(S) (3rd, Luis Lira) and #4 REAL STELL (4th, Luis Godoy). After a thorough review the Stewards disqualified TR HITT N RUN(S) from third and placed him fourth behind REAL STELL.

Tapes showed that TR HITT N RUN(S) broke out into REAL STELL who was a bit tardy but none the less was severely impeded by the actions of TR HITT N RUN(S). In the Stewards unanimous opinion REAL STELL was cost the opportunity at a better placing. Jockey Luis Lira will meet with the Stewards in the morning.

Original Order of Finish: 2-1-(4)-3

Official Order of Finish: 2-1-3-(4)

08-11-17⁵

STEWARDS INQUIRY – FOURTH RACE - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards again posted the inquiry sign to investigate the start involving #3 UNION LEGEND (5th, Ronald Richard) and #4 AIN'T NO OTHER (4th, Alejandro Gomez) after Richard checked his mount sharply leaving the gate of this 5½ furlong event.

After a thorough review the Stewards disqualified AIN'T NO OTHER from fourth and placed him fifth behind UNION LEGEND.

Tapes showed that AIN'T NO OTHER broke in, taking the path of UNION LEGEND, causing the latter to take up and lose ground, which in turn, affected the placings. Jockey Alejandro Gomez will view the race tapes with the Stewards tomorrow morning.

Original Order of Finish: 5-2-6-(4)-3

Official Order of Finish: 5-2-6-3-(4)

08-11-17⁶

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

SR	2,753	\$ 217,146.40
NCOT	1,743	\$ 664,631.90
SCOT		\$ 158,594.10
Out of State		\$ 426,284.31

TOTAL \$1,466,656.71

Saturday

08-12-17¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS:

4 th race: #6 SHEER PRINCE	(Tr. Blaine Wright)		Injured
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	242.80
5 th race: #4 NO BABY	(Tr. Natalie Houle)		Sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	42.00
7 th race: #7 SIX CIDER	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)		Sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	225.90
8 th race: #1 ZARRITO	(Tr. Holly Evans)		Sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	143.30

08-12-17²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Alejandro Gomez appeared to review yesterday's fourth race where his mount broke in at the start and was disqualified. Tapes showed that Gomez reacted quickly to correct his mount's errant behavior and was commended by the Stewards for his efforts.

08-12-17³

LONGO DISQUALIFICATION (REFER 8-11-17² Case #17SW0015)

RULING #11

Acting on a report from the University of California at Davis Maddy Laboratories, the official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the post race urine sample #CE27553 taken from horse **CARESS OF STEEL** winner of the eleventh race at the California Exposition race track (Sacramento) on May 5, 2017, contained the prohibited substances Cocaine, Benzoylecgonine, and Ecgonine methyl ester it is hereby ordered that **CARESS OF STEEL** be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$1,200.00) earned or awarded to owner/trainer **GERALD LONGO** and driver **STEVE WISEMAN** be returned to the Paymaster of Purses on or before September 1, 2017 for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule

#1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

The revised order of finish is as follows:

- 1st - MOONSHINE MONKEYS
- 2nd - KING OF THE SWAMP
- 3rd - UPTOWN WATTS
- 4th - SERIOUS ART
- 5th - TYREE

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

The above ruling ordering the disqualification and redistribution was initiated after telephonic conversations with Longo and all the appropriate supporting documentation was in hand.

08-12-17⁴ **STEWARDS INQUIRY – FOURTH RACE - DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards illuminated the inquiry sign to determine why jockeys Chester Bonnet and Joe Crispin steadied their horses in late stretch. After a thorough review the Stewards disqualified the winner, #2 THISONESFORDANNY ridden by William Antongeorgi, and placed him fourth.

Tapes showed that in the final 1/16 Antongeorgi allowed his mount to drift out and take the path of the fast closing WOODFORD SURPRISE (3rd, Chester Bonnet) which caused Bonnet to check sharply and veer out to avoid the heels of THISONESFORDANNY. When WOODFORD SURPRISE took the evasive action he bumped #4 SMARTY MOON (4th, Joe Crispin) affecting that horse’s performance. In the disqualification THISONESFORDANNY was placed fourth behind SMARTY MOON. Jockey Antongeorgi will view the race tapes with the Stewards tomorrow.

Original Order of Finish: (2)-1-3-4-5
 Official Order of Finish: 1-3-4-(2)-5

08-12-17⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	3,623	\$ 349,706.30
NCOT	2,725	\$1,104,298.70
SCOT		\$ 201,605.60
Out of State		\$ 413,850.93
TOTAL		\$2,069,461.53

Sunday

08-13-17¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3 rd race: #1 AN KHE PASS	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	Injured
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	114.58
4 th race: #4 SHE’S MY FIRST	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	138.10
6 th race: #2 PEPPERED JO	(Tr. Ed Moger)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	216.30
7 th race: #2 WISE TALE	(Tr. Jonathan Wong)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	208.98
7 th race: #5 MONSAJEM ACCRETE	(Tr. Gil Matos)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	see above
8 th race: #8 PANSHIR	(Tr. Cliff DeLima)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	146.30
9 th race: #3 JACKS MASTERPIECE	(Tr. William Morey)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	799.62

08-13-17²**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Catalino Martinez appeared today on behalf of William Antongeorgi whose number was taken down for causing interference in yesterday's fourth race. Today we looked at the tapes to determine if Antongeorgi took any preventative actions to avoid causing the interference. Martinez was unable to point out on the tapes where Antongeorgi made an effort to prevent the drift and the following ruling was issued:

RULING #12

Jockey **WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI III** who rode **THISONESFORDANNY** in the fourth race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, August 12, 2017 is suspended five racing days (August 24, 25, 26, 27 & 31, 2017) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to fourth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules - Careless Riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

Trainer Ramon Pulido appeared to represent jockey Luis Lira who was scheduled to appear yesterday to review the third race on Friday, August 11, where Lira's mount was disqualified for causing interference at the start. Tapes showed that Lira made no effort to correct his mount's outward motion and Pulido agreed. An additional penalty was imposed because Lira missed his scheduled appointment yesterday:

RULING #13

Jockey **LUIS LIRA** who rode **TR HITT N RUN(S)** in the third race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Friday, August 11, 2017 is suspended three racing days (August 19, 20, & 25, 2017) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course after the start and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from third to fourth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules - Careless Riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

RULING #14

Jockey **LUIS LIRA** is hereby fined the sum of Fifty dollars (\$50.00)* for failure to report to the Stewards office on Saturday, August 12, 2017 as ordered; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers).

08-13-17³**MALDONADO RULING****RULING #15**

Jockey **EDWIN A. MALDONADO** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for failure to appear to ride the horse **A RED TIE DAY** in the ninth race on Saturday, August 12, 2017; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to fulfill jockey agreement).

The above ruling was issued after Maldonado contacted the Stewards by phone and explained he missed his flight yesterday. We could empathize with his situation, but could not condone his absence or his failure to contact us regarding that absence.

08-13-17⁴ **STEWARDS INQUIRY – FOURTH RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident at the 1/8 involving #1 CALLMEJESSIEJAMES (2ND, Irving Orozco), #6 AUSTRIA (3rd, Catalino Martinez) and #7 C.R. GOLDEN QUEEN (4th, Juan Hernandez). After a thorough review the Stewards took no action with respect to the placings.

Tapes showed that Orozco pointed his horse to an opening between AUSTRIA on the inside and C.R. GOLDEN QUEEN on the outside. When the hole appeared Orozco and his mount were not quite there. When they did arrive the space was narrowing as AUSTRIA drifted out a bit and C.R. GOLDEN QUEEN stepped in. The close quarters resulted in some jostling but nothing that would necessitate a disqualification. All three riders involved will review the tapes of the race.

08-13-17⁵ **LATE SCRATCH – FIFTH RACE - REFUND**

#7 SELLINGWOLFTICKETS, trained by Andreas Psarras, was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of track veterinarian Sara Sporer after she reported the filly was injured during the load at the starting gate. On Vet’s List. The refund amounted to \$37,650.68.

08-13-17⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	3,994	\$ 342,496.60
NCOT	2,445	\$1,075,923.30
SCOT		\$ 263,692.10
Out of State		\$ 582,810.03
TOTAL		\$2,264,922.03

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

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

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
08-10-17	8	5	SILVER MINX	Baker	Injured	Sporer	\$119.80
08-11-17	8	1	TORTOSA	Bautista	Sick	Sporer	\$105.00
08-12-17	4	6	SHEER PRINCE	Wright	Injured	Sporer	\$242.80
08-12-17	5	4	NO BABY	Houle	Sick	Sporer	\$42.00
08-12-17	7	7	SIX CIDER	Hollendorfer	Sick	Sporer	\$225.90
08-12-17	8	1	ZARRITO	Evans	Sick	Sporer	\$143.30
08-13-17	3	1	AN KHE PASS	Hollendorfer	Injured	Sporer	\$114.58
08-13-17	4	4	SHE’S MY FIRST	Hollendorfer	Sick	Sporer	\$138.10
08-13-17	6	2	PEPPERED JO	Moger	Sick	Sporer	\$216.30
08-13-17	7	2	WISE TALE	Wong	Sick	Sporer	\$208.98
08-13-17	7	5	MONSAJEM ACCRETE	Matos	Sick	Sporer	See above
08-13-17	8	8	PANSHIR	DeLima	Sick	Sporer	\$146.30
08-13-17	9	3	JACKS MASTERPIECE	Morey	Sick	Sporer	\$799.62

VETERINARY REPORT - Euthanized/Died – none

Veterinarian’s List There were seventeen (17) horses placed on the vet’s list:

Sick: 10 Injured: 4
 Unsound: 2 Bled: 1

There were sixteen (16) horses removed from the vet’s list:

Sick: 9 Injured: 7

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments to report.

	8/10	8/11	8/12	8/13	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	1
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS	1	0	2	2	5	25
DISQUALIFICATIONS	1	2	1	0	4	4
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	3	2	1	0	6	8
REFUNDS	3	1	7	9	20	38
RULINGS	3	4	1	4	12	15
CLAIMS VOID	0	0	0	0	0	1

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	0	\$0.00
Bankers Casino	0	\$0.00
Ferndale	0	\$0.00
Fresno	228	\$99,852.00
Fresno Club One	102	\$74,474.70
Monterey	224	\$755,291.30
Pleasanton	1,169	\$84,756.70
Sacramento	916	\$539,301.50
San Jose	1,309	\$355,179.40
San Mateo	1,920	\$401,968.20
Santa Rosa	1,920	\$853,689.00
Stockton	728	\$283,900.00
Tulare	0	\$0.00
Turlock	0	\$0.00
Vallejo	637	\$256,545.30
So. California	0	\$782,186.00
Out of State	0	\$1,942,346.68

Respectfully submitted,

John Herbeveaux, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Richard Lewis, Safety Steward