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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD



STATEMENT OF DECISION
OF THE
BOARD OF STEWARDS

PACIFIC RACING ASSOCIATION
GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

DATED: APRIL 13, 2019

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	
CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD)	CASE # 19GG0045
V.S.)	
TRAINER MONTY MEIER)	

INTRODUCTION

This matter came before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields consisting of **Mr. Will Meyers, Mr. John Herbuveaux** and **Mr. Dennis Nevin** on **Sunday, March 3, 2019**.

Present at the Hearing was the respondent **Monty Meier** along with observer **Mike McGuire**. Also present were California Horse Racing Board General Counsel **Robert Brodnik** who presented the case on behalf of the Board, California Horse Racing Board supervising Investigators **Louis Quesada** and **Jennifer Tolman**. Testimony was taken from Investigators **Tolman** and **Quesada** as well as Safety Steward **Cal Rainey**, Assistant Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli**, Horseshoe Inspector **Agustin Rayas** and respondent **Meier**. Vice President and General Manager **David Duggan** sat in as an observer. The proceedings were recorded by **Janine Gamble**.

At the hearing the parties were allowed to introduce exhibits, produce witnesses and offer argument. Documentary evidence was submitted, oral testimony was heard, the hearing was then closed and the matter deemed submitted,

BACKGROUND

Respondent **Monty Meier** was charged in complaint #19GG0045, filed by **Jennifer Tolman** on behalf of the Board, with alleged violation of Board Rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and 1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 4.

The Complaint filed against Meier states in part:

While bringing a horse into the Receiving Barn during the races, Trainer **Monty Meier** causes a scene by yelling profanities towards association employees as a result of a mix up in the program, (**February 24, 2019**).

EXHIBITS

I – Complaint packet for Trainer **Monty Meier** (Case 19GG0045).

FINDINGS OF FACT

I

Monty Meier was the Trainer of “**Ironic Ron**” who ran in the second race on **February 24, 2019** without hind shoes.

II

Horseshoe inspector **Augustin Rayas** had told **Mr. Meier** prior to the race that his records showed the horse raced with hind shoes in his prior start on **February 7, 2019**.

III

When **Mr. Meier** heard this he became very irate and loud using profane language according to testimony from Assistant Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli**, Safety Steward **Cal Rainey** and Horseshoe Inspector **Augustin Rayas**. **Mr. Rayas** determined through other documentation that “**Ironic Ron**” did not need to wear shoes & the horse was allowed to race unshod on **February 24, 2019**. **Mr. Meier's** comments included “I hate this fucking place” and “I wish the fucking place would burn down” according to **Mr. Martinelli**.

IV

Mr. Meier admitted to being irate and using foul language in the receiving barn in his testimony.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES
California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 4

ALLEGED RULE VIOLATIONS BY TRAINER

1874 Disorderly Conduct

1902 Conduct Detrimental To Racing

DISCUSSION

- 1) Trainer **Monty Meier** used profane language in the receiving barn at Golden Gate Fields and was disorderly and boisterous. Although **Mr. Meier** did not curse directly at any person, his actions disrupted the normal routine in the receiving barn and his language was offensive.

CONCLUSION

Following due deliberation over the testimony and evidence **Mr. Monty Meier** was found in violation of California Horse Racing Board 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and the following Ruling was issued on **March 7, 2019**. California Horse Racing Board Rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental) was dismissed.

RULING NO # 47

Trainer **Monty Meier** is fined the sum of **Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00)*** for creating a disturbance in the Receiving Barn on **February 24, 2019**; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

Respectfully submitted,



WILL MEYERS, STEWARD



JOHN HERBUVEAUX, STEWARD



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