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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, July 20, 2009 through Sunday, July 26, 2009. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

- 07/20/09 (1) **Entries & Draw for Thursday 07/23/09**
Entries were taken and a draw conducted for Thursday's card. At the 12:30 p.m. draw ninety five (95) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) races. Scratch time is Tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.
- 07/20/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

- 07/21/09 (1) **Scratch Time for Thursday 07/23/09**
At scratch time there were seven (7) driver corrections and no other changes.
- 07/21/09 (2) **Entries and Draw for Friday 07/24/09 & Saturday 07/25/09**
Entries were taken and a double draw conducted. At the 12:15 p.m. draw one hundred (100) head were drawn to compete in thirteen (13) races on Friday. Immediately thereafter, a draw was conducted for Saturday's card. In this draw one hundred ten (110) head were drawn to compete in fourteen (14) races.
- Scratch time for both days is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.
- 07/21/09 (3) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

07/22/09 (1)

Scratch Time for Friday 07/24/09 & Saturday 07/25/09

At scratch time for Friday's card there were five (5) driver corrections and three (3) injured scratches.

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were seventeen (17) driver corrections, one (1) trainer correction, and one (1) injured scratch.

07/22/09 (2)

California Trainers Test

Three (3) candidates for California Licenses took the CHRB Trainer's Test today. The candidates were Jennifer Petrelli, Ralph Silvestri III and Dave Hoskins. Of the three, Ralph Silvestri III was successful in his effort.

Mr. Silvestri, who has a large number of horses with Trainer Frank Petrelli, will soon be taking control of his own horses.

07/22/09 (3)

Dark Day**Thursday**

07/23/09 (1)

Qualifying Entries

Entries were taken and a qualifying sheet produced for two (2) qualifying races to be contested today at 4:30 p.m.

07/23/09 (2)

Frank Petrelli Informal Meeting

An informal meeting was convened today in the Cal Expo steward's office to address the ongoing friction between Trainer Petrelli and the Board of Stewards. In attendance were Fred Kuebler (Cal Expo Management), Jim Perez (California Harness Horsemen's Association), Supervising Investigator Greg Fabbri (CHRB), Outrider Billy Don Wainscott, Trainer Petrelli, and Stewards Brent McLaren and Wayne Oke.

The meeting was convened to address complaints Trainer Petrelli had leveled against Outrider Wainscott.

As the meeting began, Trainer Petrelli was informed by Steward Wayne Oke that he did NOT have permission to record the meeting. Petrelli, in spite of this caution, continued to record the meeting.

The meeting consisted of Petrelli (who, in the opinion of the stewards, has a serious persecution problem) stating that he perceives the steward's efforts to enforce the rules amounts to harassment and persecution.

It is hoped this mutual exchange of views will enable Petrelli to concentrate on racing his stable and leave those charged with the responsibility of overseeing the race meet do so.

As a result of this meeting, with reference to occurrences during the previous week's racing, the following rulings were issued:

Ruling # 89

Driver Frank Petrelli, who started the horse "Art's Clown" in the Fourth Race on Saturday, July 18, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Being Argumentative with the Outrider).

Ruling # 90

Trainer Frank Petrelli, who started the horse "Whitman" in the Thirteenth Race on Saturday, July 18, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1550 (Cases Not Covered – Failure to Obey the Instructions of the Stewards).

07/23/09 (2) **Qualifying Races**

Two (2) qualifying races were held commencing at 4:30 p.m. In these races, five (5) of eight (8) horses participating were successful in their qualifying efforts.

07/23/09 (3) **Seventh Race – Claim**

#7 "Ailene's Prince" was claimed from Leroy and Sherrie Kirk by Erica Plano for Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars. The new trainer is Rick Plano.

07/23/09 (4) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Declaration - #5 "Mellowroad" – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Refund: \$76 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 11th Race Declaration - #5 "Must Bea Sadie" – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Refund: \$79 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 12th Race Declaration - #3 "Cat Call" – Trainer Vickie Desomer
 Refund: \$55 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

07/24/09 (5) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	206
Live Handle (On Track)	\$32,530
Handle (In State)	\$260,404
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$199,710</u>
Total Handle	\$492,644

Friday07/24/09 (1) **Informal Hearing – Case #09SW-0117 & Case #09SW-0122**

Trainer Larry Alterman and Groom Pam Senclair appeared to answer to the above referenced complaints. Also in attendance was Senior Special Investigator Martin Snezek.

This complaint involved the horse "Frolov", who is owned by Ms. Senclair's daughter Eustacia Smith. The parties involved explained, while the horse in question resides in Trainer Alterman's barn, Ms. Senclair takes care of the horse at all times.

Ms. Senclair further stated that she administered the antihistamine “Guaifenesin” to the horse at approximately 50 hours out, by mistake. The standard withdrawal for this drug is 72 hours out.

Ms. Senclair declared that Trainer Alterman had no knowledge of her activities concerning this horse.

Ms. Senclair stated she had obtained the drug from Veterinarian Lane Schloeder and had misunderstood the instructions on the container.

The stewards, after issuing a stern warning that these accommodations by trainers to assist their grooms who own horses cannot be used to explain these rule violations, dismissed the case against Trainer Alterman and issued the following ruling against Groom Pamela Senclair:

Ruling # 93

Groom Pam Senclair, who medicated the horse “Frolov” for the Sixth Race at Cal Expo on June 19, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (D) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances – Guaifenesin) Class IV that carries a Class C penalty.

07/24/09 (2) **Clean Card – Minimal Problems**

A clean card with no notable incidents, with one exception – an “inquiry” in Race #8 for two “breaking” horses at the rear of the field, with no change in the official order of finish.

The tote board worked well throughout the card. The trackside indicators at 1/4 and 1/2 mile markers are not functioning. Plusmic staff is investigating.

07/24/09 (3) **Seventh Race – Claim**

#4 “Photo Delight” was claimed from Leroy & Sherry Kirk by Thomas May for Three Thousand Six Hundred (\$3,600) Dollars. The new trainer is Kennedy Lindsey.

07/24/09 (4) **Program Changes**

6th Race Program Correction - #1 “Book of Life”

Program should read “First Time Lasix”

11th Race Declaration - #8 “Check Raisin” – Trainer Steven Hyman

Refund: \$12 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12th Race Declaration - #5 “Art’s Clown” – Trainer Frank Petrelli

Refund: \$121 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

07/24/09 (5) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	459
Live Handle (On Track)	\$48,728
Handle (In State)	\$363,515
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$285,773</u>
Total Handle	\$698,016

Saturday

- 07/25/09 (1) **Second Race – Late to Paddock**
The stewards were notified by Identifier Carl Sobey that #2 “British Spirit”, trained by Lisa Van Tassel, was late to the paddock. At approximately the time the call was ending the horse arrived in the paddock. The identifier recommended a Fifty (\$50) Dollar fine. The stewards agreed. More to follow.
- 07/25/09 (2) **Second Race – Inquiry/Change**
The stewards posted the “inquiry” sign at the conclusion of Race #2 to investigate an incident mid-stretch when #2 “British Spirit” (Rick Plano) and #5 “Mudflap” (Richard Bertrand) both broke stride. After reviewing film, the stewards unanimously concluded that #2 had complied with the breaking rule. However, the stewards concluded that #5, who remained “offstride” through the wire, was in violation of the breaking rule, thus #4, who finished fourth (4th) was placed sixth (6th) for violation of the breaking rule.

Original order of finish: 1-4-6-5-3-2
Official order of finish: 1-4-6-3-2-5
- 07/25/09 (3) **Second Race – Driver/Trainer Bertrand/Sanction**
After the announcement of the placing in Race #2, Driver Trainer Bertrand contacted the stewards by telephone and expresses his dissatisfaction with the decision. After a rather heated discussion, Bertrand ended the conversation with a rather derogatory profanity directed at the stewards. More to follow.
- 07/25/09 (4) **Second Race – Claim**
#2 “British Spirit” was claimed by Philip Campbell from Lisa Van Tassel for Four Thousand Six Hundred (\$4,600) Dollars. The new trainer is Frank Petrelli.
- 07/25/09 (5) **Fourth Race – Late to Paddock**
At the time the horses were entering the track for Race #4, the stewards were contacted by Paddock Judge Walter Petersen and informed that #2 “Leavnona Jateplane” (Troyce Thomas) was late for the post parade for no apparent reason. The paddock judge recommended a Fifty (\$50) Dollar fine. The stewards agreed. More to follow.
- 07/25/09 (6) **Cal-Bred Events**
No Cal-Bred events were written for the current week.
- 07/25/09 (7) **Program Changes**
3rd Race Declaration - #2 “Easter Call” – Trainer Tom Wine II
Refund: \$221 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
6th Race Declaration - #1 “Drive By Scooter” – Trainer Raul Escobedo
Refund: \$145 Lame – Dr. Robert Goodbary
9th Race Declaration - #1 “Be Like Sadie” – Trainer Tom Wine II
Refund: \$117 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

#8 "Falcon Forte N" – Trainer Lester Smith
 Refund: \$123 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 10th Race Declaration - #5 "Axelrod" – Trainer James Wilkinson
 Refund: \$168 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 #7 "Machine Maker" – Trainer Tom Wine II
 Refund: \$89 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 13th Race Declaration - #6 "Trajan" – Trainer Matias Ruiz
 Refund: \$168 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

07/25/09 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	520
Live Handle (On Track)	\$58,463
Handle (In State)	\$371,676
Handle (Out of State)	\$251,337
Total Handle	\$681,476

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

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- 07/23/09 91 Driver James Lackey, who was scheduled to drive the horse "Axelrod" in the Tenth Race on Saturday, July 18, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Late to Post Parade).
- 07/23/09 92 Trainer Troyce Thomas, who started "Ailene's Prince" in the Eleventh Race on Saturday, July 18, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Late Arriving in Paddock).
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W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

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.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
23-Jul	2	5	MELLOWROAD	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$76.00
	11	5	MUST BEA SADIE	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$79.00
	12	3	CAT CALL	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$55.00
24-Jul	11	8	CHECK RAISIN	HYMAN	Injured	Goodbary	\$12.00
	12	5	ART'S CLOWN	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$121.00
25-Jul	3	2	EASTER CALL	WINE II	Injured	Goodbary	\$221.00
	6	1	DRIVE BY SCOOTER	ESCOBEDO	Lame	Goodbary	\$145.00
	9	1	BE LIKE SADIE	WINE II	Injured	Goodbary	\$117.00
	9	8	FALCON FORTE N	SMITH	Injured	Goodbary	\$123.00
	10	5	AXELROD	WILKINSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$168.00
	10	7	MACHINE MAKER	WINE II	Injured	Goodbary	\$89.00
	13	6	TRAJAN	RUIZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$168.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	6,487.60
Bay Meadows	\$	-
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	5,981.90
Fresno Club One	\$	1,268.10
Golden Gate	\$	44,617.60
Monterey	\$	8,829.50
Pleasanton	\$	27,846.90
Sacramento	\$	124,325.00
San Jose	\$	33,966.20
San Mateo	\$	65,969.50
Santa Rosa	\$	9,502.80
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	3.00
Vallejo	\$	16,688.20
So. California	\$	475,194.80
Out of State	\$	736,820.04

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2009**

	Mon 07/20	Tues 07/21	Wed 07/22	Thurs 07/23	Fri 07/24	Sat 07/25	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	17
Claims	R	R	R	1	1	1	3	52
Disqualifications	K	K	K	0	0	1	1	50
Inquiries	D	D	D	0	1	1	2	97
Refunds	A	A	A	3	2	7	12	269
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	4	1	0	5	93

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke and McLaren were in attendance.

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward