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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, January 17, 2011 through Sunday, January 23, 2011. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

01/17/11 (1)

Entries

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for this week's (3 days) races.

01/17/11 (2)

Draw For Thursday's (01/20/11) Card

At 11:45 a.m., a post position draw was conducted for Thursday's card. As a result, seventy three (73) head were drawn to compete in ten (10) races. Scratch time is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

01/17/11 (3)

Dark Day

Tuesday

01/18/11 (1)

Scratch Time for Thursday 01/20/11

At scratch time for Thursday's card there were six (6) driver corrections, one (1) trainer correction and no other changes.

01/18/11 (2)

Draw for Friday and Saturday's Cards

A double draw was held commencing at 9:30 a.m. for Friday and Saturday. At the draw for Friday's card one hundred two (102) head were drawn to participate in the twelve (12) race card. Immediately following, a draw was conducted for Saturday's card with one hundred ten (110) head drawn to compete in thirteen (13) races. Scratch time for both cards is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

01/18/11 (3) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

01/19/11 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday's and Saturday's Cards**

At scratch time for Friday's card there were ten (10) driver corrections, three (3) injured scratches and one (1) trainer correction.

For Saturday's card there were numerous driver corrections, one (1) steward scratch and one (1) injured scratch.

01/19/11 (2) **Cal-Bred Races**

No Cal-Bred races were listed or used on this week's cards.

01/19/11 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

01/20/11 (1) **Qualifying Entries and Sheet**

The race office was open, accepting entries for qualifying races to be held this evening, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

This resulted in twenty three (23) horses scheduled to compete in four (4) qualifying races.

01/20/11 (2) **Tom McCarthy Visits with Stewards**

California Horse Racing Board Track Safety Steward Tom McCarthy visited with the stewards as a follow up to an email forwarded to Executive Director Breed by the Board of Stewards concerning a series of complaints by Trainers relative to an increase in equine injuries and their connection to track condition.

Mr. McCarthy visited with the stewards as a part of a process of familiarization with the harness industry, officials and track personnel.

01/20/11 (3) **Meeting – Investigators/Dave Dawson**

The Board of Stewards met with Investigator Carol Nolan and Prospective Licensee Dave Dawson.

Mr. Dawson, who had a prior problem with drug abuse, has had conversations with Executive Director Breed and Investigator Sharyn Jolly and has conformed to standards established to make Dawson eligible for licensing.

Mr. Dawson signed a test agreement, as required as a condition of his license and tested 'clean' on this date.

The Board of Stewards explained to Mr. Dawson how, in their opinion, fortunate he was to be granted this accommodation and wished him well.

01/20/11 (4) **Qualifying Races**

At the 4:30 p.m. qualifying races eighteen (18) of twenty three (23) participants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

01/20/11 (5) **Clean Card**

With the exception of a short inquiry to confirm compliance with the 'breaking' rule by eventual 5th Race winner, #7 "Mr Friendly" (Rick Plano), the card was conducted with no other reportable incidents.

The Board of Stewards was notified at 3:50 p.m. that there was a problem with notification of the scheduled hearings.

After discussion with Investigator Carol Nolan, the Board of Stewards postponed the hearings until January 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (More to follow).

01/22/11 (2) **Tote Problems**

Beginning with Race #2 and continuing through the remainder of the card, the tote was intermittently non-functional.

Specifically, the infield tote board 'froze' and required intervention by Scientific Games personnel to return to an operational mode.

At all times the 'in house' video monitors remained operational and displayed current information.

This situation appears to be worsening and is very distracting to key personnel.

01/22/11 (3) **Third Race – Driver to Film Review**

At the conclusion of Race #3, Gary Barbere (#6 "Power of Elizabeth) was contacted by the Board of Stewards and ordered to film review. More to follow.

01/22/11 (4) **Fifth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The stewards flashed the 'inquiry' sign to investigate the actions of #7 "Dani California" (Tim Maier), the eventual third (3rd) place finisher, who was observed 'off stride' before the start.

After reviewing film, the stewards unanimously concluded that #7 complied with the 'breaking' rule, thus no change.

01/22/11 (5) **Eighth Race – Delay/Late Declaration**

Prior to the start of Race #8, the stewards were contacted by Starter Bill Vallandingham and apprised of a situation where #8 "Heartbrake Ridge" (Ralph Silvestri III) had attempted to jump the outside rail near the draw gate located past the 1/2 mile marker.

#8 was observed to be 'astride' the rail and stuck in that position.

Quick work by the starting gate personnel, Outrider Billy Don Wainscott and State Veterinarian Robert Goodbary, resulted in the mare being returned to the racing surface with no injury.

The Board of Stewards scratched #8 and placed her on the steward's list, requiring her to qualify before being allowed to participate in pari-mutuel events.

Provisional Driver Ralph Silvestri III was checked by EMS personnel and found fit to resume his driving assignments.

This situation resulted in an approximately fifteen (15) minute delay. See attached accident report.

01/22/11 (6) **Ninth Race – Delay/Late Declaration**

While the horses were 'scoring down' prior to Race #9, the Board of Stewards were contacted by Official Veterinarian Dr. Henry Cook recommending that #2 "Gee Gee Cyril Lee" (Rick Plano) be scratched as

the horse was 'tying up' and, in his opinion, the animal was physically unable to race. The Board of Stewards, acting on Dr. Cook's recommendation, scratched #2.

- 01/22/11 (7) **Track Safety Steward Tim McCarthy Visits Stand**
As a part of his ongoing efforts to familiarize himself with the harness industry, Tom McCarthy visited with the Board of Stewards in the stand. Similarly, Tom rode in the mobile starting gate with Starter Bill Vallandingham and Driver Kenny Fowler, again as part of his ongoing familiarization efforts at Cal-Expo.
- 01/22/11 (8) **Track Surface**
The duty steward was approached by several trainers and drivers, all commenting favorably on the noticeable improvement in the racing surface.
- 01/22/11 (9) **Program Changes**
1st Race Program Correction - #8 "Cheyne's Train"
Program should read "Owner Solares, Obando & Obando"
3rd Race Program Correction - #3 "Keyword Hanover"
Program should read "Owner Gene Van Tassel"
8th Race Declaration - #8 "Heartbrake Ridge" – Trainer Michael Magri
Refund: \$3,023 Injured on Track
9th Race Declaration - #2 "Gee Gee Cyril Lee" – Trainer Rick Plano
Refund: \$3,123 Sick – Dr. Henry Cook
9th Race Claim - #8 "Lakers R Electric"
Claimed by K.C. Carvalho and R. Silvestri III
10th Race Declaration - #8 "Hot Shot" – Trainer Larry Hastings
Refund: \$106 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
- 01/22/11 (10) **Attendance and Handle**
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| Attendance | 436 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$41,935 |
| Handle (In State) | \$368,368 |
| Handle (Out of State) | <u>\$247,785</u> |
| Total Handle | \$658,088 |

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

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
20-Jan	5	2	SOUTHERN JOHN	CISCO	Injured	Goodbary	\$695.00
22-Jan	8	8	HEARTBRAKE RIDGE	MAGRI	Injured	Goodbary	\$3,023.00
	9	2	GEE GEE CYRIL LEE	PLANO	Sick	Cook	\$3,123.00
	10	8	HOT SHOT	HASTINGS	Injured	Goodbary	\$106.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	5,531.50
Fresno	\$	1,846.40
Fresno Club One	\$	1,674.70
Golden Gate	\$	36,161.20
Monterey	\$	12,507.00
Pleasanton	\$	25,615.90
Sacramento	\$	83,551.70
San Jose	\$	28,588.20
San Mateo	\$	47,659.80
Santa Rosa	\$	8,292.10
Stockton	\$	13,194.60
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	16,089.60
So. California	\$	386,285.10
Out of State	\$	702,899.02

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY 2011**

	Mon 01/17	Tues 01/18	Wed 01/19	Thurs 01/20	Fri 01/21	Sat 01/22	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	1	1	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	0	2	1	3	6
Disqualifications	K	K	K	1	1	0	2	6
Inquiries	D	D	D	2	1	1	4	14
Refunds	A	A	A	1	0	3	4	32
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	0	6

**Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, Baker and Meyers were in attendance.
All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.**

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward