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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, February 07, 2011 through Sunday, February 13, 2011. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

02/07/11 (1)

Entries

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for the current week's three (3) days of racing (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday).

02/07/11 (2)

Draw For Thursday's Card

At the 1:30 p.m. draw, eighty six (86) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) races. Scratch time is Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

02/07/11 (3)

Qualifying

Cal-Expo management announced that effective immediately, qualifying races would only be conducted every second week.

02/07/11 (4)

Dark Day

Tuesday

02/08/11 (1)

Scratch Time for Thursday's Card

At scratch time for Thursday's card there were thirteen (13) driver corrections and one (1) Lasix correction.

02/08/11 (2)

Draw for Friday and Saturday's Cards

At the 9:50 a.m. draw for Friday's card one hundred eleven (111) head were drawn to compete in fourteen (14) races.

Immediately following, 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.

02/08/11 (3) **USTA Trainers Test**
Prospective Trainer/Driver Terrence Ransom took his USTA test today under the supervision of Duty Steward Wayne Oke. The Board of Stewards wishes him well.

02/08/11 (4) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

02/09/11 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday and Saturday**
At scratch time for Friday's card there were fourteen (14) driver corrections and one (1) injured scratch.
At scratch time for Saturday's card there were sixteen (16) driver corrections.

02/09/11 (2) **Cal Bred Races**
No Cal Bred races were used this week.

02/09/11 (3) **Racing Safety Strategic Planning Meeting**
Safety Steward Wayne Oke attended the Racing Safety Strategic Planning Meeting held at U.C. Davis.
An opportunity to meet and talk with some of the industries foremost experts on equine health and safety issues.
Steward Will Meyers handled morning duties on this date.

02/09/11 (4) **Dark Day**

Thursday

02/10/11 (1) **Qualifying Entries and Sheet**
The race office was open this morning, accepting entries for qualifying races to be conducted this afternoon, commencing at 4:30 p.m.
The resultant sheet showed eighteen (18) head competing in three (3) qualifying events.

02/10/11 (2) **Qualifying Races**
Three (3) qualifying events were held commencing at 4:30 p.m. In these events fifteen (15) of eighteen (18) participants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

02/10/11 (3) **Second Race – Inquiry/No Change**
The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the actions of eventual race winner #2 “Alpine Hawk” (Richard Wojcio) before and after the 3/4 mile marker.
The film showed #2 and #5 “Berkshire” (Steve Wiseman), the eventual sixth (6th) place finisher, in very close quarters before and after the 3/4 mile marker.
After reviewing film and talking to the drivers involved, the Board of Stewards unanimously concluded that there was no rule violation, thus no change.
Driver Richard Wojcio was ordered to film review. More to follow.

02/10/11 (4) **Fourth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of second (2nd) place finisher, #6 “Deano’s Hi Ho” (Tony Succarotte), in the stretch. After reviewing film, the Board of Stewards unanimously concluded that although #6 was ‘rough gaited’ through the stretch, there was no ‘breaking rule’ violation, thus no change.

02/10/11 (5) **Fifth Race – Whipping Rule Violation/Sanction**

Driver Gary Barbere was contacted by the stewards after Race #5 relative to an obvious violation of the ‘whipping rule’.

Driver Barbere was quite candid concerning the violation and accepted the following ruling:

Ruling # 11

Driver Gary Barbere, who drove #1 “Maledictorian” in the Fifth Race on February 10, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Violation of ‘Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule’ – (2) Driver Must Keep One Line in Each Hand At All Times during the Race except When the Horse and Driver Reach The 7/8 Mile Marker During The Race.

02/10/11 (6) **Sixth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The stewards posted the inquiry to review the actions of second (2nd) place finisher #2 “Jess Or No” (Luke Plano), who broke stride before and after the 1/4 mile marker, and #5 “Giles L S Hanover” (Lemoyne Svendsen), who broke stride in the stretch.

In both cases the Board of Stewards unanimously concluded there was no violation.

02/10/11 (7) **Eighth Race – Inquiry/Change**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of #3 “Hope Tu Place” (Luke Plano), who broke stride at the head of the stretch and continued off stride through the finish.

After reviewing film, the Board of Stewards disqualified #3 and placed him last (6th).

Original order of finish: 5-4-1-2-3-6

Official order of finish: 5-4-1-2-6-3

02/10/11 (8) **Twelfth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of #1 “Western So” (Rocky Stidham), who was observed inside three (3) pylons.

#1 finished seventh (7th) and was placed eighth (last), for violation of the pylon rule.

Driver Rocky Stidham was considered to be a ‘victim of circumstances’ and, in the opinion of the Board of Stewards, no sanction was warranted.

Original order of finish: 5-7-3-4-2-8-1-6

Official order of finish: 5-7-3-4-2-8-6-1

- 02/10/11 (9) **Program Changes**
 5th Race Claim - #6 “Seneca Falls”
 Claimed by Ronald Lingle and Frank Petrelli
 8th Race Claim - #1 “Bit O Lavec”
 Claimed by William Hernandez/Lureno Alvarez/Matias Ruiz
 8th Race Declaration - #7 “Irish Whiskey” – Trainer Ralph Silvestri III
 Refund: \$197 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 11th Race Declaration - #7 “Princess Joy” – Trainer Tricia McConnell
 Refund: \$154 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

02/10/11 (10) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	149
Live Handle (On Track)	\$34,410
Handle (In State)	\$337,582
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$254,917</u>
Total Handle	\$626,909

Friday

02/11/11 (1) **Formal Hearing/Pony Rider Kendra S. McAllister – CHRB Case #10SW0155**

A formal hearing was conducted commencing at 3:30 p.m., into a situation which occurred at the Humboldt County Fair in Ferndale and Golden Gate Fields.

Testimony was heard, exhibits were introduced and the matter was deemed submitted.

The Board of Stewards informed the parties involved that a decision would be forthcoming no later than February 19, 2011. More to follow.

02/11/11 (2) **Film Review/Richard Wojcio**

Driver Wojcio appeared as requested to review his drive in Thursday’s 2nd Race.

At issue was a situation in the final turn when #2 “Alpine Hawk” (Richard Wojcio) and #5 “Berkshire” (Steve Wiseman) were in close quarters around the final turn. After reviewing film and speaking with the drivers, the stewards allowed the original order of finish to remain unchanged.

After reviewing film and a very frank discussion of the situation, the stewards explained to Driver Wojcio that they expected a veteran driver to be aware of those around him.

Driver Wojcio agreed and the stewards felt a warning was in order.

02/11/11 (3) **Third Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted to review films of the final turn action when the eventual race winner, #7 “Golie Tie”, was observed to be in close quarters with #9 “Acapulco Gold” (Lemoyne Svendsen), who finished third (3rd) in a dead heat.

After reviewing film and talking with both drivers, the stewards unanimously concluded there were no rule violations.

02/11/11 (4) **Fourth Race – Driver Sanction**

Driver Susan Boyce (#4 “Von Stauffenberg”) was contacted after Race #4 concerning her use of the whip during the event, and particularly in the stretch.

Driver Boyce offered that the horse was lazy and needed to be driven ‘aggressively’.

The Board of Stewards countered that this did not justify a rule violation.

Driver Boyce reluctantly agreed and accepted the following ruling:

Ruling # 12

Driver Susan Boyce, who drove #4 “Von Stauffenberg” in the Fourth Race on February 11, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Violation of ‘Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule’ – (2) Driver Must Keep One Line in Each Hand At All Times During the Race except When the Horse And Driver Reach the 7/8 Mile Marker During the Race.

02/11/11 (5) **Tote Problems**

Beginning with Race #5 and continuing through the remainder of the card, the tote board intermittently ‘froze’ at times, causing incorrect odds and pool totals.

At all times, the ‘in-house video’ system displayed the correct information.

02/11/11 (6) **Sixth Race – Film Review**

At the conclusion of Race #6, Driver Megan Beauchamp (#1, “Wicked Beach”), the eventual race winner, was ordered to film review. The stewards wish to review Ms. Beauchamp’s use of the whip during the event. More to follow.

02/11/11 (7) **Sixth Race – Driver Sanction**

Driver Ralph Silvestri III (#4, “A Girl Thing”) was contacted by the stewards after he was observed ‘whipping one handed’ before the 7/8 mile marker.

Driver Silvestri III was very candid in acknowledging his error and accepted the following ruling:

Ruling # 13

Provisional Driver Ralph Silvestri III, who drove #4 “A Girl Thing” in the Sixth Race on February 11, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Violation of ‘Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule’ – (2) Driver Must Keep One Line in Each Hand At All Times During the Race except When the Horse and Driver Reach the 7/8 Mile Marker During the Race.

02/11/11 (8) **Program Changes**

7th Race Declaration - #2 “Amcam” – Trainer Ralph Silvestri III

Refund: \$157 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

10th Race Claim - #3 “Whitesand Lord”

Claimed by Ronald Lingle and Frank Petrelli

02/11/11 (9)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	252
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$40,943
	Handle (In State)	\$464,893
	<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$344,633</u>
	Total Handle	\$850,469

Saturday

02/12/11 (1) **Qualifying Races**
 Cal Expo announced via the Condition Sheet that commencing next week, qualifying races will be held weekly on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

02/12/11 (2) **Recall/Declaration/Refund**
 Starter Bill Vallandingham declared a recall when #6 "Chartleysmonalisa" (Ralph Silvestri III) refused the gate.
 When the horse re-assembled, #6 again refused the gate. The starter continued with the start. The stewards immediately lit the 'inquiry sign'. The stewards declared #6, ordered a refund and placed #6 on the steward's list.

02/12/11 (3) **Program Changes**
 3rd Race Program Correction - #1 "ML Jackhammer"
 Program should read "Trainer Tim Maier"
 4th Race Program Correction - #4 "Da Boy"
 Program should read "Continues Lasix"
 4th Race Declaration - #8 "Quick On My Feet" – Trainer Chris Hernandez
 Refund: \$40 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 6th Race Declaration - #9 "Gee Up"- Trainer Vickie Desomer
 Refund: \$413 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 8th Race Declaration - #7 "Nicota" – Trainer Tim Maier
 Refund: \$525 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 10th Race Declaration - #2 "OK Reilly N" – Trainer Chris Hernandez
 Refund: \$201 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 #8 "Fork In The Road" – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Refund: \$335 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 11th Race Declaration - #9 "Misdori" – Trainer Rick Plano
 Refund: \$32 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 14th Race Declaration - #3 "On Eagles Wings" – Trainer Chris Hernandez
 Refund: \$64 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

02/12/11 (4)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	363
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$45,603
	Handle (In State)	\$399,982
	<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$297,973</u>
	Total Handle	\$743,558

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

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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>
10-Feb	8	7	IRISH WHISKEY	SILVESTRI III	Injured	Goodbary	\$197.00
	11	7	PRINCESS JOY	MCCONNELL	Injured	Goodbary	\$154.00
11-Feb	7	2	AMCAM	SILVESTRI III	Injured	Goodbary	\$157.00
12-Feb	4	8	QUICK ON MY FEET	HERNANDEZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$40.00
	6	9	GEE UP	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$413.00
	8	7	NICOTA	MAIER	Injured	Goodbary	\$525.00
	10	2	OK REILLY N	HERNANDEZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$201.00
	10	8	FORK IN THE ROAD	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$335.00
	11	9	MISDORI	PLANO	Injured	Goodbary	\$32.00
	14	3	ON EAGLES WINGS	HERNANDEZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$64.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	9,097.20
Fresno	\$	3,946.60
Fresno Club One	\$	5,894.00
Golden Gate	\$	40,099.70
Monterey	\$	13,469.40
Pleasanton	\$	25,919.00
Sacramento	\$	93,930.20
San Jose	\$	36,887.10
San Mateo	\$	58,601.60
Santa Rosa	\$	8,137.30
Stockton	\$	24,280.00
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	17,973.90
So. California	\$	465,801.70
Out of State	\$	897,524.10

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY 2011**

	Mon 02/07	Tues 02/08	Wed 02/09	Thurs 02/10	Fri 02/11	Sat 02/12	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	2	1	0	3	13
Disqualifications	K	K	K	2	0	1	3	10
Inquiries	D	D	D	5	1	1	7	26
Refunds	A	A	A	2	1	7	10	53
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	0	1	2	3	14

**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