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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, November 21, 2011 through Sunday, November 27, 2011. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

11/21/11 (1) **Entry Day**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26.

Tuesday

11/22/11 (1) **Double Draw Day**

The racing cards for Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26 were drawn this morning in the racing office. There will be fifteen (15) races on November 25. One hundred twenty (120) horses are scheduled to start.

There will be two (2) early non-betting and fifteen (15) wagering events on November 26. One hundred twenty (120) horses are also slotted for the pari-mutuel event.

Wednesday

11/23/11 (1) **Scratch Day**

The racing office was open today accepting scratches and changes for Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26. There were no scratches for either day. There were thirty five (35) driver changes/selections for November 25. Twenty eight (28) driver changes took place for racing November 26.

Friday

11/25/11 (1) **Harris Levin Hearing [Ref: 11/19/11 (5)]**

An informal hearing was held today for Trainer Harris Levin, who was scheduled to start #3 "You Go Shirl" in the fifth race November 19.

Trainer Levin is out of town for the next two (2) weeks and was represented today by Trainer Paul Hines.

“You Go Shirl” was scratched by the stewards last Saturday night after the horse showed up in the paddock with all four (4) of his shoes in very poor condition. Mr. Hines, representing Harris Levin, understood completely the steward’s reasoning for issuing the following ruling:

Ruling # 36

Owner/Trainer Harris Levin, who was scheduled to start “You Go Shirl” in the Fifth Race November 19, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Penalty for Late Declaration – Horse Improperly Shod) which resulted in a late scratch.

11/25/11 (2) **Top Drivers Battle**

Driver Luke Plano equaled a lifetime best this evening after finishing first eight (8) times on tonight’s fifteen (15) race card. Included in these wins was tonight’s fourth race where the Plano trained/driven “Thatssomebracciola” won the three (3) year old trotting filly division of “The California Sires Stakes” with a purse of \$15,000.

On November 12, Plano trailed leading Driver Steve Wiseman by eight (8) wins (79-71) in this season’s driver standings. Driver Wiseman had a very successful evening himself by visiting the winners circle a total of five (5) times.

11/25/11 (3) **Good Racing**

Tonight’s fifteen (15) race card went well as it was free of any steward’s inquiries and/or driver objections.

11/25/11 (4) **Program Changes**

5th Race Declaration - #5 “Ally Chandon” – Trainer Lester Smith

Refund: \$485 Treated Twice Lasix – Stewards

13th Race Declaration - #4 “Code Blue” – Trainer Lester Smith

Refund: \$158 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

11/25/11 (5) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	239
Live Handle (On Track)	\$42,411
Handle (In State)	\$355,972
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$369,135</u>
Total Handle	\$767,518

Saturday

11/26/11 (1) **Harris Levin Amended Ruling [Ref: 11/25/11 (1)]**

Amended Ruling # 36

Owner/Trainer Harris Levin, who was scheduled to start “You Go Shirl” in the Fifth Race November 19, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Two

Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – Horse Improperly Shod) which resulted in a late scratch.

The amended ruling above lists the correct rule number that was violated.

11/26/11 (2) **Lester Smith Informal Hearing**

Trainer Lester Smith appeared in the steward's office to discuss the late scratch of his trainee "Ally Chandon" in last night's (November 26) fifth race. Trainer Smith said he told Dr. Kathryn Jones to treat his horse with Lasix. He then said Owner Ty Pena's mother, Alyana, told Audrey Clifton D.V.M. to treat her son's (Ty Pena) horse with Lasix. Fortunately Trainer Smith discovered the mix-up before last night's fifth race took place. Dr. Audrey Clifton will be contacted regarding this matter. More to follow. The stewards unanimously voted to issue the following ruling:

Ruling # 37

Owner/Trainer Lester Smith, who was scheduled to start "Ally Chandon" in the Fifth Race November 25, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – Treated Twice Lasix).

11/26/11 (3) **George Luster Film Review**

Driver George Luster appeared in the steward's office as ordered, to review race replays of his drive in last night's (November 25) fifth race. Luster, who owned, reined and trained #4 "Precious Few", finished fourth in this race. The purpose of this meeting was to review Driver Luster's use of the whip before the 3/4 pole. Luster said he was unaware of the 'Cal Expo Whipping Rule', in which a driver is not allowed to take his hand out of the hand holds in order to whip before the 3/4 pole. Luster has had thirty three (33) drives this meet without incident. Warning issued.

11/26/11 (4) **Luke Plano Meeting**

Driver Luke Plano was called into the steward's office to view his drive of #3 "Sleigh Belle", who finished third in last night's (November 25) second race. The steward's were concerned with a tendency of Driver Plano to lean far back in his race bike while having his 'hand holds' very far back as well. This informal hearing was more of a safety video review than any potential issuance of a monetary sanction. No penalty.

11/26/11 (5) **Qualifying Races**

Two (2) qualifying races were held prior to two (2) non-wagering (purse \$15,000) and fifteen (15) pari-mutual races. Of the eight (8) participants five (5) made the grade.

11/26/11 (6) **Fourth Race – Recalls**

Starter Bill Vallandingham flashed his 'recall lights' prior to the fourth race. #4 "Sabotaj" (Quentin Schneider) had a possible equipment

problem. After the first recall #7 “Desired Result” (Tony Succarotte) became unmanageable approaching the gate. A third attempt at a start went smoothly.

11/26/11 (7) **Heavy Fog/Race Cancellations**

Shortly after the 6:00 p.m. start of this evening’s fifteen (15) race pari-mutuel card, heavy fog rolled in over Cal Expo’s one (1) mile oval. Judging the third race was very difficult as race participants could only be viewed entering the first turn and approximately the final 3/16 of a mile. Steward Grant Baker rode in the mobile starting gate with the purpose of observing potential breaks in stride, interference and relaying ‘running’ numbers to rooftop officials. This was so the betting public would know where race participants were racing during various ‘points of call’.

Following the eighth race, the stewards held a meeting in the paddock. Driver representative Gene Vallandingham and Cal Expo representative Brent Bridges were in attendance. After a short delay and no change in the weather anticipated based on forecasts, all parties agreed that race conditions were unsafe. Subsequently, races nine (9) through fifteen (15) were cancelled at 9:17 p.m. Announcements were made ‘on track’ and video monitors informed the public of the cancellation. Refunds on all exotic wagers were calculated by the mutuel department. CHRB Executive Director Kirk Breed was immediately notified of the cancellation.

11/26/11 (8) **Program Change**

6th Race Declaration - #3 “Heartland Express” – Trainer Larry Hastings
Refund: \$822 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

11/26/11 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	278
Live Handle (On Track)	\$21,216
Handle (In State)	\$199,997
Handle (Out of State)	\$125,004
Total Handle	\$346,217

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

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
25-Nov	13	4	CODE BLUE	SMITH	Injured	Goodbary	\$400.00
26-Jan	6	3	HEARTLAND EXPRESS	HASTINGS	Injured	Goodbary	\$822.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	3,553.50
Fresno	\$	1,136.70
Fresno Club One	\$	358.50
Golden Gate	\$	21,825.60
Monterey	\$	2,341.20
Pleasanton	\$	12,255.90
Sacramento	\$	50,436.70
San Jose	\$	19,333.40
San Mateo	\$	29,073.20
Santa Rosa	\$	3,846.80
Stockton	\$	10,583.50
Tulare	\$	15.60
Turlock	\$	5,994.10
Vallejo	\$	494,139.67
So. California	\$	204,072.40
Out of State	\$	654,894.37

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2011**

	Mon 11/21	Tues 11/22	Wed 11/23	Thurs 11/24	Fri 11/25	Sat 11/26	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	2	2	4	26
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	0	0	19
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	0	0	20
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	54
Refunds	A	A	A	A	2	1	3	69
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	1	2	37

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Baker, Meyers and Oke were in attendance.

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward