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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, May 7, 2012 through Sunday, May 13, 2012. Steward Wayne Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

5/7/12 (1)

**Entries**

The racing office was open this morning accepting entries for Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12.

5/7/12 (2)

**Routine Clerical Duties**

The duty steward in concert with the racing office staff processed the usual trainer changes, ownership changes as well as finalizing the previous week's claims. Additionally, requests for driver upgrades were coordinated with the USTA.

5/7/12 (3)

**Dark Day**

**Tuesday**

5/8/12 (1)

**The Draw**

At the 9:00am draw for Friday's card one hundred nineteen (119) head were drawn to compete in fifteen (15) pari-mutuel events. Additionally a California Sire Stake for a three year old filly trotter with two (2) entrants was carded as an "early non-betting event" with post time set at 5:30pm.

Immediately following, a draw was conducted for Saturday's card with one hundred twenty two (122) head drawn to compete in fifteen (15) pari-mutuel events. Additionally a California Sire Stake for a three year old colt and gelding trotter with six (6) horses were carded as an "early non-wagering event" with post time set at 5:30pm. Scratch time for both cards is tomorrow (Wednesday) at 9:00am.

5/8/12 (2)

**Dark Day**

**Wednesday**

5/9/12 (1)

**Scratch Time**

Scratches were handled telephonically in order to facilitate the Duty Steward's attendance at a "Stewards Committee" meeting at Hollywood Park. At scratch time for Friday's card there were numerous driver corrections and one (1) injured scratch. At scratch time for Saturday's card there were numerous driver changes and two (2) injured scratches.

5/9/12 (2)

**California Sire Stakes – Third Round**

The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) round of the California Sire Stake were raced this week with a total of twenty-two (22) horses competing in four (4) separate events distinguished by sex and gait. Each race went for a purse of twelve thousand (\$12,000.00) dollars.

5/9/12 (3)

**Dark Day****Thursday**

5/10/12 (1)

**CHRB vs. Audrey Clifton DVM Hearing (Case No: 12SW-0011)**

This case involved an alleged violation of CHRB rule #1845 (E) authorized bleeder medication. Attending the hearing were the Cal Expo Board of Stewards, CHRB Investigator Carol Nolan, CHRB Official Veterinarian Robert Goodbary and Respondent Dr. Audrey Clifton. The proceedings were recorded by Wendy Frazier of Frazier Reporting. The hearing was opened, testimony taken and exhibits entered. The matter was deemed submitted, decision to follow.

5/10/12 (2)

**Dark Day****Friday**

5/11/12 (1)

**Qualifying Entries & Sheet**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifying races to be conducted this afternoon at 4:30pm. The resulting qualifying sheet showed sixteen (16) head participating in the three (3) qualifying events.

5/11/12 (2)

**Scott Cisco Film Review**

Driver Scott Cisco appeared as requested to review his drive in the fourth race on May 5, 2012. The issue was the Driver Cisco's actions at the 3/8<sup>th</sup> mile marker when, while on the lead, slowed the pace noticeably causing the remainder of the field to be severely inconvenienced. After reviewing the video the Driver accepted the steward's assessment of the situation and accepted the following penalty:

**RULING # 36**

**DRIVER SCOTT CISCO, WHO DROVE "CODE BLUE" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON SATURDAY MAY 5, 2012, IS HEREBY FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1721 (F) (DRIVING RULES – SAT DOWN PAST THE QUARTER CAUSING CONFUSION AMONG TRAILING HORSES).**

5/11/12 (3)

**Rocky Stidham Film Review [REF: 5/5/12 (3)]**

Driver Rocky Stidham appeared as requested to review the fifteenth race on Friday May 5, 2012. In this event Driver Stidham with his charge #3 "Power Of

Elizabeth” was trapped along the pylons as the field approached the 3/4<sup>th</sup> mile marker and, was having difficulty controlling his horse. In an attempt to extricate himself from the situation Driver Stidham forced #6 “Little Water Tower” (James Kennedy) three (3) wide and in the unanimous opinion cost #6 a chance at a better placing. Thus #3 was disqualified.

Driver Stidham explained that the horse was very “rank” and in his opinion not properly equipped to optimize the Driver’s control. After a rather lengthy discussion the stewards unanimously chose to place the majority of the blame on the horse and cautioned Driver Stidham about putting himself in untenable situations. A warning was issued.

5/11/12 (4) **Harold Herrera Film Review [REF: 5/5/12 (1)]**

Driver Harold Herrera appeared as requested to review his drive on #6 “Badger Creek” in the seventh race on Saturday, May 05, 2012, the eventual race winner. As the field approached the start #6 “Badger Creek” (Harold Herrera) moved to his left and interfered with #5 “Mow Em Down” (Nick Casale) prior to the start. The stewards unanimously felt there should have been a “recall” however Starter Bill Vallandingham proceeded with the start. The stewards requested an explanation of the situation from Driver Herrera. Herrera insisted his actions had resulted from a reaction to #7 “The Future” (Scott Cisco) a claim not supported by the video available at the time.

The stewards with the concurrence of the Driver Herrera decided to delay the review to the following day in order to obtain a different video view of the incident. To be continued May 12, 2012.

5/11/12 (5) **Qualifying Races**

Three (3) qualifying races were conducted this evening with first post at 4:30pm. In these events fourteen (14) or sixteen (16) participants were successful in their qualifying effort.

5/11/12 (6) **Clean Card**

Friday’s card was contested with no reportable occurrences.

5/11/12 (7) **Program Changes**

13<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #1 “Mystically Mine” – Trainer Marco Rios  
 Refund:\$282                      Excused, Sick –Robert Goodbary, DVM

5/11/12 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	421
Live Handle (On Track)	\$54,128
Handle (In State)	\$334,047
Handle (Out of State)	\$367,624
Total Handle	\$755,799

**Saturday**

5/12/12 (1)

**Early Non-Wagering Sire Stake Inquiry—Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of #1 “El Azteca” (Marco Rios), the eventual second place finisher, who was observed inside multiple pylons in the stretch while improving his position.

After reviewing the video the stewards unanimously concluded that #1 “El Azteca” (Marco Rios) was guilty of violating the Cal Expo pylon rule: “No horse may go inside the pylons in order to gain an unfair advantage. Thus #1 “El Azteca” (Marco Rios) was disqualified and placed third for the violation.

Driver Marco Rios was ordered to Film Review.

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

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

5/12/12 (2)

**Harold Herrera Film Review Continued [REF: 5/5/12 (1)]**

Driver Harold Herrera was in the steward’s office to continue the film review which had commenced yesterday.

The stewards obtained an additional view of the start of the race in order to allow Driver Herrera the opportunity to substantiate his claim of pressure from #7 “The Future” (Scott Cisco). However, the film only enhanced the steward’s view that Herrera and his horse were solely responsible for the incident. After considerable discussion and deliberation the stewards unanimously issued the following ruling:

**RULING # 37**

**DRIVER HAROLD HERRERA, WHO DROVE “BADGER CREEK” IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON SATURDAY MAY 5, 2012, IS HEREBY FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1731 (F) (DRIVER INFRACTIONS – INTERFERENCE DURING THE START).**

Driver Herrera was warned to the effect that any future driving violations will be met with much stiffer penalties including suspension or revocation.

5/12/12 (3)

**First Race Inquiry-No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted in order to review the actions of second place finisher #3 “Jen’s Delight” (Luke Plano). In reviewing video the steward unanimously concluded that while #3 “Jen’s Delight” (Luke Plano) became rough gaited in the stretch there were no rule violations, thus no change.

5/12/12 (4)

**Seventh Race Inquiry-Change**

The inquiry sign was posted to investigate the actions of third place finisher #2 “Looks Don’t Count” (James Kennedy) who was observed ‘off-stride’ at the finish.

After reviewing the video the stewards unanimously concluded that #2 “Looks Don’t Count” (James Kennedy) was ‘off-stride’ at the finish and was ‘lapped on’ by #3 “Bee Gee” (Steve Wiseman). Thus #2 “Looks Don’t Count” (James Kennedy) was disqualified and placed fourth for violation of the breaking rule.

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

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

5/12/12 (5)

**Program Changes**

10<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change- #8 “Matty Rose”

Paul Welence for programmed Driver Rocky Stidham

14<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #2 “Bolero Twister” – Trainer Lisa Wilson

Refund:\$134                      Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

15<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change - #9 “Shalana”

Ralph Silvestri for programmed Driver Alberto Pacheco

5/12/12 (6)

**Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	358
Live Handle (On Track)	\$55,930
Handle (In State)	\$279,093
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$511,712</u>
Total Handle	\$846,735

## 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>
12-May	14	2	BOLERO TWISTER	LISA WILSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 134.00

**WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Bakersfield	\$	5,425.30
Fresno	\$	2,495.30
Fresno Club One	\$	979.20
Golden Gate	\$	33,285.50
Monterey	\$	4,713.80
Pleasanton	\$	15,422.90
Sacramento	\$	95,358.90
San Jose	\$	22,320.90
San Mateo	\$	33,268.90
Santa Rosa	\$	6,211.40
Stockton	\$	5,189.60
Tulare	\$	427.20
Vallejo	\$	12,611.50
So. California	\$	295,891.20

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION  
SUMMARY  
2012**

	<b>Mon 05/07</b>	<b>Tues 05/08</b>	<b>Wed 05/09</b>	<b>Thurs 05/10</b>	<b>Fri 05/11</b>	<b>Sat 05/12</b>	<b>Total Week</b>	<b>Total Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>

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

**All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.**

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**Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Grant Baker, Steward**