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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, November 4, 2013 through Sunday, November 10, 2013. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

11/04/13 (1) **Entries and Draw**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for the week's racing (Friday, 11/08 and Saturday, 11/09). At the 2:30pm draw for Friday's card eighty five (85) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) races.

11/04/13 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

11/05/13 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday's (11/08) Card**

At scratch time for Friday's card there were numerous driver corrections and no other changes.

11/05/13 (2) **Draw for Saturday's (11/09) Card**

At the 9:15am draw for Saturday's card eighty four (84) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) overnight events. Scratch time is tomorrow (Wednesday) at 9:00am.

11/05/13 (3) **Meeting with Head Office Personnel – Re: Cal Expo Track Condition**

Safety Steward Wayne Oke met with Head Office Personnel Tom McCarthy, Jeff Salmon and Rita Baker in order to discuss the procedure to follow to review a complaint filed by CHRB Licensee Meredith Higgins relative to the condition of the racetrack at Cal Expo. The resultant plan has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday with Track Superintendent J.R. Williams and Trainer Bob Johnson. Followed by a meeting with complainant Meredith Higgins. (More to follow)

11/05/13 (4) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

11/06/13 (1) **Meeting with J.R. Williams and Bob Johnson**

Stewards McCarthy, Oke and Salmon met with Track Superintendent J.R. Williams and Trainer Robert Johnson to further discuss the track condition at Cal Expo and the ongoing efforts to improve condition. It was mutually agreed that while not in ideal condition the track was safe. It was arranged for Trainer Johnson to take stewards McCarthy and Salmon on a tour of the track on a jog cart in order for them to gain further insight into the situation. (More to follow)

11/06/13 (2) **Meeting with CHRB Licensee Meredith Higgins**

Stewards McCarthy, Oke and Salmon met with Licensee Higgins in order to gain better understanding of the basis for Ms. Higgins complaint. While there is no doubt concerning Ms. Higgins sincerity in her complaint. One is left with the feeling it might be based more on emotion than fact. (More to follow)

11/06/13 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

11/07/13 (1) **Head Office Personnel**

At 8:00am today stewards McCarthy and Salmon toured the Cal Expo Race Track on a “two man jog cart” accompanied by Trainer Bob Johnson. This exercise was conducted in order to familiarize McCarthy and Salmon with the experience on the racetrack behind a horse relative to throwback surface hardness etc. Further inquiries will be conducted next week.

11/07/13 (2) **Dark Day**

Friday

11/08/13 (1) **Ninth Race Inquiry – Disqualification**

The ‘inquiry’ sign was posted to review an incident in mid stretch when #5 “Big Guy To Win” (Lemoyne Svendsen) third place and #1 “Melboy” (James Kennedy) seventh place were observed to be in extremely close quarters in mid stretch. After reviewing video and speaking to Driver James Kennedy the stewards unanimously concluded that #5 had impeded #1 in the stretch and cost #1 “an opportunity for a better placing” thus #5 was disqualified and placed seventh for interference. Driver Svendsen will attend film review. (More to follow)

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

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

11/08/13 (2) **Tenth Race Drivers Summoned**

At the conclusion of tenth race the stewards requested Drivers Steve Wiseman (#5 “Red Star Penny”) third place and David Siegel (#6 “Slight Belle”) fourth place attend film review. At issue were the fractions of the race. (More to follow)

11/08/13 (3) **Program Changes**

None

11/08/13 (4) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	294
Live Handle (On Track)	\$30,489
Handle (In State)	\$157,708
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$261,566</u>
Total Handle	\$449,763

Saturday11/09/13 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifying races to be conducted this evening. The resultant sheet shows twenty one (21) horses competing in three (3) qualifying events. First post is slated for 5:00pm.

11/09/13 (2) **Film Review – Lemoyne Svendsen [Ref: 11/08/13 (1)]**

Driver L. Svendsen appeared in the steward's office in order to review his drive in last evening's ninth race. In this event Svendsen's charge #5 "Big Guy To Win" who finished third in the race was disqualified and placed last for interference with #1 "Melboy" (James Kennedy) in the stretch. Svendsen was quite candid with the stewards in accepting responsibility for the incident. While pointing out some rather pronounced "harrow marks" in the stretch as a possible contributing factor. Ultimately Svendsen accepted responsibility for the incident and the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 4

DRIVER LEMOYNE SVENDSEN, WHO DROVE "BIG GUY TWO WIN" IN THE NINTH RACE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1721 (J) (DRIVING RULES – CHANGE COURSE AFTER SELECTING A POSITION IN THE HOMESTRETCH, OR BEAR IN OR OUT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO INTERFERE WITH ANOTHER HORSE OR CAUSE HIM TO CHANGE STRIDE OR BREAK). INCIDENT OCCURRED IN DEEP STRETCH - RESULTING IN A DISQUALIFICATION.

11/09/13 (3) **Tenth Race – Driver Wiseman In [Ref: 11/08/2013 (2)]**

Driver Steve Wiseman appeared as requested in order to review his drive in this race. At issue were the rather pedestrian fractions in the first half mile of the event. Wiseman was on the lead in the first quarter mile which was timed in thirty one (31) seconds. Wiseman correctly pointed out that while the fraction was slow the drivers of the following horses were comfortable and there was no confusion. The stewards while accepting Wiseman's assessment of the situation, suggested that he was perilously close to a sanction. Driver Wiseman suggested he would be more aware in the future.

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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
9-Nov	1	5	HI HO HI HO	MARCO RIOS	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 563.40
9-Nov	3	3	GIANT SCULPTURE	GENE VALLANDINGHAM	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 67.60
9-Nov	6	4	GLIDING BOHEME	MIKE JARVIS	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 68.30
9-Nov	6	6	TWICE THE RUCKUS	GEORGE REIDER	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 68.30

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	-
Fresno	\$	2,848.00
Fresno Club One	\$	1,588.30
Golden Gate	\$	16,557.80
Monterey	\$	5,099.20
Pleasanton	\$	12,716.30
Sacramento	\$	61,660.00
San Jose	\$	13,068.10
San Mateo	\$	25,523.20
Santa Rosa	\$	3,907.40
Stockton	\$	9,190.90
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	7,115.70
No. California	\$	-
So. California	\$	129,945.10
Out of State	\$	-

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SUMMARY

2013

	Mon 11/04	Tues 11/05	Wed 11/06	Thurs 11/07	Fri 11/08	Sat 11/09	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	0	0	1
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	1	0	1	2
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	1	1	2	7
Refunds	A	A	A	A	0	4	4	17
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	2	2	4

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward