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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 3, 2014 through Sunday, March 9, 2014. Steward William Meyers was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

03/03/14 (1) **Entries for Friday and Saturday – Friday Draw**

The racing office was open for the taking of entries for Friday and Saturday cards. The draw for Friday's races was conducted at approximately 3PM. One hundred two (102) horses are scheduled to participate in thirteen (13) races for Friday. No Cal-Bred races were used.

03/03/14 (2) **Accident Follow Up – Drivers (Ref: 03/01/14 (7))**

Three (3) of the four (4) drivers involved in the accidents in Saturday's eleventh race plan on driving this coming weekend after being released on Saturday night from the emergency room. They are Gene Vallandingham, Lemoyne Svendsen, and Patrick Galbraith. All were contacted and told a formal release from their doctor or the emergency doctor to resume driving would be required. They are in process of getting the paperwork. The fourth driver, Paul Welence, is having surgery to repair his right shoulder and will be out of competition for an extended period.

03/03/14 (3) **Dark Day**

**Tuesday**

03/04/14 (1) **Scratches for Friday – The Draw for Saturday**

Numerous driver changes and one scratch were submitted for Friday. Saturday's fourteen (14) race card had one hundred seven (107) horses entered. No Cal-Bred races were used.

03/04/14 (2) **Dark Day**

**Wednesday**03/05/14 (1) **Scratches and Changes for Saturday**

One Scratch and numerous driver changes were taken for Saturday. The balance of the morning was left to follow up with concerns over Saturday's accident

03/05/14 (2) **Dark Day****Thursday**03/06/14 (1) **Dark Day****Friday**03/07/14 (1) **Maier Ruling (Ref: 03/01/14 (1))****RULING # 24**

TRAINER **TIMOTHY MAIER**, WHO STARTED "**SHOW RUNNER**" FIRST IN THE SECOND RACE NOVEMBER 15, 2013, AND "**CHERRY TREE NICOLE**" SECOND IN THE FOURTH RACE ON NOVEMBER 23, 2013 AT CAL EXPO CA, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (**\$750.00**)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE **#1843** (MEDICATIONS, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – KETOPROFEN IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL 27.3 NG/ML AND 29.2 RESPECTIVELY) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE **#1887** (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE).

The above ruling was issued following deliberation over Saturday's hearing. Part of mitigation was the fact that the second 'Ketoprofen' high reading came before Maier was notified of the first and he had no idea anything was amiss. Also, a split sample reading on the second high reading dropped the amount significantly, from 52.7 ng/ml to 29.2 ng/ml.

03/07/14 (2) **Longo Hearing (Ref: 03/01/14 (7))**

Driver Gerald Longo appeared and reviewed last Saturday's accident in the eleventh race in which his mount was disqualified and placed unplaced. Mr. Longo put up a valiant argument, pointing to the actions of other horses. However, the Stewards disagreed with his assessment and issued the following ruling by majority decision. Steward Meyers felt a four day suspension was satisfactory since races are only conducted on two days a week here at Cal Expo.

**RULING # 25**

DRIVER **GERALD LONGO**, WHO DROVE "**LARRY HORSE**" IN THE ELEVENTH RACE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014, IS HEREBY **SUSPENDED SIX (6)\* RACING DAYS**, FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2014, SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2014, FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2014, SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2014, FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2014 AND SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2014 (DRIVING ONLY) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE

RACING BOARD RULE #1721(K) (DRIVING RULES – DROVE IN A CARELESS OR RECKLESS MANNER) WHICH RESULTED IN AN ACCIDENT, AND SUBSEQUENT DISQUALIFICATION FROM FIRST TO UNPLACED.

03/07/14 (3) **Smithpeters Licensing**

Sean Smithpeters, son of Trainer Gretchen Smith, wished to return to driving following an extended hiatus. Mr. Smithpeters has been working outside of racing since 2004, but keeping his hand in on a ranch in Illinois. He has now moved his family to California and wants to help his mother. He is now approved for a qualifying license only, until he demonstrates his ability to this Board of Stewards.

03/07/14 (4) **Driver Update (Ref: 03/03/14 (2))**

Drivers Vallandingham, Svendsen, and Galbraith all submitted doctors' clearances to participate. Driver Welence underwent shoulder surgery for a reported eight (8) hours and will be out of action for an extended period.

03/07/14 (5) **Program Late**

Tonight's racing programs were late in arriving. According to backside Operations Director Kate Phariss, the driver failed to pick up Cal Expo's forms and programs from the dock at the L.A. Times and other arrangements had to be made. The programs arrived following the second race and Stewards received theirs' by the sixth race after working off of proof copies from the first five (5) races.

03/07/14 (6) **Program Changes**

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #9 "Blue Gem" – Trainer Harold Herrera  
Refund:\$3.30 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

03/07/14 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	196
Live Handle (On Track)	\$56,036
Handle (In State)	\$317,908
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$392,047</u>
Total Handle	\$765,991

**Saturday**

03/08/14 (1) **Qualifiers**

Seven (7) of nine (9) made the grade in tonight's two (2) qualifiers.

03/08/14 (2) **Welence Calls (Ref: 03/07/14 (4))**

Driver Paul Welence called the Board of Stewards to relate that he came out of his eight (8) hour operation with a good prognosis for regaining use of his right arm. He was told by his doctor that it would be a year before he was totally rehabilitated. He thanked the Stewards and all involved for their care and concern.

03/08/14 (3) **Third Race Inquiry – No Change**

Prohibitive favorite #1 “Tiger Bait” (Patrick Galbraith – DNF) went off stride at the start regained stride and then bolted around the final turn. After review it was determined #1 created its own problem and was placed on the Steward list to re-qualify. No change.

03/08/14 (4) **Fifth Race – Danny Maier**

Following the running of the fifth race Investigator Carol Nolan contacted the Stewards with information that Danny Maier raced without a safety vest. Maier was contacted and accepted the fact that a penalty will be forthcoming.

03/08/14 (5) **Ninth Race – Horse Vanned Off**

#3 “Hello Sevens” (Tr. Dario Solares) was pulled up by Driver David Siegel in the middle of the final turn while lagging behind the field. Track Veterinarian Eduardo De La Cruz attended and ordered the horse to be loaded on the horse ambulance. No leg injuries reported.

03/08/14 (6) **Thirteenth Race – Tote System Down**

Post time for the thirteenth race was delayed do to a system wide Tote failure. The system went down at 10:34PM with original post set for 10:39PM. The race commenced at 11:01PM. During the delay announcements were made and graphics displayed to inform the public. The horses for the thirteenth race were sent back to the paddock while awaiting a recovery of the system. According to Tote Technician Michele Arndt, the problem originated at the “hub” in New Jersey. A letter of explanation was requested and will be attached to these minutes. No further problems arose for the last (fourteenth) race.

03/08/14 (7) **Program Changes**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Declaration: #7 “More Tequila” – Trainer James Kennedy  
 Refund:\$203.40                      Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change: Tim Maier for  
    Leon Smith – Injured Arm  
 11<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #5 “Laredos Goose” – Trainer James Kennedy  
 Refund:\$1,371.60      Injured Paddock–Eduardo De La Cruz DVM

03/08/14 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	253
Live Handle (On Track)	\$48,293
Handle (In State)	\$370,318
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$392,458</u>
Total Handle	\$811,059

## 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
7-Mar	7	9	BLUE GEM	HAROLD HERRERA	Injured	Zucco	\$ 3.30
8-Mar	1	7	MORE TEQUILA	JAMES KENNEDY	Injured	Zucco	\$ 203.40
8-Mar	11	5	LAREDOS GOOSE	JAMES KENNEDY	Injured	De La Cruz	\$ 1,371.60

### WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Fresno	\$	2,778.90
Fresno Club One	\$	752.70
Golden Gate	\$	30,222.60
Monterey	\$	4,866.00
Pleasanton	\$	14,174.60
Sacramento	\$	82,211.70
San Jose	\$	17,085.90
San Mateo	\$	34,305.40
Santa Rosa	\$	6,479.90
Stockton	\$	12,634.50
Vallejo	\$	14,000.70
So. California	\$	197,525.10

## WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO SUMMARY 2014

	Mon 03/03	Tues 03/04	Wed 03/05	Thurs 03/06	Fri 03/07	Sat 03/08	Total Week	Total Meet
<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>2</b>
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>

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

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Grant Baker, Steward**

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