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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, April 14, 2014 through Sunday, April 20, 2014. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

- 04/14/14 (1) **Entries and Draw for Friday and Saturday**
 The race office was open this morning accepting entries for this week's two (2) racing programs. At the 2:15PM draw for Friday's card ninety five (95) head were drawn to compete in thirteen (13) overnight races. Scratch time is tomorrow (Tuesday) at 9:00PM.
- 04/14/14 (2) **Entry Time/ Vets List**
 There appears to be a problem coordinating information between the race office and the state veterinarian office. The situation is such that all horses being removed from the Vet's List need to have the info provided to the race office by 9:00AM.
- 04/14/14 (3) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

- 04/15/14 (1) **Draw for Saturday's Card**
 At the 10:00AM draw for Saturday's card eighty three (83) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) races. Scratch time is tomorrow at 9:00AM.
- 04/15/14 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

- 04/16/14 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday's Card**
 At scratch time for Saturday's card there were numerous driver corrections and one (1) injured scratch.

04/16/14 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

04/17/14 (1) **Dark Day**

Friday

04/18/14 (1) **Informational Meeting**

Watch & Wager LLC.com Management called a meeting in the Paddock in order to update the backstretch personnel on plans for the remainder of the meet. While originally scheduled to conclude on Saturday May 17th, management informed all in attendance that the meet would conclude on May 10th, and racing on Friday May 9th would be cancelled. Horsemen were also informed there would not be any stabling at Cal Expo during the off-season. Stalls must be vacated by May 18, 2014 and stabling will re-open on Monday August 11, 2014. The race meet is schedule to re-open on or about October 4, 2014 with racing one day per week for the month of October. Those in attendance were addressed by Chris Schick and Ben Kenney of Watch & Wager LLC.com along with California Harness Horseman's Association President David Numeister. Horsemen were encouraged to offer any suggestions for improving conditions for future race meets and methods for encouraging more horsepersons to participate at said meets.

04/18/14 (2) **First Race/ Timer Malfunction**

The timer malfunctioned at the half mile marker necessitating hand timing of the event. The problem was fixed before the second race.

04/18/14 (3) **Fourth Race Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted in order to review the breaking horses in the race there were no rule violations. Thus no change.

04/18/14 (4) **Program Changes**

4th Race Declaration: #4 "Early Boy" – Trainer Gene Vallandingham

Refund:\$485.70

Sick – Clifford Zucco DVM

6th Race Declaration: #6 "Hi Tech Tony" – Trainer Tim Brown

Refund:\$214.70

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

04/18/14 (5) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	234
Live Handle (On Track)	\$50,777
Handle (In State)	\$285,836
Handle (Out of State)	\$354,409
Total Handle	\$691,022

Saturday

04/19/14 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifying races to be contested this afternoon with first post at 5:15PM. The resultant qualifying sheet showed eleven (11) head competing in two (2).

04/19/14 (2) **Film Review/ Driver George Luster**

Driver George Luster appeared in the office as requested in order to review his drive in the sixth race on April 12th aboard #7 “AJ’s Little One.” At issue was the start of the event during which #7 was observed to be “off the gate” and “crossed over before the start.” After reviewing video, driver Luster agreed with the Stewards assessment of the situation and the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 46

DRIVER GEORGE LUSTER, WHO DROVE “AJ’S LITTLE ONE” IN THE SIXTH RACE ON APRIL 12, 2014, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1731 (E) (DRIVER INFRACTIONS [STARTING RULES] – CROSSING OVER BEFORE REACHING THE START) AND #1731 (G) (DRIVER INFRACTIONS – FAIL TO COME UP INTO POSITION).

04/19/14 (3) **Qualifying Horses Scratched**

Prior to post time for the days qualifying program the Stewards were informed by State Veterinarian Clifford Zucco that the trainer of “Most Happy Lavros” (James Kennedy) and the trainer of “LS Orchardwinner” (Lester Smith) had failed to follow the proper protocol necessary to have their horses removed from the “Vet’s List” and be eligible to qualify. Thus the horses were scratched.

04/19/14 (4) **Qualifying Races**

In today’s qualifying races nine (9) of nine (9) aspirants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

04/19/14 (5) **First Race Inquiry/ No Change**

The ‘inquiry’ sign was posted in order to review the actions of #1 “Lexie’s Delight” (Steve Wiseman) the eventual fourth place finisher. After review video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #1 who was observed “off-stride” before and after the start had complied with the “breaking rule.” Thus no change.

04/19/14 (6) **Third Race/ Drivers to Film Review**

At the conclusion third race the Stewards contacted Driver Gene Vallandingham #3 “Cheyenne Shark” (third) and Provisional Driver Sean Smithpeters #5 “I Can Feel It” (second). At issues was these drivers action immediately prior to and immediately after the start. While worthy of review neither actions rose to the level of disqualification. More to follow.

04/19/14 (7) **Sixth Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The ‘inquiry’ sign was lit in order to review the actions of #5 “Breakin Loose” (Robert Roesch) fifth who was observed “off-stride” in deep stretch through the finish. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #5 was “lapped on” while off-stride. Thus #5 was disqualified and place sixth for violation of the “breaking rule.”

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

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

04/19/14 (8) **Twelfth Race/ Driver to Film Review**

At the conclusion of twelfth race the Stewards ordered Driver Williams Hernandez #8 "Jessalilpeace" (fifth) to film review in order to discuss his actions at the start of the event. More to follow.

04/19/14 (9) **Program Changes**

None

04/19/14 (10) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	234
Live Handle (On Track)	\$44,168
Handle (In State)	\$338,596
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$326,442</u>
Total Handle	\$709,206

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
18-Apr	4	4	EARLY BIRD		Sick	Zucco	\$ 485.70
18-Apr	6	6	HI TECH TONY		Injured	Zucco	\$ 214.70

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	-
Fresno	\$	2,358.60
Fresno Club One	\$	913.50
Golden Gate	\$	21,701.50
Monterey	\$	4,757.60
Pleasanton	\$	10,320.20
Sacramento	\$	78,523.90
San Jose	\$	14,305.80
San Mateo	\$	28,414.20
Santa Rosa	\$	5,672.40
Stockton	\$	11,044.20
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	12,717.60
No. California	\$	-
So. California	\$	156,264.10
Out of State	\$	-

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SUMMARY

2014

	Mon 04/14	Tues 04/15	Wed 04/16	Thurs 04/17	Fri 04/18	Sat 04/19	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	32
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	0	0	21
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	1	1	21
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	2	3	5	55
Refunds	A	A	A	A	2	0	2	141
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	1	1	46

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

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward