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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, November 24, 2014 through Sunday, November 30, 2014. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

11/24/14 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

11/25/14 (1) **Entries for Saturday and Sunday (11/29/14 and 11/30/14)**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Saturday (11/29) and Sunday (11/30).

11/25/14 (2) **USTA Trainers Test**

Prospective Trainer Eduardo Hernandez took the U.S.T.A trainers test today. The completed test was forwarded to the U.S.T.A for scoring.

11/25/14 (3) **Draw for Saturday (11/29) and Sunday (11/30)**

At the 4:00PM draw for Saturday's card one hundred twelve (112) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) overnight events. Immediately following a draw was conducted for Sunday's card with ninety (90) head were drawn to compete in eleven (11) overnight events. Scratch time for both cards is tomorrow at 9:00AM.

11/25/14 (4) **California Sire Stake**

Sixth Race on Saturday's card is a California Sire Stake event for three (3) year old colt and gelding pacers with eight (8) head competing for a purse of ten thousand (10,000.00) dollars.

11/25/14 (5) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

11/26/14 (1)

Scratch Time for Saturday and Sunday

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were numerous driver corrections and one (1) injured scratch. At scratch time for Sunday's card there were numerous driver corrections, one (1) claiming price adjustment and one (1) Stewards scratch.

11/26/14 (2)

Dark Day**Thursday**

11/27/14 (1)

Dark Day**Friday**

11/28/14 (1)

Dark Day**Saturday**

11/29/14 (1)

Qualifiers Cancelled

Due to a lack of entries three (3) and the inclement weather qualifiers were cancelled this week. Next qualifying day will be Saturday, December 6th.

11/29/14 (2)

Licensee In [Ref: 11/22/14 (8)]

Owner/Trainer/Driver Ryan Grundy appeared in the Stewards office to explain his absence on Saturday, November 22, 2014. The fact is that Grundy operates under a "Declaration of No Employees" and had three (3) horses programmed to start on that card. At issue was the fact because Grundy does not have workers compensation insurance, substitute drivers could not be named necessitating the scratching of all three (3) horses. Grundy, who is a Canadian citizen explained that he was refused re-entry to the U.S. after returning home to bring more horses to Cal Expo to race. Ultimately it took seven (7) or eight (8) days for Grundy to meet the requirements imposed on him by the I.N.S. Grundy understood the negative effect of his absence and while an unfortunate circumstance accepted a penalty, which will be published next week. (More to follow)

11/29/14 (3)

Driver Sanction

At the conclusion of fourth race the Stewards contacted Driver Luke Plano #1 "Hello Sevens" the eventual race winner, at issue was the fact Driver Plano was three (3) minutes late to the post parade. Driver Plano could provide no viable explanation for his tardiness ruling will be issued next week.

11/29/14 (4)

Program Changes

2nd Race Declaration: #4 "Sand Vixen" – Trainer Bruce White

Refund:\$239.80

Stewards

3rd Race Declaration: #5 "Part Time Lady" – Trainer Mike Jarvis

Refund:\$71.54

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

5th Race Declaration: #1 "La Diva De Rosa" – Trainer Lester Smith

Refund:\$179.24

Track Condition – Stewards

8th Race Declaration: #2 "Firstforthegirls" – Trainer Lester Smith

Refund:\$30.80

Track Condition – Stewards

11th Race Declaration: #1 "Out To Kill A" – Trainer Richard Dunneback

Refund:\$79.70

Sick – Clifford Zucco DVM

11/29/14 (5)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	314
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$44,339
	Handle (In State)	\$299,405
	<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$335,807</u>
	Total Handle	\$679,551

Sunday

11/30/14 (1) **Third Race Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit in order for the Stewards to investigate the actions of #4 "El Azteca" (James Kennedy) eventual second place finisher, prior to and after the start. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that there had been no interference and #4 complied with the breaking rule thus no change.

11/30/14 (2) **Fifth Race Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit after the Stewards observed #5 "Myrearsureview" (Steve Wiseman) the eventual race winner and #4 "Rhi's Acuz Thats Y" (David Siegel) the fourth place finisher in very close quarters in deep stretch. After reviewing video and speaking with the drivers involved the Stewards unanimously concluded that the actions of #5 did not cause #3 "an opportunity for a better placing" thus no change.

11/30/14 (3) **Seventh Race/ Non Finisher/ Protocols**

During the running of seventh race #2 "Peruvian Paradise" (Williams Hernandez) pulled up in the vicinity of the ¾ mile marker. As soon as the race concluded the Stewards dispatched official Veterinarian Dr. De La Cruz to the scene. Dr. De La Cruz after a quick evaluation called for the horse ambulance, a request that was routed to the Starter Ken Fowler in accordance with established protocol. The protocols did not function as planned resulting in a twelve (12) minute delay in the horse ambulance's arrival on scene. In the interim Dr. De La Cruz advised the Stewards #2 had suffered a "heart arythmeia" and while serious the situation was not life threatening. Blood samples were drawn and the horse was safely removed from the racing surface. The Stewards referred the situation to Safety Steward Tom McCarthy for evaluation and suggestions as to ways to avoid a repeat of this situation.

11/30/14 (4) **Eighth Race/ Driver Objection/No Change**

Driver Stephen Farrell lodged an objections against #5 "Me Tarzan" (Tim Maier) for alleged interference after the start and approaching the ¼ mile marker. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that there was no basis for the objection and in fact if there was culpability in the incident it might rest with Driver Farrell. Driver Farrell will attend film review with the Stewards on December 6, 2014.

11/30/14 (5) **Management Approaches Board of Stewards/ Re: Horse Ambulance**

After the ninth race the Stewards received a visit in the "crows nest" from Backstretch Coordinator Kate Phariss. Ms. Phariss assured the Stewards to the effect that adequate protocols are in place and she was taking steps to insure this doesn't happen again. The Stewards, while appreciative of her assurance

informed Ms. Phariss that Safety Steward Tom McCarthy would be reviewing the protocols.

11/30/14 (6) **Tenth Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was lit in order to review the actions of #2 “Flight of the Kiwi” (Bruce Clarke) the eventual fifth place finisher who was observed “off-stride” at the finish. After reviewing video and photo finish shots it was unanimously determined that #2 was in violation of the breaking rule “lapped on at finish.” Thus #2 was disqualified and placed seventh for violation of the breaking rule. Driver Bruce Clarke was held blameless in the incident.

Original order of finish: 5,7,4,8,2,6,10,1,3

Official order of finish: 5,7,4,8,6,10,2,1,3

11/30/14 () **Program Changes**

8th Race Declaration: #8 “Bobbysslackerstar” – Trainer Quentin Schneider
Refund:\$134.64 Track Condition/ Stewards

10th Race Declaration: #9 “The Evictor” – Trainer Pierre Girard
Refund:\$694.00 Track Condition/ Stewards

11/30/14 () **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	140
Live Handle (On Track)	\$28,418
Handle (In State)	\$201,743
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$413,015</u>
Total Handle	\$643,176

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

**ATTENDANCE
REPORT -**

The full Board of Stewards were 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
29-Nov	2	4	SAND VIXEN	WHITE	Stewards	Stewards	\$ 239.80
29-Nov	3	5	PART TIME LADY	JARVIS	Injured	Zucco	\$ 71.54
29-Nov	5	1	LA DIVA DE ROSA	SMITH	Track Condition	Stewards	\$ 179.24
29-Nov	8	2	FIRSTFORTHEGIRLS	SMITH	Track Condition	Stewards	\$ 30.80
29-Nov	11	1	OUT TO KILL A	DUNNEBACK	Sick	Zucco	\$ 79.70
30-Nov	8	8	BOBBYSSLACERSTAR	SCHNEIDER	Track Condition	Stewards	\$ 134.64
30-Nov	10	9	THE EVICTOR	GIRARD	Track Condition	Stewards	\$ 694.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	-
Fresno	\$	3,045.30
Fresno Club One	\$	843.30
Golden Gate	\$	21,404.30
Monterey	\$	4,389.80
Pleasanton	\$	8,252.00
Sacramento	\$	59,620.90
San Jose	\$	15,864.10
San Mateo	\$	26,620.10
Santa Rosa	\$	3,569.50
Stockton	\$	9,574.60
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	8,968.60
No. California	\$	-
So. California	\$	1,944.50
Out of State	\$	-

**WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO
SUMMARY
2014**

	Mon 11/24	Tues 11/25	Wed 11/26	Thurs 11/27	Fri 11/28	Sat 11/29	Sun 11/30	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	A	1	0	1	1
Claims	R	R	R	R	R	0	1	1	14
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	K	0	1	1	16
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	D	0	4	4	22
Refunds	A	A	A	A	A	5	2	7	40
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	16

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

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward