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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, February 22, 2016 through Sunday, February 28, 2016. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

02/22/16 (1) **Dark Day**

**Tuesday**

02/23/16 (1) **Error of Omission**

The Board of Stewards at the beginning of the current meet failed to declare all California Sire Stake races be considered "designated races" in accord with CHRB Rule #1766. With this entry the Board of Stewards is correcting this oversight.

02/23/16 (2) **Entries for Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Saturday and Sunday cards.

02/23/16 (3) **Draw for Saturday**

At the draw for Saturday's card eighty seven (87) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) pari-mutuel events. Additionally, three (3) California Sired three (3) year old pacing fillies were drawn to compete in an early non-betting event with post time set for 5:45PM. Scratch time is Wednesday at 9:00AM.

02/23/16 (4) **Tyler Departure**

As mandated in CHRB Ruling #20A Trainer Marissa Tyler vacated her stalls today.

02/23/16 (5) **Dark Day**

**Wednesday**

02/24/16 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday's Card**

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were numerous driver changes and one (1) injured scratch.

02/24/16 (2) **Draw for Sunday's Card**

At the draw for Sunday's card there were ninety seven (97) head drawn to compete in twelve (12) pari-mutuel events. Included in the card is a race for California Sired three (3) year old trotters competing for a purse of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00). Scratch time is tomorrow at 9:00AM.

02/24/16 (3) **Dark Day**

**Thursday**

02/25/16 (1) **Scratch Time for Sunday's Card**

At scratch time for Sunday's card there were numerous driver changes; one (1) injured scratch and one (1) Steward's scratch (not eligible).

02/25/16 (2) **Dark Day**

**Friday**

02/26/16 (1) **Dark Day**

**Saturday**

02/27/16 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifying races to be conducted today at 5:00PM. The resultant qualifying sheet showed fifteen (15) head competing in three (3) qualifiers.

02/27/16 (2) **Film Review/Driver Mike Jarvis [Ref: 02/21/16 (6)]**

Driver Mike Jarvis appeared as requested in order to review his drive in the first race on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. At issue was Driver Jarvis's penchant for dropping his right foot out of the stirrup during the stretch drive. Driver Jarvis maintained and the Stewards concurred that this was "bad habit" developed over forty (40) years plus in the sulky. A warning was deemed appropriate in this instance, however Driver Jarvis was placed on notice that any future violations will result in sanctions.

02/27/16 (3) **Film Review/ Driver Tim Clevenger [Ref: 02/20/16 (4)]**

Driver Tim Clevenger made a belated attendance in order to review his drive in the first race on February 20<sup>th</sup>. At issue was a potential violation of the "Cal Expo Whipping Rule." After reviewing video Driver Clevenger agreed with the Stewards assessment of the situation and the following ruling was issued:

**RULING #30**

**DRIVER TIM CLEVINGER, WHO DROVE "WHATCHAMACALLUM" IN THE FIRST RACE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016 AT CAL EXPO, CA**

IS HEREBY FINED FIFTY (\$50.00)\* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED – VIOLATION OF ‘CAL-EXPO HOUSE WHIPPING RULE’ – (4) (A) ANY BLATANT OR EXAGGERATED MOVEMENTS OF THE WHIPPING ARM WHICH WILL RESULT FROM RAISING THE ELBOW ABOVE THE DRIVER’S SHOULDER HEIGHT AND/OR ALLOWING THE HAND HOLDING THE WHIP TO REACH BEHIND THE DRIVER DURING THE USE OF THE WHIP).

02/27/16 (4) **Qualifying Races**

Three (3) qualifying race were conducted this evening commencing at 5:00PM. Of the fourteen (14) participants thirteen (13) were successful in their qualifying efforts.

02/27/16 (5) **Second Race/ Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit in order to review the actions of fourth place finisher #6 “Musician” (Lemoyne Svendsen) for possible violation of the “breaking rule.” After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #4 complied with the “breaking rule” and was not “lapped on.” Thus no change.

02/27/16 (6) **Ninth Race/ Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit in order to review an incident which occurred as the field approached the ½ mile marker. #5 “Lodi Machete Man” (Tony Succarotte) the eventual third place finisher appeared to pull “late” forcing #7 “Bruisen N Cruisen” (Lemoyne Svendsen) the unofficial first place finisher “off his path.” Video review confirmed this observation. As #7 finished ahead of #5 in the official order of finish no placing was necessary. Driver Succarotte was ordered to film review. More to follow.

02/27/16 (7) **Twelfth Race/ Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit in order to review an incident which occurred as the field approached the ½ mile marker. #4 “Als Friday Player” (Mike Jarvis) the eventual sixth place finisher pull late forcing #2 “Nilz Baris” (James Lackey) the unofficial second place finisher three (3) wide and causing the first time starter to break stride. As #2 finished ahead of #4 in the official order of finish no placing was necessary. Driver Mike Jarvis ordered to film review. More to follow.

02/27/16 (8) **Program Changes**

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #6 “I’m Real Good” – Trainer Lester Smith  
 Refund:\$103.15 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

02/27/16 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	324
Live Handle (On Track)	\$42,186
Handle (In State)	\$303,460
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$479,450</u>
Total Handle	\$825,096

**Sunday**

02/28/16 (1) **Driver Tony Succarotte Decision**

Driver Anthony Succarotte met with the Board of Stewards in order to discuss the Stewards decision relative to CHRB Case#: 16SW0005. While somewhat taken aback by the decision Driver Succarotte expressed once again his remorse for an act which defies logic. Succarotte accepted his penalty and made a solemn declaration to improve. The following ruling was issued and accepted by Driver Succarotte.

### **RULING # 29**

**DRIVER ANTHONY SUCCAROTTE IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00)\* DOLLARS AND SUSPENDED (DRIVING ONLY) FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (4) (DISORDERLY CONDUCT) (ANY BEHAVIOR THAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC AND RACING), CHRB RULE #1930 (OBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS) AND CHRB RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED) AND IS PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE.**

IN CONSIDERATION OF LICENSEE **SUCCAROTTE'S** CANDOR AND EXPRESSION OF REMORSE THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE SUSPENSION AND FIVE HUNDRED (**\$500.00**) DOLLARS OF THE FINE IS SUSPENDED CONDITIONAL ON THERE BEING NO FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF THIS NATURE DURING THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE.

ADDITIONALLY, LICENSEE **SUCCAROTTE** IS REQUIRED TO SIGN A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

SUSPENSION (DRIVING ONLY) TO COMMENCE ON MARCH 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2016.

02/28/16 (2) **Driver In [Ref: 02/27/16 (6)]**

Driver Succarotte reviewed his drive on #5 "Lodi Machette Man" in Saturday's ninth race. At issue was Succarotte pulling late possibly inconveniencing #7 "Bruisen N Cruisen" (Lemoyne Svendsen). The eventual race winner. As #7 finished ahead of #5 in the official order of finish no change was necessary. It was the unanimous decision that a warning was appropriate in this situation.

02/28/16 (3) **Fifth Race/ Horse on Lasix**

#2 "Kissed the Boys" trained by Vickie Desomer was properly entered to race on lasix, however the information was not relayed to the program department. Thus an announcement was necessitated.

02/28/16 (4) **Fifth Race/ Starter Sanctions**

Starter Ken Fowler requested the Board of Stewards issue sanctions involving three (3) different drivers. The Stewards will honor Starter Fowler's request. More to follow.

02/28/16 (5) **Fifth Race/ Horse on Starter's List**

At the conclusion of the fifth race Starter Ken Fowler notified the Stewards of his intention to place #6 "Get Ziggy" on the "Starter's List" for behavioral problems at the start. Trainer Marion McKenzie was notified of the situation.

02/28/16 (6) **Program Changes**

None

02/28/16 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	97
Live Handle (On Track)	\$24,816
Handle (In State)	\$211,785
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$614,582</u>
Total Handle	\$851,183

## 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**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
27-Feb	7	6 I'M REAL GOOD	SMITH	Injured	Zucco	\$ 103.15

**WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Fresno	\$	225.00
Fresno Club One	\$	457.70
Golden Gate	\$	11,424.00
Monterey	\$	25,456.30
Pleasanton	\$	5,171.60
Sacramento	\$	32,516.10
San Jose	\$	7,583.30
San Mateo	\$	12,605.00
Santa Rosa	\$	2,076.90
Stockton	\$	4,930.50
Vallejo	\$	2,705.10

**WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO  
SUMMARY  
2016**

	<b>Mon 02/22</b>	<b>Tues 02/23</b>	<b>Wed 02/24</b>	<b>Thurs 02/25</b>	<b>Fri 02/26</b>	<b>Sat 02/27</b>	<b>Sun 02/28</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>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>

**Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, Sheward and Arlt were in attendance.**

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

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**Renee Sheward, Steward**

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**Jim Arlt, Steward**