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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR & EXPOSITION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, July 16, 2014 through Sunday, July 20, 2014.

Wednesday

07-16-14¹

ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY / SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY

Steward John Herbuveaux was on duty to supervise entries for Saturday and finalize Friday's program changes. Minimal changes were made for Friday at scratch time. Ten races consisting of seven Thoroughbred, one Mule, one Quarter Horse and an Arabian stake are on tap for Saturday. The \$75,000 guaranteed Governor's Cup for fillies and mares at 1 & 1/16 miles filled with seven head.

Thursday

07-17-14¹

MINNELLA HEARING – CASE 14SW0019

A hearing was conducted today concerning the presence of prednisolone in a post race sample taken from the Standardbred KEYSTONE SHAYE. The horse raced on May 2, 2014 at Cal-Expo's Watch and Wager harness meeting and was trained by Patricia Minnella.

Present at the hearing were CHRB Investigator D.A. Tadlock, State Veterinarian (Harness) Clifford Zucco D.V.M., Patricia Minnella and the Board of Stewards. Yvonne Fenner of Frazier Reporting recorded the proceedings.

Ms. Minnella was sworn in and given her rights. She elected to proceed on her own behalf without representation.

A forty page complaint packet was submitted into evidence and Dr. Zucco testified as to the uses of prednisolone in the horse. Ms. Minnella also testified that she didn't use prednisolone at the barn other than joint injections by Dr. Lane Schloeder. The last recorded injection of depo-medrol was March 22, 2014, some forty plus days before the race, which would not explain the finding.

No evidence was presented to explain the test results. Ms. Minnella understood her responsibility and was obviously upset concerning her unblemished record as a trainer. Decision to follow.

07-17-14² **STARTER IN (REF: 07-13-2014⁶)**

Starter Todd Stephens was in to explain the circumstances surrounding #7 DEVIL'S ISSUE being left behind the gate in the 6th race last Sunday.

Stephens said he was totally at fault but admitted part of the gate crew was fairly unfamiliar to him. #7 was going to be loaded last because he had been scratched for acting up at the gate at Pleasanton. Stephens was extremely apologetic and accepted responsibility.

07-17-14³ **RULING NO. 7 – BONDE**

Trainer **JEFF BONDE** is hereby fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000)* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse SKYDREAMIN which started in the eighth race on July 12, 2014 at the California State Fair and Exposition (Sacramento); a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

The above ruling was issued for failure to report the gelding of a horse at entry.

07-17-14⁴ **MUTUEL MANAGER SUBSTITUTE**

Doug Gooby is replacing Mutuel Manager Bryan Wayte for today and tomorrow.

07-17-14⁵ **RACE #4 – INQUIRY / NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in deep stretch involving #4 WILD DELILAH (Ricardo Gonzalez) and #6 WHAT ABOUT NATALIE (Maicol Severino) who were noses apart at the finish. Tapes show #6 come out in deep stretch and bump #4 near the finish. The matter became a non-issue when the photo verified #4 won in spite of interference. No Change. Jockey Maicol Severino was ordered to see the stewards.

07-17-14⁶ **RACE #5 – CLAIM VOID**

A claim submitted for #2 TO B A NOITTED was deemed void after the horse was placed on the veterinary list for lameness. The horse was returned to the barn of Tim Bellasis.

07-17-14⁷ **PROGRAM CHANGES / DECLARATIONS**

7 th race: #2 DON'T NEEDA REASON (Tr. V.M. Trujillo)	Sick	
Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM	REFUND: \$	66.00

07-17-14⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SAC	1,550	\$	132,680.60
NCOT	1,726	\$	648,086.50
SCOT		\$	182,692.00
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>309,909.28</u>
TOTAL	3,276	\$	1,273,368.38

Friday

07-18-14¹ **RULING NO. 8 – MINNELLA (REF: 07-17-14¹)**

Trainer **PATRICIA MINNELLA**, who started the horse KEYSTONE SHAYE, second place finisher in the sixth race at Cal Expo (Watch and Wager.com LLC) on May 2, 2014, is fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of CHRB rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Prednisolone and 20 Dihydroprenisone, a metabolite of Prednisolone [Class 4]).

The above ruling was issued following deliberation over yesterday's hearing. The trainer

insurer rule lays blame squarely on Ms. Minnella since no explanation of the positive test was put into evidence. Ms. Minnella's clean record mitigated her penalty in this instance.

07-18-14² **RULING NO. 9 – STEPHENS (REF: 07-17-14²)**

Starter **TODD STEPHENS** is fined seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1552 (Duties of the Starter) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1695 (To the Post) and #1696 (The Start – horse not in the starting gate when field was dispatched) in the sixth race at the California State Fair (Sacramento) on July 13, 2014.

The above ruling was issued after Stephens was contacted and accepted the penalty. Steward John Herbuveaux felt a \$1,000 penalty was warranted.

07-18-14³ **STARTER OFF**

Randy Cope will be the starter for today's program. Todd Stephens is off for personal reasons.

07-18-14⁴ **RULING NO. 10 – SEVERINO RULING (REF: 07-17-14⁵)**

Jockey **MAICOL SEVERINO** who rode WHAT ABOUT NATALIE in the fourth race at the California State Fair (Sacramento) on July 17, 2014 is suspended three (3) racing days (July 25, 26 and 27, 2014) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. A violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The above ruling was issued following a hearing/video review with the stewards. Mr. Severino was aware he let his horse drift in the stretch bumping a rival in the process.

07-18-14⁵ **RACE #2 – STEWARD'S REVIEW**

The steward's review into the stretch run of the second race illuminated the fact that #4 KORINTHOS (Silvio Amador) (4th) made contact with #3 CINCO DE MARIO (Ricardo Gonzalez) (3rd). The incident was minor and did not necessitate an inquiry.

07-18-14⁶ **RACE #6 – INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of #1 MINGO (Abel Cedillo) around the turn. Tapes show #1 lug out around the final turn forcing #'s 2, 4 and 5 wide in the process. #1 finishes fourth ahead of #2 in this five horse field. #1 was disqualified and placed 5th for interference to #2.

Original Order of Finish: 4 – 5 – 6 – **1** – 2

Official Order of Finish: 4 – 5 – 6 – 2 – **1**

07-18-14⁷ **RACE #6 – CLAIM VOID**

A claim submitted for #4 SHOER HUGH in the sixth race was voided after the horse was placed on the veterinarian's list due to lameness. SHOER HUGH was returned to the barn of Jeff Metz.

07-18-14⁸ **RACE #8 – BLINKER DISCREPENCY**

The stewards ordered #3 CURIOUS SPY (Tr. William E. Morey) to wear blinkers. The available information to the stewards indicated no official change of equipment taking blinkers off. The matter will be looked into as Trainer Morey felt he had made the change properly. CURIOUS SPY finished 2nd by a neck after running a big race.

07-18-14⁹ **PROGRAM CHANGES / DECLARATIONS**

6 th race:	#3 FOCUS NOW (Tr. Q. Howey)	Sick	
	Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM	REFUND: \$	130.50
7 th race:	#3 HANDFUL OF PEARLS (Tr. J. Aguilar)	Sick	
	Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM	REFUND: \$	106.00

	#7 COME ON ALANNAH (Tr. M. Talbot)	Sick	
	Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM	REFUND: \$	17.00
8 th race:	#4 SIDEPOCKET KID (Tr. G. Greiner)	Unsound	
	Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM	REFUND: \$	142.00

07-18-14¹⁰ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SAC	2,831	\$	158,516.20
NCOT	2,163	\$	722,945.40
SCOT		\$	198,698.60
Out of State		\$	290,823.81
TOTAL	4,994	\$	1,370,984.01

Saturday07-19-14¹ **INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN JOCKEYS ARRIVE**

Apprentice jockeys competing in today's HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship for Arabian horses at six furlongs came into the steward's office for a pep talk. Rules & Regulations and stewards expectations were discussed.

The riders represent the following countries: Ireland, Italy, Sweden/Norway, UAE, USA, Australia, Canada, France, Germany and Great Britain.

07-19-14² **SCHLOEDER HEARING (CASE: 14SW0024)**

A hearing was conducted today for Veterinarian Lane Schloeder for alleged violation of CHRB rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) in that he disobeyed traffic regulations during the Sacramento County Fair. Dr. Schloeder testified telephonically; present at the hearing were the stewards, Investigator D.A. Tadlock on behalf of the CHRB, State Fair Police Officer Everest "Joe" Robillard and the proceeding was recorded by Wendy Frazier.

Documents and testimony were taken concerning the failure of Dr. Schloeder to obey directions from State Fair police. Dr. Schloeder was ordered to leave and started to move, but stopped to talk to his children and by doing so, blocked traffic. Disposition to follow.

07-19-14³ **JOCKEYS IN**

Jockey Abel Cedillo was given a pass when it was determined that he made every effort to keep his mount from bearing out in yesterday's sixth race. MINGO, the horse in question, was blamed for the incident and placed on the stewards list.

Jockey C.H. Aragon was cautioned in proper whip procedure.

07-19-14⁴ **RACE #1 – MULE 350 YARDS INQUIRY / NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the start concerning #4 BAR JF LOTTOTICKET (Jesus Arriaga) at the start. Tapes show #4 rear at the start and dwell causing its own problems. No change.

07-19-14⁵ **RACE #2 – STEWARDS REVIEW / QUARTER HORSE 350 YARDS**

A review of the start showed #5 SNOWY GADDAFY (Carlos Villalobos) stumble badly at the start. #5 did it on its own so there was no reason for an inquiry.

07-19-14⁶ **RACE #3 – BRIDGE JUMPER SCORES / ARABIAN STAKE**

\$161,497 was wagered in the show pool for today's 3rd race. \$155,354 of that pool was wagered on prohibitive favorite and eventual winner #9 SAMMY V. A minus pool of \$33,085.33 was reported by tote.

07-19-14⁷ **RACE #4 – INQUIRY / NO CHANGE**

#7 BUFFALO BILLY (IRE) trained by Ed Moger, Jr. and ridden by Cristobal Herrera dwelt at the start causing the stewards to flash the inquiry sign on the two to one shot. Tapes show #7 creates its own problem. No change. Note: #7 has dwelt twice before in 2013 but recent form has been okay. #7 was placed on the steward's list and must work 5/8 from the gate.

07-19-14⁸ **RACE #9 – OBJECTION / NO CHANGE**
 Jockey Catalino Martinez aboard #7 CANDUCHARLIE who finished 4th lodged a claim of foul against the winner #4 MICKEY BALL and jockey Silvio Amador for alleged interference in deep stretch. After talking to the riders and reviewing the films the stewards voted unanimously to make no change. #4 does drift in front of #7 late, but was clear at the time.

07-19-14⁹ **PROGRAM CHANGES / DECLARATIONS**
 2nd race: #7 THINKING THRU IT (Tr. J. Vera)
 Jockey change M. Arriaga for F. Rubio – No Show
 4th race: #1 SOUND OF MONEY (Tr. W. Nolan) Sick REFUND: \$ 48.60
 Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM
 5th race: #4 BERTRANDOS EXPRESS (Tr. S. Perez) Injured REFUND: \$ 8.20
 Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM
 10th race: #8 SUNDAY COMIC (Tr. J. Thomas) Unsound REFUND: \$ 236.40
 Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM

07-19-14¹⁰ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**
 SAC 6,739 \$ 278,528.70
 NCOT 3,165 \$ 1,183,022.00
 SCOT \$ 421,012.70
Out of State \$ 410,942.94
TOTAL 9,904 \$ 2,293,506.34

Sunday

07-20-14¹ **RULING NO. 11 – SCHLOEDER RULING (REF: 07-19-14²)**
 Veterinarian **LANE SCHLOEDER** is hereby fined fifty dollars (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officer and Public Safety Officers) on May 26, 2014 on the grounds of the California State Fair & Exposition (Sacramento, CA).

The above ruling was issued after deliberation over yesterday's hearing. Testimony placed blame on Dr. Schloeder for coming in the wrong gate and failing to leave in a timely manner when ordered. Testimony also supported that Schloeder was never aggressive or belligerent. The majority agreed on the aforementioned ruling while Steward Baker felt \$100.00 was the appropriate penalty.

07-20-14² **RACE #2 – MULES / LATE SCRATCH**
 Jockey Marcial Ramirez failed to report to the jockey's room to ride #3 LORETTA JONES in today's second race. No other jockey would accept the mount and trainer Morris Parker opted to scratch. Ramirez will see the stewards at Santa Rosa. Refund on #3 LORETTA JONES was \$303.90.

07-20-14³ **JOCKEY CHANGE**
 Apprentice jockey Steven Garcia called in sick today for the 5th race. Barrington Harvey replaced Garcia on #5 JOYFUL MISS for trainer Frances Henderson.

07-20-14⁴ **RACE #5 – LATE SCRATCH**
 #2 ALAMO'S ANGEL (Tr. William Nolan) flipped in the paddock and Dr. Franklin recommended a scratch. The horse was scratched by the stewards with 10 minutes to post and the pari-mutuel refund was \$1,845.03.

07-20-14⁵ **RACE #7 – ACCIDENT / INQUIRY / NO CHANGE**
 #2 GRYPHON GOLD "ducked in" about ninety yards from the wire into and over the inside safety rail unseating jockey Silvio Amador in the process.
 Jockey Amador was transported to UC Davis Medical Center for evaluation. He was complaining of hip pain.

GRYPHON GOLD walked off on its own but suffered lacerations and will need some surgery according to Dr. Franklin.

The inside rail was badly damaged and repairs took longer than expected. Safety Steward Tom McCarthy, Trackman Steve Woods and Racing Supervisor Kate Pharris oversaw the repairs which did not meet rail specifications. Director of Racing Larry Swartzlander accompanied ten jockeys to observe the repairs and all felt racing could continue. On the advice of Executive Director Rick Baedeker the stewards advised all jockeys of the fact that the rail was not in compliance and all jockeys wished to continue racing.

The original post for the 8th race was scheduled for 4:58 p.m. and was off at 5:45 p.m. Accident report will follow.

07-20-14⁶ **RACE #8 – JOCKEY CHANGE**

Abel Cedillo rode #9 MS. SWEET FREEDOM for Silvio Amador who was injured.

07-20-14⁷ **RACE #8 – STEWARDS INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident shortly after the start involving #1 D D DANCER (9th, Cristobal Herrera) and #2 SOFT SHOULDERS (8th, Frank Alvarado). After a thorough review the stewards disqualified SOFT SHOULDERS from eighth and placed her ninth behind D D DANCER.

Tapes showed that SOFT SHOULDERS drifted in shortly after the start and took the path of D D DANCER who clipped the heels of SOFT SHOULDERS. Alvarado will review the tapes of the race with the stewards on opening day at Santa Rosa next Friday.

Original Order of Finish: 7 – 6 – 4 – 3 – 5 – 9 – 8 – 2 – 1

Official Order of Finish: 7 – 6 – 4 – 3 – 5 – 9 – 8 – 1 – 2

07-20-14⁸ **RACE #10 – STEWARDS REVIEW**

#4 ANZEAU (Pedro Terrero) dwelt at the start with no interference. Deemed a starter.

#6 CONUNDRUM PASS (Ricardo Gonzalez) ducked in taking the path of #8 OKAAD (Abel Cedillo), but #8 OKAAD beat #6 CONUNDRUM PASS, thus no reason for an inquiry.

07-20-14¹⁰ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SAC	7,257	\$	292,478.20
NCOT	2,858	\$	1,067,796.40
SCOT		\$	338,679.10
Out of State		\$	565,683.96
TOTAL	10,115	\$	2,264,637.66

M E E T S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each racing 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
17-July	7	2	DON'T NEEDA REASON	V.M. Trujillo	Sick	Franklin	\$ 66.00
18-July	6	3	FOCUS NOW	Q. Howey	Sick	Franklin	\$ 130.50
18-July	7	3	HANDFUL OF PEARLS	J. Aguilar	Sick	Franklin	\$ 106.00
18-July	7	7	COME ON ALANNAH	M. Talbot	Sick	Franklin	\$ 17.00
18-July	8	4	SIDEPOCKET KID	G. Greiner	Unsound	Franklin	\$ 142.00
19-July	4	1	SOUND OF MONEY	W. Nolan	Sick	Franklin	\$ 48.60
19-July	5	4	BERTRANDOS EXPRESS	S. Perez	Injured	Franklin	\$ 8.20
19-July	10	8	SUNDAY COMIC	J. Thomas	Unsound	Franklin	\$ 236.40
20-July	5	2	ALAMO'S ANGEL	W. Nolan	Flipped Paddock	Franklin	\$ 1,845.03

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died - NONE

Veterinarian's List

There were (13) horses placed on the vet's list:

- Sick: 5
- Injured: 3
- Unsound: 5

There were (9) horses removed from the vet's list:

- Sick: 8
- Injured: 1

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	\$ 25,270.70
Banker's Casino	\$ 22,128.80
Fresno	\$ 96,541.10
Fresno Club One	\$ 50,339.70
Golden Gate	\$ 838,496.60
Monterey	\$ 77,820.20
Pleasanton	\$ 543,535.80
San Jose	\$ 403,740.70
San Mateo	\$ 1,001,311.90
Santa Rosa	\$ 148,240.60
Stockton	\$ 205,732.90
Turlock	\$ 82,623.70
Vallejo	\$ 253,104.60
So. California	\$ 1,141,082.40
Out of State	\$ 1,577,170.89

	17-July	18-July	19-July	20-July	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	1	1	2
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	1	1	4	4	10	15
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	1	0	1	2	5
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	1	3	2	7	12
REFUNDS	1	4	3	2	10	23
RULINGS	1	3	0	1	5	11

Respectfully submitted,

Will Meyers, Steward

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward