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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION****TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of September 30, 2008 through October 5, 2008.

TUESDAY
09/30/2008**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Randy Winick will handle morning office duties and record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Thursday were taken at 9:00 a.m. sharp and resulted in one scratch and three rider changes.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Ten races were drawn at 12:30 p.m. for Friday evening and the card will consist of seven Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred events. Included on Friday night's program will be the Intermountain Overnight Handicap, The Blane Schvaneveldt Handicap, and The PCQHRA Breeder's Derby.

WEDNESDAY
10/01/2008**(1) SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY**

Friday's scratches were completed at 9:00 a.m. and consisted of three rider and one equipment change. There was also a first time gelding reported.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

An eleven race Quarter Horse card was drawn for Saturday evening at 1:30 p.m. and will feature a field of ten running for \$500,000 in the PCQHRA Breeder's Futurity.

THURSDAY
10/02/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Saturday were completed at 9:00 a.m. and resulted in four rider changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maiden claiming two year olds for a price of \$4,000 at 300 yards, was called off with three entrants.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The draw for Sunday was completed at 12:30 p.m. and a card of ten races consisting of eight Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred events were produced.

(4) SUSAN ETHRIDGE-CARTER HEARING (CASE# 08LA0188)

A formal hearing was conducted for the above referenced complaint concerning animal welfare involving horses in the care of Trainer Susan Ethridge-Carter at Los Alamitos Race Course. In attendance were the Board of Stewards, Randy Winick, James Dreyer, and Martin Hamilton, Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein, Senior Special Investigator Dennis Drulias, Los Alamitos Plant Superintendent Frank Sherren and Trainer Susan Ethridge-Carter.

Testimony was heard from Investigator Drulias concerning the complaint brought to his attention by Superintendent Sherren involving the neglect of Mrs. Carter's horses on the grounds of Los Alamitos Race Course. Investigator Drulias also presented documentary evidence of photographs and a written statement from Security Captain Rick Castaneda, who took the report.

Los Alamitos Plant Superintendent Frank Sherren was next to give his testimony, stating that he personally observed the horrible condition Mrs. Carter's horses were in, which was substantiated by the photos, and that they were standing on dirt and manure, with absolutely no bedding of any kind. It was his professional opinion as a former horseman that these animals were terribly neglected and demanded that she and they be removed from the grounds.

Trainer Susan Ethridge-Carter was now asked to give her version of the circumstances that caused her horses to fall into such a state of neglect. Among the various reasons she offered were that she has cancer, and this alone has caused inconsistencies in her attendance at the barn. In addition, she has financial difficulties, stable help problems, a misunderstanding with Track Management and issues with the feed company.

Discussion waffled back and forth, but the main point in all of this was that while all or some of these reasons may have some validity; it is ultimately her responsibility to maintain the proper care of her horses at all times. Mrs. Carter accepted this and was sorry that it had come down to the animals suffering as they did. The Stewards will take all testimony and exhibits into consideration and a decision will be forthcoming.

(5) RACING PROGRAM

Thursday's racing was conducted without any reportable incidents.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 2 Bullet Train claimed, Tr. Yanet Rodriguez.

2nd Race - # 7 Chicks Bac Now claimed, Tr. Hector J. Hernandez.

4th Race - # 3 Flyby Them All claimed, Tr. Jim Hanson.

5th Race - # 2 Devine Investment (Tr. M. Perez) jockey D. Williams replaced D. Gladney (injured).

8 Bustinbowls (Tr. C. Treece) Steward's list, Stewards.
Refund: \$106.00.

6th Race - # 2 Strawfly Takesyou On claimed, Tr. Paul Jones.

7th Race - # 1 Familiarize (Tr. P. Jones) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$117.00.

8th Race - # 8 Cinco De Mongoose claimed, Tr. Hector Sanchez.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	814	On Track Handle:	\$140,484
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,740</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$251,912
Total:	2,554	Out of State:	<u>\$462,060</u>
		Total:	\$854,457

FRIDAY

10/03/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Sunday were attended to at 9:00 a.m. promptly, and there was one rider change.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for maidens two years old, claiming price \$8,000 at 300 yards, was called off with six entrants.

(3) CARTER RULING (REFERENCE – 10/02/08 (4))

RULING # 242

TRAINER SUSAN CARTER IS SUSPENDED FOR THE TERM OF HER LICENSE (04, 2009) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1902.5 (ANIMAL WELFARE – NEGLECT).

FURTHER, AS A CONDITION FOR CONSIDERATION OF ANY NEW LICENSE APPLICATION, MS. CARTER SHALL UNDERGO A FITNESS FOR LICENSE HEARING TO DETERMINE HER ABILITY TO PERFORM THE DUTIES REQUIRED TO HOLD SUCH A LICENSE.

The above ruling was issued following due deliberation over the facts pertaining to case # 08LA0188 heard on October 2, 2008 (refer 10/02/08 (4)).

(4) RACING PROGRAM

This evening's events were conducted without incident.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 2 JTS Cash Profit (Tr. D. Ekins) veterinarian – injured, Dr. T. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$519.00.

5th Race - # 2 Retsina Year (Tr. K. Craigmyle) veterinarian – injured, Dr. G. Beck.
Refund: \$460.00.

4 Smokin Forest claimed, Tr. Charles Treece.

7 Bound To Get Even (Tr. E. Miranda) veterinarian – unsound post parade, Dr. T. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$16,676.00.

10th Race - # 7 Regal Thoughts (Tr. M. Joiner) veterinarian – flipped in gate, Dr. T. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$7,715.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,429	On Track Handle:	\$238,597
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,911</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$545,145
Total:	4,340	Out of State:	<u>\$729,722</u>
		Total:	\$1,513,466

SATURDAY

10/04/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book for Saturday, maiden claiming \$6,250 for three year olds and upward at a distance of 300 yards, was called off with no entries taken.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The draw for Thursday was conducted at 12:30 p.m. The eight race card consists of four Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred and one Arabian event.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jeff Jerman was in as requested by the Stewards to review a race from the previous evening where his horse was drifting inward in mid-stretch. Jeff acknowledged this fact and said he would take corrective measures in the future. No sanction was warranted in the Stewards' opinion.

Jockey Gary Boag reported as directed to discuss the fifth race from Friday evening where it appeared his mount came over a little too soon on another horse down the backside. Mr. Boag said it appeared he had enough horse to clear but when he asked his horse to go on he came up a little empty. The Stewards understood and blamed it on the horse for losing his momentum.

(4) INQUIRY – 11TH RACE (300 YARDS – Q.H) – NO CHANGE

Immediately following the running of the final race of the evening (11th), the Stewards called for an Inquiry into the start of the race. # 1 "Kitada" (Alex Bautista) reared at the start and came down in a tangle, resulting in his being left in the gate and unable to compete in the race. After a thorough review of the taped replay, the Stewards declared # 1 "Kitada" a starter according to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1420 (x) (Definitions), and declared the race official. It was determined that this horse caused his own problem.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

3rd Race - # 1 Glendale Gal (Tr. S. Willoughby) pulled up lame past wire, vanned off.

6th Race - # 6 BF Eyeinthesky claimed, Tr. Hector Hernandez.

8th Race - # 3 Vegas Boot (Tr. J. Enriquez) veterinarian – injured in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$7,605.00.

4 Gilberts Song – jockey Eduardo Nicasio replaced Mario Gonzalez (no call).

9th Race - # 1 Grants Royal Host (Tr. D. Montes) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$68.00.

10th Race - # 7 Double Out (Tr. L. Melton) pulled up lame past wire, vanned off.

11th Race - # 4 Palms Girl claimed, Tr. Ramon Malgoza.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 3,678
Off Track Attendance: 2,807
Total: 6,485

On Track Handle: \$291,953
Off Track Handle: \$465,092
Out of State: \$653,054
Total: \$1,410,099

SUNDAY

10/05/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for Sunday, maidens two years old claiming price \$10,000 at 300 yards, failed to fill with only one entry.

(2) AMENDED CARTER RULING (REFERENCE 10/03/08 (3))RULING # 242

OWNER/ TRAINER SUSAN CARTER IS SUSPENDED FOR THE TERM OF HER LICENSES (04, 2009) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1902.5 (ANIMAL WELFARE – NEGLECT).

FURTHER, AS A CONDITION FOR CONSIDERATION OF ANY NEW LICENSE APPLICATION, MS. CARTER SHALL UNDERGO A FITNESS FOR LICENSE HEARING TO DETERMINE HER ABILITY TO PERFORM THE DUTIES REQUIRED TO HOLD SUCH A LICENSE.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF SUSAN CARTER ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was amended due to errors that were discovered after the original was sent out. It involved not including her owner's license and the omission of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine).

(3) INQUIRY – 6TH RACE (300 YARDS – Q.H.) – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the running of the sixth race for an incident out of the starting gate involving # 4 "Bonos Aladdin" (Alex Bautista) bumping into # 5 "Griffen Quigley" (Eduardo Nicasio) and putting him momentarily off stride. After a thorough review of the tape replay and interviewing the riders involved, the Stewards thought it did not cost # 5 a better placing, due primarily to a combination of his running very erratically and the amount of lengths he was beaten. There was no change to the original order of finish.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 6 Brother Effort claimed, Tr. Elena Andrade.

8 Atisket Atasket SBL (Tr. C. Treece) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$644.00.

3rd Race - # 4 Ought To Be March (Tr. F. Gonzalez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$730.00.

4th Race - # 4 Elkin's Time (Tr. L. Wicker) veterinarian – unsound, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$580.00.

5th Race - # 1 Cinco Baby (Tr. F. Gonzalez) unlicensed owner, Stewards.
Refund: \$848.00.

6th Race - # 4 Bonos Aladdin claimed, Tr. Justin Clark.

7th Race - # 1 Reba Macintyler claimed, Tr. Charles Treece.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 688
Off Track Attendance: 2,271
Total: 2,959

On Track Handle: \$207,508
Off Track Handle: \$595,837
Out of State: \$590,411
Total: \$1,393,757

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
10/2/2008	7	1	Familiarize	P. Jones	Injured	Hackathorn	\$117
10/3/2008	2	2	JTS Cash Profit	D. Ekins	Injured	Hackathorn	\$519
	5	2	Retsina Year	K. Craigmyle	Injured	Beck	\$460
	5	7	Bound To Get Even	E. Miranda	Unsound post parade	Hackathorn	\$16,676
	10	7	Regal Thoughts	M. Joiner	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$7,715
10/4/2008	8	3	Vegas Boot	J. Enriquez	Injured in gate	Hackathorn	\$7,605
	9	1	Grants Royal Host	D. Montes	Sick	Hackathorn	\$68
10/5/2008	1	8	Atisket Atasket SBL	C. Treece	Injured	Hackathorn	\$644
	3	4	Ought To Be March	F. Gonzalez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$730
	4	4	Ellkin's Time	L. Wicker	Unsound	Beck	\$580

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 5, 2008. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period eleven horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: two for soundness, seven for injury and two for sickness. Ten horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Martin Hamilton.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 10/02	FRI 10/03	SAT 10/04	SUN 10/05	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	29
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R	5	1	2	3	11	615
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	50
INQUIRIES	D			0	0	1	1	2	96
REFUNDS		A		2	4	2	4	12	574
RULINGS			Y	0	1	0	0	1	242

Stewards' Attendance: Randy Winick, Martin Hamilton, and James Dreyer were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Randy Winick (Steward)

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)