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

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 20, 2009 through January 25, 2009.

TUESDAY

01/20/2009

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Martin Hamilton is the duty Steward this week and will attend to all morning office matters and record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY

There were two rider changes made at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Thursday.

(3) ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY

One Arabian, three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races were drawn for Friday, completed at 12:30 p.m.

(4) CAL-BRED REPORT FOR FRIDAY

The Cal-Bred race written for maiden three year olds, claiming price \$4,000, at a distance of 220 yards failed to fill.

WEDNESDAY

01/21/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY

There were four rider changes approved at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Friday's program.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

Eleven races were drawn for Saturday consisting of two Arabian, two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse events. The "Daughters of the Desert Oaks" and "Drinkers of the Wind Derby" are the two Grade I races offered for Arabians during the year and are the highlight on Saturday's program. The draw was completed at 1:30 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT FOR SATURDAY

The Cal-Bred race offered for maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$2,500, at 220 yards failed to fill.

THURSDAY

01/22/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

One declaration, one equipment change and three rider corrections were made at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Five Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races comprise the ten-race card for Sunday. Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association waived its majority race rule in order to accommodate a slow day at the entry box. The draw was completed at 3:00 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT FOR SUNDAY

The Cal-Bred race offered for maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$6,250, going 350 yards failed to fill and was called off.

(4) JAMES PATRICK BURKE (CASE# 09LA0007)

A tape recorded hearing was convened to address the above referenced complaint filed against Association Laborer Jim Burke when it was reported that he was arrested locally while in possession of and admitted to the use of cocaine.

Subject waived his right to proper notice and representation in order to expedite the matter as he admitted to the asserted charges. Senior Special Investigator Thomas Blake of California Horse Racing Board presented the case before Stewards Will Meyers, Albert Christiansen, and Martin Hamilton.

Following the gathering of documentary and testimonial evidence, the Stewards adjourned for decision. Deliberations rendered the following ruling.

RULING # 12

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION) ASSOCIATION LABORER JAMES PATRICK BURKE, IS SUSPENDED THIRTY DAYS (30) (JANUARY 23, 2009, THROUGH FEBRUARY 21, 2009), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – POSSESSION AND USE OF COCAINE).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF SUBJECT 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.

FURTHERMORE, AS A CONDITION OF REINSTATEMENT JAMES PATRICK BURKE SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD. SUBJECT IS PLACED ON PROBATION THROUGH MAY 31, 2010.

(5) OTTO ARRIAGA RULING (REFER 01/18/09 (2))

RULING # 13

JOCKEY OTTO ARRIAGA WHO RODE "SPECTACULAR ZELL" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 29th, 30th, 31st AND FEBRUARY 5th, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE APPROACHING THE FAR TURN, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO LAST PLACE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

Jockey Otto Arriaga appeared, as directed, to review the fifth race from Sunday evening where his mount was disqualified from third to last place. Mr. Arriaga offered little in his defense, and the above ruling was issued.

(6) ALEX BAUTISTA RULING

RULING # 14

JOCKEY ALEX BAUTISTA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699(E) (RIDING RULES- STRUCK ANOTHER JOCKEY) IN THE TENTH RACE ON JANUARY 18, 2009.

The above ruling was issued after Alex came in and reviewed the tenth race from Sunday night where he poked a rival's derriere with his whip while passing on the inside. Alex stated that he felt the rider to his outside was drifting in on him and upon review, recanted his view. Mr. Bautista accepted his fate without question.

(7) SMOOTH PROGRAM

This evening's eight race program progressed smoothly without noteworthy incident.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race - # 7 Jans Gunner (Tr. E. January) lame on track, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$6,770.00.

5th Race - # 5 Las Vegas Lucky (Tr. D. Montes) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$534.00.

8th Race - # 1 Captain Stoli (Tr. J. Flores) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$404.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	704	On Track Handle:	\$106,160
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,951</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$186,637
Total:	2,655	Out of State:	<u>\$441,356</u>
		Total:	<u>\$734,153</u>

FRIDAY

01/23/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

There were no changes made at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Sunday.

(2) JOSE HERNANDEZ, JR. (CASE# 09LA0004)

Owner/exercise rider Jose Hernandez, Jr. was afforded an informal hearing to address the above referenced complaint filed when he was observed exercising horses with an expired license. Mr. Hernandez stated that the day he renewed his owner license he did not bring enough money to cover both then inadvertently forgot to return at a later date. As Mr. Hernandez had no prior violations, the Stewards felt the following ruling appropriate.

RULING # 15

HORSE OWNER JOSE HERNANDEZ, JR. IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1481 (B) (10) (OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES AND FEES - UNLICENSED EXERCISE RIDER).

(3) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the third race (Quarter Horse – 220 yards) to review an observed incident 100 yards after the start involving # 5 “Check N Out” (5th – Jeff Jerman) and # 4 “Gasco” (6th – Alejandro Luna). Films show # 5 lugged in early and then ducked in from a right-hand whip and impeded # 4 mid-race. For that action # 5 was disqualified from fifth and placed sixth in a unanimous decision.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - #10 Zaragatero (Tr. F. Jimenez) re-enter, Stewards.
Refund: \$138.00.

3rd Race - # 7 BB The Riddler (Tr. J. Flores) lame, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$463.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:

Off Track Attendance: 2,976

Total: 4,007

Off Track Handle: \$311,219

Out of State: \$707,587

Total: \$1,164,297

SATURDAY

01/24/2009

(1) ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY

Two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races were drawn for Thursday's card, completed at 1:00 p.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$10,000, going 220 yards was called off with three entries.

(3) DR. CARLOS CERVANTES, D.V.M. (CASE# 09LA0005)

An informal hearing was conducted to address the above noted complaint filed when it was learned that Dr. Cervantes turned in a confidential sheet and a lasix slip for the horse "Palms Girl" who was not on the grounds. Dr. Cervantes admitted that he turned in his paperwork prior to treatment as a matter of convenience, then forgot to withdraw the same when the mare failed to be shipped from the farm for the race. Cervantes was cautioned about turning in reports in advance, especially time sensitive lasix slips. Dr. Cervantes apologized for the oversight, and after deliberation the following ruling was dispensed.

RULING # 16

VETERINARIAN CARLOS CERVANTES, D.V.M. IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES # 1841 (VETERINARIANS UNDER SUPERVISION OF OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN) AND # 1845 (E) (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION) FOR VIOLATION OF RULE # 1842 (VETERINARIAN REPORT - LASIX SLIP) ON JANUARY 9, 2009.

(4) RAMON MELGOZA (CASE# 09LA0006)

Trainer Ramon Melgoza was afforded an informal hearing to address the above referenced complaint. The complaint was filed when he failed to insure that his off-track veterinarian had contacted Track Veterinarian Dr. Hackathorn in regards to a scratch of the mare "Palms Girl" out of the fourth race on January 9, 2009, necessitating a late declaration. Melgoza was counseled to always follow-up to see that procedures are carried out to completion. After deliberation, Mr. Melgoza was notified of the following ruling.

RULING # 17

OWNER/ TRAINER RAMON MELGOZA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON JANUARY 9, 2009.

(5) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jeff Jerman was in, as directed, to review the third race from last evening where his mount was disqualified from fifth to sixth place (refer 01/23/09 (3)). Films show his mount erratic throughout, and culpability was shifted to the horse, thereby, absolving the rider of blame.

(6) NO PROBLEMS

The evening's eleven races, including the two Grade I Arabian fixtures, the "Daughters of the Desert Oaks" and "Drinkers of the Wind Derby," were contested without noteworthy incident.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

9th Race - # 4 Genuinely At Risk (Tr. D. Frey) stake, Stewards.
Refund: \$73.00.

10 Tunnate (Tr. D. Frey) stake, Stewards.
Refund: \$31.00.

10th Race - # 3 Better Dashing (Tr. J. Farias) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$29.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:

Off Track Attendance: 3,063

Total: 4,340

Off Track Handle: \$336,883

Out of State: \$673,550

Total: \$1,168,835

SUNDAY

01/25/2009

(1) ROUTINE AFTERNOON AND EVENING

All business matters through the course of the afternoon and the ten-race card this evening were of routine nature.

(2) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 7 Iron Slew (Tr. J. Hanson) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$1,687.00.

2nd Race - # 1 Utility Man (Tr. J. Nunez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$641.00.

9th Race - # 3 Fantastic First Down (Tr. D. McArthur) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$96.00.

(3) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:

Off Track Attendance: 2,395

Total: 3,118

Off Track Handle: \$323,907

Out of State: \$868,040

Total: \$1,317,232

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>
01/22/2009	3	7	Jans Gunner	E. January	Lame on track	Hackathorn	\$6,770
	5	5	Las Vegas Lucky	D. Montes	Sick	Hackathorn	\$534
	8	1	Captain Stoli	J. Flores	Injured	Hackathorn	\$404
01/23/2009	3	7	BB The Riddler	J. Flores	Lame	Hackathorn	\$463
01/24/2009	10	3	Better Dashing	J. Farias	Sick	Hackathorn	\$29
01/25/2009	1	7	Iron Slew	J. Hanson	Sick	Hackathorn	\$1,687
	2	1	Utility Man	J. Nunez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$641
	9	3	Fantastic First Down	D. McArthur	Sick	Hackathorn	\$96

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 25, 2009.

Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period thirteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: four for soundness, four for injury and five for sickness.

Nineteen 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 01/22	FRI 01/23	SAT 01/24	SUN 01/25	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	1
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	0	6	6	5	17	49
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	0	0	1	4
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	0	0	1	6
REFUNDS		A		3	2	3	3	11	45
RULINGS			Y	3	1	2	0	6	17

Stewards' Attendance: Martin Hamilton, Albert Christiansen, and Will Meyers were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Will Meyers (Steward)