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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 September 15, 2009 through September 20, 2009.

TUESDAY

09/15/2009

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Kim Sawyer was available for the morning duties and recorded the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES

Thursday scratches were completed at 9:00 a.m. with two jockey changes and one declaration.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races were carded for Friday's program; the draw concluded at 12:30 p.m. All races offered were Quarter Horse dashes.

WEDNESDAY

09/16/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Friday scratches were conducted at 9:00 a.m. with one declaration off an also-eligible list.

(2) THE DRAW

The card for Saturday was completed at 1:15 p.m. and was comprised of eight Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred races.

THURSDAY

09/17/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Saturday's program at 9:00 a.m. were officially complete with two jockey corrections and one declaration.

(2) THE DRAW

Nine races were drawn for Sunday consisting of six Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races. The draw was completed at 1:00 p.m.

(3) SIERRA RULING (REFER 09/05/09 (3))

TRAINER CIRILO SIERRA WHO STARTED THE HORSE "DIXIES MYSTERY" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 11, 2009 IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND SUSPENDED FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS (SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 THROUGH OCTOBER 20, 2009) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A) (D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES - GABAPENTIN - CLASS III).

This ruling was issued after the Board of Stewards deliberated and agreed with the recommended penalty.

(4) PURSE REDISTRIBUTION RULING

RULING #178

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY OF THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD THAT URINE SAMPLE# 12597, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "DIXIES MYSTERY", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 11, 2009, TESTED POSITIVE FOR GABAPENTIN (CLASS III) A PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCE. IT IS ORDERED THAT "DIXIES MYSTERY" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE (\$2,805) EARNED BY OWNER JAVIER M. SIERRA, TRAINER CIRILO M. SIERRA AND JOCKEY EULICES GOMEZ BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITH HELD)

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1ST	ILLEGAL DANISH
2ND	MEDIA MAKER
3RD	FIVEFORSIX
4TH	SMOOTH SILVER
5TH	GAIN FAITH

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARI-MUTUEL PAYOFFS.

This ruling was posted after the issuance of Ruling #177.

(5) ESTRADA RULING

RULING #179

JOCKEY J.C. ESTRADA IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENT IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

This ruling was distributed after Mr. Estrada missed his first assigned mount on Sunday evening. He rode the tenth race at Fairplex and was unable to arrive at Los Alamitos in time to participate in the second race. Mr. Estrada apologized and accepted the penalty respectfully.

(6) FIRST RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the first race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the finish line. Involved were #2 "A Regal Million" (2nd – R. Aceves)

and #3 "Card Check" (5th – F. Rubio). After a review of the videos and conversation with both riders involved, it was a unanimous decision to disqualify #2 from second to fifth place. Late in the race #2 drifts out taking the path of #3, causing that one to check and lose the opportunity for a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: 8 – (2) – 6 – 1 – 3 – 4 – 5

Official Order of Finish: 8 – 6 – 1 – 3 – (2) – 4 – 5

(7) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted after the finish of the race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) to review a possible infraction soon after the start. Involved were #1 "Look At This Chick" (3rd – S. Mendez), #2 "Fast Going Chick" (8th – D. Means) and #3 "She Deals" (6th – E. Gomez). #1 drifts out, not clear of #2 causing the latter to take up and shift outward, pushing #3 over the heels of #4 causing #3 to alter course, thus denying both #2 and #3 a better placing. Upon conclusion of the review of the films and talking to all jockeys involved the Stewards agreed #1 be disqualified and placed last behind #2.

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

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

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 3 Card Check (Tr. F. Gonzalez) jockey Francisco Rubio replaced jockey Alvaro Gomez (no show).

7 Alluring Chick (Tr. H. J. Sanchez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$334.00.

2nd Race - # 5 Sigalert SBL (Tr. F. Quintero) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$732.00.

3rd Race - # 4 El General Especial trainer correction (A. Farias to G. Morales).

7 Choice Words (Tr. P. C. Jones) claimed by Tr. J. Aleman.

5th Race - # 3 Golden Truffle (Tr. J. Hanson) claimed by Tr. C. Hall.

6th Race - # 2 Benjamin Z (Tr. C. Treece) claimed by Tr. D. Fama.

7th Race - # 2 Greylock (Tr. D. Montes) Stewards – veterinarian's list.
Refund: \$472.00.

8th Race - # 4 Rio Ruidoso (Tr. P. C. Jones) claimed by Tr. J. Godinez.

6 RGR Hotshot (Tr. F. Quintero) vanned off post race.

7 Got Courage (Tr. S. Willoughby) claimed by Tr. C. Treece.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	689	On Track Handle:	\$150,270
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,252</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$377,826
Total:	2,941	Out of State:	<u>\$489,867</u>
		Total:	\$1,017,963

FRIDAY

09/18/2009 (1) SCRATCHES

One rider adjustment completed the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Sunday.

(2) STATE VETERINARIAN REPLACEMENT

William Bell, D.V.M. will replace Gary Beck, D.V.M. for the next three days providing the duties of State Veterinarian for the California Horse Racing Board.

(3) HERNANDEZ INFORMAL HEARING (CASE# 09LA0189)

Trainer Hector Hernandez along with the Board of Stewards and Senior Investigator Tom Blake met after acceptance from Mr. Hernandez for an informal setting. Two witnesses sworn in to testify were Senior Investigator Dennis Drulias for the California Horse Racing Board and owner Victor Gonzalez for the respondent. The issue at hand was a possible violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). This case involved a sick horse being transported onto the Stable Area at Los Alamitos to be examined by one of the practicing veterinarians. It was necessary for the euthanasia of this animal due to the deterioration of its health, and there were concerns whether the horse was a carrier of an infectious disease. The question in this case is whether or not Mr. Hernandez had knowledge or had suggested that the sick horse be transported to Los Alamitos to be examined. After all testimony was heard the hearing was closed and a decision will follow shortly.

(4) FILM REVIEW (REFER 09/17/09 (6&7))

Jockey Rodrigo Aceves and Santiago Mendez both met with the Stewards to review and discuss their involvement in disqualifications in two different races on Thursday evening.

Mr. Aceves' ride in the first race was exonerated due to the fact he was in the process of making the correction of his mount's drift prior to the incident that necessitated the disqualification. Mr. Mendez participated in the eighth race disqualification and was also not penalized because of his effort to correct his horse before the infraction occurred.

(5) FIFTH RACE – TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the race (Quarter Horse – 330 yards) the trainer of #3 “Dreaming Royal” (6th – S. Mendez) Jose De La Torre called the Stewards to lodge a claim of foul against #2 “Spirited Away” (3rd – J. Andrade). After a review of the films and conversation with the riders involved it was a unanimous decision to let the original order of finish stand. The De La Torre trainee actually drifted out into #4 to his outside bumping that one. #2 was not involved.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 6 Hallelujah Brown SBL (Tr. C. Treece) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$604.00.

2nd Race - # 5 Peggy Fires (Tr. C. Gonzalez) owner correction – Andrew Flores.

9th Race - # 3 Million Seeker (Tr. C. Treece) expired on track post race (natural causes).

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,106	On Track Handle:	\$158,529
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,644</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$299,818
Total:	3,750	Out of State:	<u>\$711,068</u>
		Total:	\$1,169,415

SATURDAY

09/19/2009

(1) THE DRAW

The program for Thursday was drawn at 1:30 p.m. with a mixture of seven Quarter Horse and one Thoroughbred race.

(2) HERNANDEZ RULING (REFER 09/18/09 (1))

RULING #180

TRAINER HECTOR HERNANDEZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING).

After digesting all the facts and testimony of this case the Stewards agreed upon the foregoing ruling.

(3) HO RULING

RULING #181

TRAINER HERBERT HO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1845 (A) (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION - HORSE NOT REGISTERED AT TIME OF ENTRY) ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2009.

This ruling was issued after a telephonic hearing was performed wherein Mr. Ho felt his practicing veterinarian was to blame. After Mr. Ho was informed he is the responsible party he accepted the penalty.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Ramon Sanchez met with the Stewards to discuss the drift of his mount in the second race. The films verified that Mr. Sanchez did make an effort to guide with the reins, but the Stewards requested in this situation he put the stick away and pull harder. He agreed to do so in the future.

(5) QUIET EVENING

The ten race card was conducted without noteworthy incident.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3rd Race - # 2 Subtle The Dust (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Dihigi Gladney replaced jockey Maggie Carter (sick).

5 Easter Prospector (Tr. V. Farris) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$332.00.

5th Race - # 1 TV Gold (Tr. M. Perez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Bell.
Refund: \$291.00.

4 Storm De Oro (Tr. M. Perez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Bell.
Refund: \$582.00.

6th Race - # 2 Bonos Edge Of Time (Tr. D. Francisco) claimed by Tr. A. Riesgo.

5 Multi Tasker (Tr. E. Andrade) claimed by Tr. J. Badilla, Jr.

6 She Really Rocks (Tr. C. Treece) jockey Dihigi Gladney replaced jockey Dennis Means (no call).

8th Race - # 4 Swiftest Dream (Tr. E. Navarro) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$134.00.

9th Race - # 2 Stylish Jess BR (Tr. P. C. Jones) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Bell.
Refund: \$1,789.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,146	On Track Handle:	\$158,993
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,517</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$288,293
Total:	3,663	Out of State:	<u>\$726,121</u>
		Total:	\$1,173,407

SUNDAY

09/20/2009 (1) INFORMAL TELEPHONIC HEARING (CASE# 09LA0212)

Owner Jeremy Kelton called the Stewards and was granted the opportunity to adjudicate his case via a conference call concerning a possible violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1890 (Possession of Contraband) and #1891 (Seizure of Contraband). Mr. Kelton stated the medication he had in the truck was used only when needed if the horses got frantic or fractious while being transported. Mr. Kelton admitted his lack of knowledge of the California Horse Racing Board rules

and was unaware that this kind of paraphernalia was not allowed on race track property. Decision to follow.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Only one of the four Cal-Bred races offered was used after it was opened and made available to horses bred in other states.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 2 Starlet Hawk (Tr. H. Sanchez) vanned off post race.

2nd Race - # 5 La Koqueta De Baker (Tr. L. Hernandez) Stewards – re-enter.
Refund: \$312.00.

6 Monica Almighty (Tr. F. Quintero) vanned off post race.

4th Race - # 3 I Love Racing (Tr. D. Fama) jockey Cesar De Alba replaced jockey J. C. Estrada (no show).

7 Las Vegas Lucky (Tr. J. De La Torre) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$466.00.

6th Race - # 1 Brusch (Tr. K. Craigmyle) jockey J. C. Estrada replaced jockey Dihigi Gladney (injured).

7th Race - # 6 Cash Only SBL (Tr. A. Aquino) jockey J. C. Estrada replaced jockey Dihigi Gladney (injured).

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	781	On Track Handle:	\$121,275
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,473</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$279,371
Total:	3,254	Out of State:	<u>\$621,770</u>
		Total:	\$1,022,416

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>
9/17/2009	1	7	Alluring Chick	H. J. Sanchez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$334
	2	5	Sigalert SBL	F. Quintero	Injured	Hackathorn	\$732
9/18/2009	1	6	Halleluiah Brown SBL	C. Treece	Injured	Hackathorn	\$604
9/19/2009	3	5	Easter Prospector	V. Farris	Sick	Hackathorn	\$332
	5	1	TV Gold	M. Perez	Sick	Bell	\$291
	5	4	Storm De Oro	M. Perez	Sick	Bell	\$582
	8	4	Swiftest Dream	E. Navarro	Sick	Hackathorn	\$134
	9	2	Stylish Jess BR	P. C. Jones	Sick	Bell	\$1,789
9/20/2009	4	7	Las Vegas Lucky	J. De La Torre	Sick	Hackathorn	\$466

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 20, 2009.

One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries.

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

List as follows: four for soundness, two for injury, seven for sickness, one for bleeding, one for shock wave therapy, and one for exhaustion.

Thirteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Kim Sawyer.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 09/17	FRI 09/18	SAT 09/19	SUN 09/20	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	27
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	22
CLAIMS			R	5	0	2	0	7	407
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		2	0	0	0	2	45
INQUIRIES	D			2	1	0	0	3	96
REFUNDS		A		3	1	5	2	11	420
RULINGS			Y	3	0	2	0	5	181

Stewards' Attendance: Kim Sawyer, Ruben Moreno, and James Dreyer were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Kim Sawyer (Steward)

Ruben Moreno (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)