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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 August 14, 2012 through August 19, 2012.

TUESDAY

08/14/2012

(1) DUTY STEWARD

George Slender will be present for morning duties and shall record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the condition book was called off with two entries. Sub #2 was off with no entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races were carded for Friday night's program which consisted of three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 12:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

08/15/2012

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Friday was conducted promptly at 9:00 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the condition book was called off with one CAL-BRED. Sub #5 failed to fill with zero CAL-BREDS.

(3) THE DRAW

One Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races were carded for Saturday's program.

THURSDAY

08/16/2012

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Saturday night's racing card was conducted promptly at 9:00 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The seventh race in the condition book was off with three entries.

(3) THE DRAW

The nine race card for Sunday's program will be comprised of two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

08/17/2012

(1) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

1st Race - # 7 Raven's Never More (Tr. R. W. Allen) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$359.00.

7th Race - # 6 Texas Time Bandit (Tr. P. Jones) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$307.00.

(2) FLORES HEARING (CASE #12LA0129)

Trainer Jose Flores appeared before the Stewards for a formal hearing to address the above referenced complaint for a positive test finding of "Methamphetamine" for the horse "Super Long Straw" who finished first in the fifth race on June 10, 2012 at Los Alamitos Race Course. Mr. Flores was cited for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843 (a,b&d), #1859.5 and #1887 (a&b).

Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards, Special Investigators Tom Blake, Kevin Kitashima, Safety Steward Randy Winick, Certified Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein and the respondent Trainer Jose Flores.

Trainer Flores testified that he had no idea how the horse received the drug. He immediately had all of his grooms tested in which six of them tested positive for "Methamphetamine." The horse in question, "Super Long Straw," was owned by the Bonanza Racing Stables, which was later confiscated by the Treasury Department.

The analysis of the urine sample lab report from Davis indicated a very minimal amount of meth, which was verified by the split sample of Ames, Iowa.

Mr. Flores was advised that he is the responsible party for the horse and his employees. Decision to be rendered in a few days.

(3) FLORES RULINGRULING #128

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY OF THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD THAT URINE SAMPLE# LA20861, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "SUPER LONG STRAW", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 10, 2012, TESTED POSITIVE FOR METHAMPHETAMINE (CLASS I). IT IS ORDERED THAT "SUPER LONG STRAW" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$2,200) EARNED BY OWNER BONANZA RACING STABLES, TRAINER JOSE FLORES AND JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY SEPTEMBER 16, 2012 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	AIRPLANE GOLD
2ND	CHICK ON FIRST
3RD	YOU STOLE MY HAPPY
4TH	BEER HUNTER
5TH	SWEET MAUREEN
6TH	MRTHIRTYEIGHTSPECIAL
7TH	DOLLS IN FIRE

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.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jose Flores' hearing was completed. The class I drug "Methamphetamine" requires disqualification from purse money.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,126	On Track Handle:	\$158,889.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,136</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$413,826.30
Total:	3,262	Out of State:	<u>\$721,281.21</u>
		Total:	\$1,293,997.21

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$402,685

SATURDAY

08/18/2012

(1) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

2nd Race - # 3 Silencio Gato (Tr. F. Ramirez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$789.00.

(2) NAVARRO HEARING

A formal hearing was conducted to address a complaint against trainer Eloy Navarro for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1840 (Veterinary Practices and Treatments Restricted), #1843 (c) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1890 (a&b) (Possession of Contraband), #1864 (Labeling of Medications) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

At issue was the contraband found in Mr. Navarro's barn. Subject denied any knowledge of the paraphernalia found in his barn. Navarro stated the contraband belonged to his groom. He was advised that he is responsible for any illegal items confiscated from any tack rooms assigned to him. Decision to follow.

(3) EIGHTH RACE – LATE DECLARATION - REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eighth race when Track Veterinarian Dr. Tom Hackathorn reported that #4 "Crystal Sola Too" (Tr. J. Flores) was coughing during the warm-up. Declared by the Stewards. Refund: \$4,912.00.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,270	On Track Handle:	\$150,380.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,204</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$377,837.70
Total:	3,474	Out of State:	<u>\$699,038.19</u>
		Total:	\$1,227,255.99

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$423,940.16

SUNDAY

08/19/2012

(1) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

4th Race - # 5 Comebacker (Tr. J. Avalos) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$543.00.

6th Race - # 4 Boot Up Your Assets (Tr. P. Visscher) recommendation of horse identifier Juan Garcia, Stewards.
Refund: \$460.00

(2) FLORES RULING (REFER 8/17/12 (2))

RULING #129

TRAINER JOSE A. FLORES, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SUPER LONG STRAW" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 10, 2012, IS FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* AND SUSPENDED ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS (AUGUST 21, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 16, 2013) PURSUANT TO

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A&B) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (A,B&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) (METHAMPHETAMINE – CLASS I).

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) OF THE DAYS OF SUSPENSION ARE STAYED PENDING THE PASSAGE OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING, DURING WHICH TIME JOSE FLORES IS PLACED ON PROBATION AND SHALL NOT HAVE ANY VIOLATIONS FOR CLASS I, II, OR III SUBSTANCES. IF PROBATION IS VIOLATED, SUBJECT SHALL SERVE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) STAYED DAYS. ACTUAL DAYS OF SUSPENSION WILL BE AUGUST 21, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19, 2012.

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

The above ruling was issued after due deliberation concerning testimony and documents offered in Flores' hearing. Statement of Decision to follow.

(3) LATE DECLARATION - REFUND

A refund was ordered in the first race when jockey Gregorio Arriaga who rode #7 "Tachtisjobnshoveit" (Tr. F. Ramirez) thought his mount was off. Track Veterinarian Dr. Hackathorn stated the horse was okay. Declared by the Stewards. Refund: \$7,532.00.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	993	On Track Handle:	\$137,642.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,009</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$365,646.60
Total:	3,002	Out of State:	<u>\$680,873.14</u>
		Total:	\$1,184,161.84

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$440,032

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>
8/17/2012	1	7	Raven's Never More	R. W. Allen	Sick	Hackathorn	\$359
	7	6	Texas Time Bandit	P. Jones	Injured	Hackathorn	\$307
8/18/2012	2	3	Silencio Gato	F. Ramirez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$789
8/19/2012	4	5	Comebacker	J. Avalos	Sick	Hackathorn	\$543

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted August 19, 2012. No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period fourteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: six for soundness, three for injury, four for sickness, none for medication, none for bleeding, none for shock wave therapy, and one for coggins. Thirteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward George Slender.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 08/17	SAT 08/18	SUN 08/19	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	16
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		6	0	4	10	244
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	39
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	63
REFUNDS		A			2	3	2	7	223
RULINGS			Y		1	0	1	2	129

Stewards' Attendance: George Slender, James Dreyer, Albert Christiansen and Randy Winick were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

George Slender (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Randy Winick (Safety Steward)