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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 22, 2013 through January 27, 2013.

**TUESDAY**

01/22/2013

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Albert Christiansen will be present for morning duties and shall compose the week's minutes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Two races were offered CAL-BRED in the condition book, neither of which filled. The seventh race in the book for four year olds and upward, claiming price \$8,000, going 350 yards, had one entry. Sub race #1 for three year olds, claiming price \$3,200, going 300 yards, also had one entry.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races were drawn for Friday's program. Four Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races complete the card.

**WEDNESDAY**

01/23/2013

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no changes on the overnight when scratch time was completed at 9:00 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Two races were offered CAL-BRED, neither of which filled. The first race in the book for maidens, three years old, claiming price \$8,000, going 300 yards, had three entries. Sub race #2 for three year olds, claiming price \$5,000, going 300 yards, did not attract an entry.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races were drawn for Saturday's program. Two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races, including six trials for the "Los Alamitos Winter Derby," make up the card.

**THURSDAY**

01/24/2013

(1) SCRATCHES

One rider and one equipment change completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Three races were offered CAL-BRED in the condition book, none of which filled. The third race in the book for maidens, fillies three years old, going 300 yards, had zero entries. The seventh race for four year olds and upward, claiming price \$12,500, going 350 yards, had one entry. Sub race #4 for three year olds, claiming price \$12,500, going 350 yards, also had one entry.

(3) THE DRAW

Eight races were drawn for Sunday's program. Two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races, including two trials for the "Los Alamitos Winter Championship," complete the card.

FRIDAY

01/25/2013

(1) SCRATCHES

One equipment addition completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) LEON RULINGRULING #13

IN THE MATTER OF: ARMANDO LEON - DBA LJM RANCH INC

HAVING NOW SATISFIED THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER ARMANDO LEON - DBA LJM RANCH INC ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING # 2, DATED DECEMBER 29, 2012, SUSPENDING MR. LEON FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR), IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND MR. LEON IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

This ruling was issued after Equine Sports Medicine notified the Stewards Mr. Leon's outstanding debt was resolved.

(3) GIVENS RULINGRULING #14

TRAINER DENNIS L. GIVENS WHO STARTED THE HORSE "MONGOOSE SNOW HAWK" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON DECEMBER 2, 2012, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1844 (a&c-2) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – PHENYLBUTAZONE EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (6.47 ML) – CLASS IV).

The above ruling was agreed upon after conferring with Mr. Givens. The trainer stated the groom did not realize the horse was in to race and fed the bute.

(4) FORMAL HEARING

A formal hearing was conducted to address complaint #12LA0249, alleged clenbuterol positive against trainer Lissette Hernandez. Present at the hearing were the respondent Lissette Hernandez, her owner/mother Elizabeth Gutierrez, Supervising California Horse Racing Board Investigator Tom Blake, Special Investigator Kevin Kitashima who presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board, Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein who recorded the proceedings, and the Board of Stewards. Testimony was heard; exhibit was marked; parties were offered the opportunity to examine witnesses; and the hearing was concluded.

(5) PURSE REDISTRIBUTION RULINGRULING #15

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY OF THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD THAT URINE SAMPLES #LA21684, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "FINDING MOBY", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON

OCTOBER 5, 2012, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CLENBUTEROL (CLASS III). IT IS ORDERED THAT "FINDING MOBY" 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 (\$6,325) EARNED BY OWNER EDMUNDO AND ELIZABETH GUTIERREZ, TRAINER LISSETTE HERNANDEZ AND JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY FEBRUARY 23, 2013 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	BET IT SNOWS
2ND	LIKE A ZEPHYR
3RD	JDF CHECK
4TH	ROCK THRU FIRE
5TH	FIREFIGHTER
6TH	TAC IT EASE E MAN

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 issued after the Lissette Hernandez hearing was adjourned. Clenbuterol is classified as Class III, mandating disqualification from purse money.

(6) RIDER REVIEWS DISQUALIFICATION

Jockeys Gregorio Arriaga and Eduardo Nicasio, accompanied by trainer Mike Casselman, appeared to review last Sunday's double disqualification of their mounts. Both riders attempted to correct their mounts, and the blame was attributed to the horses.

(7) FORMAL HEARING

A formal hearing was conducted to address California Horse Racing Board case #12LA0305 alleging jockey Dionicio Navarro tested positive for meth. Dionicio Navarro appeared in person, accompanied by his agent/interpreter Frank Quesada. Also present were Supervising Investigator Tom Blake, Special Investigator Kevin Kitashima who presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board, Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein who recorded the events and the Board of Stewards. Testimony was heard; an exhibit was marked; Mr. Navarro was afforded the opportunity to respond to the complaint; and the hearing was concluded. Decision to follow.

(8) GOOD RACING

Nine races were completed without a reportable incident.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 6 Royal Rumor (Tr. K. Craigmyle) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$800.00.  
4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Steppin (Tr. J. A. Moreno) rider refused, Stewards.  
Refund: \$14,502.00.  
6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Jess Mr Corona (Tr. D. Ekins) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$1,333.00.  
# 4 Mr Have Yacht (Tr. V. Farris) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$319.00.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	728	On Track Handle:	\$94,948.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,043</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$279,044.00
Total:	2,771	Out of State:	<u>\$689,698.86</u>
		Total:	\$1,063,691.46

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$375,976

**SATURDAY**  
01/26/2013

(1) HERNANDEZ RULING

RULING #16

TRAINER LISSETTE F. HERNANDEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "FINDING MOBY" IN THE THIRD RACE ON OCTOBER 5, 2012, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR (365 DAYS) (JANUARY 28, 2013 THROUGH JANUARY 27, 2014) AND FINED SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a & b) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION ON HORSE), #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – CLENBUTEROL) AND #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) OF THE DAYS OF SUSPENSION ARE STAYED PENDING THE PASSAGE OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING, DURING WHICH TIME LISSETTE F. HERNANDEZ 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 AND EIGHTY (180) STAYED DAYS. ACTUAL DAYS OF SUSPENSION WILL BE JANUARY 28 TO JULY 31, 2013.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF LISSETTE F. HERNANDEZ 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 JURISIDICITION.

This ruling was agreed upon after yesterday's formal hearing. Ms. Hernandez's past medication record was considered when arriving at this penalty.

(2) NAVARRO RULING

RULING #17

JOCKEY DIONICIO NAVARRO IS SUSPENDED SIXTY (60) DAYS (DECEMBER 28, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 2013) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1500.1 (RANDOM DRUG TESTING – POSITIVE TEST FOR METHAMPHETAMINE) ON DECEMBER 23, 2012. SUBJECT IS GIVEN CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED (DECEMBER 28, 2012 THROUGH JANUARY 25, 2013). IN ADDITION, DIONICIO NAVARRO SHALL SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF DIONICIO NAVARRO 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 WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued after yesterday's hearing. The rider tested positive for meth and contended diet pills were the culprit. However, the fact a rider tests positive for any prohibited drug is serious for the safety of all jockeys.

(3) HARVEY RULING

RULING #18

TRAINER CURTIS HARVEY JR. IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1895 (TRAINER'S DUTY TO INSURE LICENSED PARTICIPATION).

This ruling was issued after an informal hearing was afforded Mr. Harvey concerning complaints #13LA0011 and #13LA0021. The second complaint, alleging not displaying a detention bleeder sign and employing unlicensed help, was dismissed for good cause.

(4) NO PROBLEMS

Nine races were completed without a reportable incident.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

None.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,175	On Track Handle:	\$150,431.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,083</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$338,034.80
Total:	3,258	Out of State:	<u>\$734,932.34</u>
		Total:	\$1,223,398.34

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$423,083

**SUNDAY**

01/27/2013

(1) LOPEZ RULINGRULING #19

OWNER DIANE LOPEZ, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 26, 2013, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #13LA0016, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF DIANE LOPEZ 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.

This ruling was issued after Ms. Lopez failed to appear to address a financial complaint alleging she owes Equine Sports Medicine \$445.

(2) BECERRA RULINGRULING #20

OWNER ENRIQUE BECERRA, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 26, 2013, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #13LA0018, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ENRIQUE BECERRA 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.

Owner Enrique Becerra did not appear to answer the complaint that alleges he owes Equine Sports Medicine \$1,566.

(3) EIGHTH RACE – TRAINERS OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the eighth race (Quarter Horse – 400 yards – second division of “Los Alamitos Winter Championship”), the Stewards posted the Objection sign at the request of trainer Scott Willoughby, who saddled the seventh place finisher #8 “Tres Of Linda” (jockey Cruz Mendez). The trainer alleged interference by the winner #10 “Hez Our Secret” (jockey Ricky Ramirez) about one third into the race. After reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays fail to substantiate the claim of foul.

(4) LATE DECLARATION

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Million Dasher (Tr. D. Montes) ran off, Stewards.  
Refund: \$16,356.00.

**(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	689	On Track Handle:	\$137,659.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,920</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$413,251.10
Total:	2,609	Out of State:	<u>\$826,268.26</u>
		Total:	\$1,377,179.16

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$490,777

**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>
1/25/2013	1	6	Royal Rumor	K. Craigmyle	Sick	Hackathorn	\$800
	6	1	Jess Mr Corona	D. Ekins	Sick	Beck	\$1,333
	6	4	Mr Have Yacht	V. Farris	Sick	Hackathorn	\$319

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted January 27, 2013. No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's List

as follows: two for soundness, none for injury, three for sickness, three for medication, one for bleeding, none for shock wave therapy, and none for coggins. Four horses previously on the

Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Albert Christiansen.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 01/25	SAT 01/26	SUN 01/27	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		5	2	3	10	67
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	5
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	1	1	8
REFUNDS		A			4	0	1	5	29
RULINGS			Y		3	3	2	8	20

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

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Albert Christiansen (Steward)

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George Slender (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)