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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.

Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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For the period: Wednesday, December 30, 2009, through, Sunday, January 3, 2010

WEDNESDAY

12/30/09¹ **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**
1st race #2 R Pickle (Vet-injured) refund of \$647.44

2nd race - #3 Dream Nettie (Vet-sick) refund of \$869.12

12/30/09² **RIDER EXCUSED**
Joel Rosario was once again excused from his mounts as he continues to suffer from what his agent terms a virus. Replacement riders were announced.

12/30/09³ **CORDERO IN**
Exercise rider Antonio Cordero was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him for failing to honor the conditions of a decision rendered by the Board. He has not complied with the guidelines set forth by the Winners Foundation, in that he has not attended meetings on a regular basis. He had any number of excuses, none acceptable. He was instructed to submit to a urine test and we will await the results before rendering a decision.

12/30/09⁴ **RULING**

LATS #004

Trainer **DON CHATLOS**, having partially satisfied his financial obligation and signed a financial agreement, is restored to good standing. HIRTH Ruling #019 issued at Hollywood Park on November 29, 2009 is set aside.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Chatlos was in the office to make a partial payment to several former employees and sign financial agreements for the balance.

12/30/09⁵

JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the first race as Christian Santiago Reyes (5th, #1 Sky'squickscore) lodged a claim of foul against Jose Valdivia, Jr. (1st, #6 Good Turn) for interference on the backside. After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to leave the original placings intact. While Reyes did steady briefly when the winner came over near the 5/8 pole, it was the decision of the Stewards that his finish position was not affected by the incident

12/30/09⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,619	833,514.00
Inter-track	4,820	1,489,185.50
Out of state	n/a	3,294,316.76
Total	8,439	5,617,016.26

THURSDAY

12/31/09¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

4th race - #6 Kat Scratch Fever (Vet-injured) refund of \$1,373.00

6th race - #6 Sweet Hanni (Vet-sick) refund of \$2,334.30

8th race - #4 Eventful Miss (Stewards-ran off) refund of \$317.90

12/31/09²

RULING

LATS # 005

For good cause and having provided medical documentation to verify his request for an extension of his apprentice jockey's license, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule 1500 (Apprentice Jockey), the apprenticeship of COSME RIVERA is extended 70 days, until April 27, 2010, inclusively.

This ruling was issued after the rider provided medical documentation of the injury he suffered during this past Oak Tree Racing Association meeting.

12/31/09³

RULING

LATS #006

Provisional exercise rider ANTONIO CORDERO is suspended for the term of his license for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1485(d) (License

Subject to Conditions and Agreements – noncompliance with Winners’ Foundation and refusal to submit to a urine test on December 30, 2009).

The preceding ruling was issued as Cordero failed to submit to a urine test as required by the decision in his fitness for license hearing.

12/31/09⁴

RIDERS EXCUSED

Julio Garcia was excused from his lone mount of the day due to illness, while Martin Pedroza was excused from his final mount of the day for the same reason. Replacement riders were named.

12/31/09⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,825	980,009.00
Inter-track	6,256	2,028,984.10
Out of state	n/a	3,738,707.60
Total	11,081	6,747,700.70

FRIDAY

01/01/10¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

4th race - #6 Barney Bass (Vet-sick) refund of \$445.25

7th race - #1 Ballerina Angel (Vet-injured) refund of \$2,695.25

8th race - #10 Ultra Awesome (Vet-sick) refund of \$3,210.65

9th race - #1 Bestdressed (Stakes)
#2 Feisty Suances (Stakes) refund of \$996.00

10th race - #8 Wetaskiwin (Stewards-no insurance) refund of \$330.30

01/01/10²

MINUS POOL

A minus pool of \$22,464.48 was created in the third race when #6 In The Slips, odds on at 2/5, lived up to her favored status and came home an easy winner.

01/01/10³

ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the tenth race to review the circumstances which caused jockey Joel Rosario, riding #1 Rocky Ice, to be unseated at the start. After taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the start, the Stewards unanimously voted to declare Rocky Ice a starter. The horse grabbed a quarter four strides out of the gate and stumbled, causing the rider to lose his balance and fall. Fortunately, he escaped unscathed except for a small contusion on his wrist. The loose horse caused no problems for the other runners.

01/01/10⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	11,695	1,900,575.20
Inter-track	7,439	2,304,863.30
Out of state	n/a	4,621,421.58
Total	19,134	8,826,860.08

SATURDAY

01/02/10¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3rd race - #6 Forever My Love (Vet-injured) refund of \$901.90

6th race - #4 California Blue (Vet-sick) refund of \$1,493.00

7th race - #4 Abalanche (Vet-unsound)
#10 Sea of Marmara (Vet-sick) refund of \$3,638.55

8th race - #4 Life Is Sweet (Stakes)
#6 Czechers (Stakes) refund of \$5,214.10

01/02/10²

MINUS POOL

A minus pool was created in the first race when #1 Worth a Punt, the prohibitive choice at 1/5, rewarded its backers with an easy victory. A total of \$14,066.36 was needed to balance.

01/02/10³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	20,222	4,956,643.00
Inter-track	9,154	2,946,138.40
Out of state	n/a	5,641,110.19
Total	29,376	13,543,891.59

SUNDAY

01/03/10¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3rd race - #5 Nadeshiko (Vet-injured) refund of \$836.65

4th race - #8 Tuffenuftowearpink (Vet-sick) refund of \$630.40

6th race - #1 Mrs. Rocha (Vet-sick) refund of \$763.90

8th race - #7 Kimmyv (Vet-sick) refund of \$1,712.60

01/03/10²

VIDEO REVIEW

Jockeys Joel Rosario and Mike Smith were in the office to review video of races run yesterday in which their mounts were responsible for interference. While neither ride gave rise to a sanction, both were cautioned to be more alert to prevent interference.

01/03/10³

INQUIRY INTO START – NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race as the Stewards reviewed the start. #1 Siete Machos had broken poorly and we wanted to make certain that it had received the opportunity for a fair beginning. After speaking with the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the start the Stewards declared Siete Machos a starter. Video showed the horse breaking in sharply, so much so that it hit the inside running rail and almost dislodged the rider.

01/03/10⁴

HILLSIDE INCIDENT – VIDEO COVERAGE LACKING

Jockey Victor Espinoza called after the conclusion of the seventh race as he was concerned about an incident on the upper portion of the hillside turf course. He said the winner had shut him off approaching the right hand turn. The only angle which was remotely helpful was the 1/4 pole camera, and that angle was not close to what was needed to make a determination of culpability.

Management has been looking into installing a stationary, unmanned camera at the right hand turn which would give the Stewards a true head-on shot of the first quarter mile – now is the time.

01/03/10⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	10,343	2,268,826.50
Inter-track	7,845	1,890,169.00
Out of state	n/a	4,208,719.80
Total	18,188	8,367,715.30

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN REPORT - WEEK of 12/28/09 – 01/03/10

Horses on Vet List 18
 Horses off Vet List 19
 Shock Wave Therapy 15
 Deceased 2
 Medication 8

SUMMARY

	Wed. 12/30	Thurs. 12/31	Fri. 01/01	Sat. 01/02	Sun. 01/03		Week	Meet
Inquiries	1	0	1	0	1		3	4
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Rulings	1	2	0	0	0		3	6
Refunds	2	3	5	4	4		18	41
Accidents	0	0	1	0	0		1	1
Claims	1	1	3	3	0		8	14
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	2	0		5	8

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward