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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB

Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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WEEK 3-Sunday, January 8, 2012-Saturday, January 14, 2012

SUNDAY

01/08/12¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race - #1 Swift Beauty (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$606.90
5th race - #5 El Martillo (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$1,550.00
6th race - #13 She Spirit de Su (Also eligible)
 #14 Ramona's Ride (Also eligible) refund of \$2,151.86
8th race - #1 Calimonco (Stakes)
 #7Al Instante (Stakes) see 1-8-2012⁶
9th race - #6 Raggin Wood (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$934.42

01/08/12²

COMPLAINT DISMISSED

The complaint filed against trainer Kenneth Nettles for an overage of Phenylbutazone found in post-work test obtained from his horse Jeffrey's Groove was dismissed. The reasoning behind the decision was based on an interpretation of the wording found in rule #1866(d)(Veterinarian's List), which states: "A horse may be required to perform satisfactorily in a workout or qualifying race to demonstrate its physical fitness, and if so a blood and/or urine post work sample shall be taken from the horse and the provisions of this article shall apply to such official workout in the same manner as to a scheduled race." In this specific instance, the horse

in question did not work “satisfactorily”, as it worked five furlongs in 1:03.2, which was too slow to be a satisfactory workout; therefore, blood should not have been drawn. Also taken into account was Mr. Nettles’ exemplary medication record.

01/08/12³

RULING LATS #011

Trainer **JANET DAVIDSON**, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility-Pony Rider Karen MacLean \$270.00).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Janet Davidson are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Davidson is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued after Ms. Davidson, who is no longer racing in any jurisdiction, called from her ranch in Arizona to say that she would not be appearing in response to the complaint filed against her and did not have the means to satisfy the debt.

01/08/12⁴

MINUS POOL

A minus pool was created in the second race after #4 Eden’s Moon, the prohibitive favorite at odds of 1/5, proved the easiest of winners. The amount needed to balance the ledger sheet was \$9,714.89.

01/08/12⁵

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as two horses were declared while the field was in the warm up process and loading into the gate. The first scratch took place as #2 Warren’s Flyer was off in the right foreleg and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Dana Stead. The second occurred as #7 For You My Heart injured itself during the loading process and was declared on Dr. Stead’s recommendation. The refund totaled \$213,419.78

01/08/12⁶

ACCIDENT/REFUND

Jockey Garrett Gomez was injured while the field for the eighth race (Grade III Daytona Stakes) was on their way from the walking ring to the track as his mount, #5 Silver Summation, froze, then flipped. The rider was thrown clear but landed solidly on his left heel. He was examined by first aid personnel then transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital where x-rays revealed a fractured heel.

The horse was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead, with the scratch reducing the field to four racing interests and prompting the cancellation of the Show Pool. The refund amounted to \$41,681.43.

01/08/12⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,064	\$1,390,941.70
Inter-track	6,942	\$1,991,896.70
Out of state	n/a	\$3,551,828.13
Total	13,006	\$7,374,620.63

THURSDAY01/12/12¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**2nd race - #2 Sir Allison (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$469.008th race - #9 Let Me Finish (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$62.8001/12/12²**COMPLAINT SETTLED**

A complaint filed by trainer Bob Baffert against Billy Koch of Little Red Feather Stable was settled after a semi-acrimonious hearing this morning. Mr. Koch did not deny that his horse was in the Baffert stable, but was reluctant to pay the bill due to the way he was spoken to by the trainer. Mr. Baffert acknowledged that his choice of language may not have been the best, but said he was upset that Mr. Koch had sent him a horse with obvious physical problems. Mr. Koch ultimately said he had no problem paying the bill but wanted his day in front of the Stewards to vent his frustrations.

01/12/12³**TRAINER RESPONDS**

Trainer James Kasparoff was in the office this morning in response to two financial complaints filed against him by former employees. Mr. Kasparoff produced checks paid to groom Jose Quinteros, who alleged he was owed \$13,500 in back wages. Part of the problem is that there was no agreement as to what Quinteros was to be paid. Kasparoff felt that he paid the groom what he had coming. The second complaint was filed by Quinteros' wife, Adelaida Garcia, who alleged that she was owed \$3,825.00 for hot walking services. Kasparoff also produced checks he felt fully compensated Ms. Garcia. Kasparoff has been asked to bring in additional documentation to support his contention.

01/12/12⁴**ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Jockey Eswan Flores was unseated during the stretch run of the third race when his mount, #8 Shoo Gee, suffered a fractured right shoulder while in the lead. Flores bailed off to the left side of his mount, ultimately hitting two uprights which stabilize the running rail. Paramedics were on the scene immediately to attend to the rider. A decision was made to send Flores to the hospital for further examination, and that is where a major problem arose. Since there is only one ambulance on the grounds, Arcadia Fire Department had to be called so they could transport the rider. A call was radioed to the Association Gate to alert Arcadia 911 to roll to Santa Anita. Unfortunately the call was not heard and Arcadia Fire was not notified. Therefore there was a delay in the 911 unit arriving on the grounds. A tentative meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to discuss the situation.

The horse was removed via equine ambulance and euthanized shortly after the race. Replacement riders were named for Flores. There was no change to the original placings.

01/12/12⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,420	\$811,114.00
Inter-track	5,196	\$1,259,984.70
Out of state	n/a	\$2,592,286.29
Total	8,616	\$4,919,743.09

FRIDAY
01/13/12¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

5th race - #3 Antrim's Legend (Veterinarian-sick)
#11 Mango Tart (Stewards-enter back) refund of \$461.78
6th race - #3 Man Chester Man (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$275.18

01/13/12²

RIDER EXCUSED

Apprentice jockey Eswan Flores, who was injured in a spill yesterday(Ref 1-12-2012⁴) was excused from his mounts this afternoon as he was too sore to ride. Replacement riders were announced.

01/13/12³

PROTOCOL MEETING

In the aftermath of the problem surrounding the Eswan Flores spill and subsequent delay in transporting him to a medical facility, the Stewards met with management to discuss changes in protocol. Present were President and General Manager George Haines III, Director of Facilities and Grounds Jason Spetnagel, Chief of Security Lou Scalera, Jockey Guild representatives Terry Meeks and Darrell Haire, and Jockey Agent Tony Matos. Safety Steward Luis Jauregui was also in attendance. Commissioner Bo Derek participated by telephone. Mr. Scalera explained what caused the breakdown in communication, that being the radio transmission to the "A" gate not being heard and Arcadia Fire Department not being alerted. Scalera said that immediately after the original radio call the response "10-4" was heard and it was assumed that it was the "A" gate responding. Unfortunately, it was not the case. A second call to Arcadia Fire was needed and that is what caused the delay. In the future, a specific response from the "A" gate will be needed to assure they received the radio transmission. Another meeting is scheduled between Santa Anita management, the Arcadia Fire Department Captain and the owner of the paramedic ambulance company in order to make certain that everyone is on the same page.

It must be noted that Mr. Flores' care by the paramedics was not compromised by the delay. They were on the scene immediately and never left the rider's side.

01/13/12⁴

RULING LATS #023

Jockey **COREY NAKATANI**, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (January 22, 26, and 27, 2012) for altering course without sufficient clearance entering the clubhouse turn and causing interference aboard "Strasbourg" in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on January 8, 2012. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

Term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Nakatani had viewed the seventh race from January 8, 2012, during which he was responsible for interference entering the first turn. The rider maintained that he was clear

when he crossed over, but the Stewards, by a majority decision(Ward in the minority), felt otherwise. Nakatani intimated that he would appeal.

01/13/12⁵

WARNING ISSUED

Jockey Christian Santiago Reyes received a warning for an observed whip violation from the first race on January 12th. The rider admitted he was too aggressive with the whip when his mount was out of contention.

01/13/12⁶

RULINGS OMITTED

A total of eleven backstretch rulings for minor offenses were inadvertently omitted from yesterday's minutes. All fines have been paid.

01/13/12⁷

REFUND

A refund was ordered prior to the running of the third race as #3 Wild Revenge was lame in the left foreleg during warm up and declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The amount returned came to \$67,275.08

01/13/12⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,178	\$758,000.20
Inter-track	5,139	\$1,307,587.90
Out of state	n/a	\$3,347,996.12
Total	8,317	\$5,683,494.52

SATURDAY

01/14/12¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race-#1 Hadfunlastnight (Veterinarian-sick)

#7 Super Candy (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$2,453.46

4th race - #7 Clue Me In (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,146.70

6th race - #2 Gracias Mil (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$523.90

8th race - #4 Dreaminofthewin (Stakes) refund of \$613.14

01/14/12²

TRAINER RESPONDS

Trainer Jorge Gutierrez was in the office this for a formal hearing into the results of the test sample obtained from his horse "Warren's Goldie", the third place finisher in the third race at Hollywood Park on November 17, 2011. Results showed the presence of Flunixin at the level of 78.1 ng/ml. Mr. Gutierrez, who has been a trainer for twelve years and has had no medication violations, could not explain the findings. He said that his normal pre-race routine is to have his veterinarian inject the horse with Phenylbutazone and Banamine in a small dose forty eight hours prior to the race, then another small dosage of Phenylbutazone twenty four hours out. He does not know how the overage occurred so he is concerned about changing his procedures with respect to pre-race medication. A decision will be rendered shortly.

01/14/12³

RULING LATS #024

Owner **JOSEPH WITEK**, having satisfied his alleged debt to Veterinarian Dr. Roger Hunter, is restored to good standing. Ruling TRTG #027, issued at Bay Meadows on September 24, 2006, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Witek dropped off a check for Dr. Roger Hunter to satisfy a long standing veterinarian bill.

01/14/12⁴

OWNER RESPONDS

Brendan Bakir, the owner of Tachycardia Stable, was in the office this morning in response to a financial complaint filed against him by Dr. John Araujo, who alleged he was owed \$1,312.95 for services performed on Bakir's horses trained by A. C. Avila. Mr. Bakir, who said he has never met Mr. Avila, felt that a payment of \$10,000 to Avila included funds to pay Dr. Araujo. Both men indicated that they would research their records and come up with a solution.

01/14/12⁵

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as #4 Zippin E was off in the hind quarters during warm up and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund amounted to \$22,483.54.

01/14/12⁶

ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the ninth race as the Stewards reviewed the circumstances which resulted in jockey Martin Pedroza being unseated from his mount, #7 Teasing Bernie, in deep stretch. After speaking with jockey Joel Rosario, who rode the winner, #5 Mon Coeur, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Mon Coeur from first position to unplaced. Video showed the horse drifting out nearing the finish into the path of Teasing Bernie, causing that horse to lose its action and fall.

Fortunately, neither Pedroza nor his mount appeared to suffer serious injury.

01/14/12⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,698	\$1,637,099.70
Inter-track	7,403	\$2,105,730.30
Out of state	n/a	\$4,580,487.26
Total	16,101	\$8,706,296.36

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 01/02/12 – 01/08/12

Horses on Vet List 19
Horses off Vet List 10
Shock Wave Therapy 19
Deceased 11
Medication 7

SUMMARY

	Sun 01/08	Thurs 01/12	Fri 01/13	Sat 01/14	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	2	4
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	1	1
Rulings	1	11	1	1	14	24
Refunds	7	2	3	5	17	63
Accidents	1	1	0	1	3	4
Claims	3	5	4	4	16	49
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	0	0	1	10

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward