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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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Week 13 – Sunday, March 15, 2015 – Saturday, March 21, 2015

SUNDAY

3/15/15¹

A. M. DECLARATIONS

1 st race - #7 TAKEIT TOTHE LIMIT (Vet-sick)	Refund of \$1,019.76
3 rd race - #6 FORTY STRAIGHT (medication)	Refund of \$326.30
5 th race - #14 LIRICA HEAT (Also eligible)	Refund of \$275.00
7 th race - #6 ELEKTRUM (Stakes)	
#9 INDECISE (Stakes)	Refund of \$1,686.90
9 th race - #8 SWEET MAMA NOW (Vet-unsound)	Refund of \$585.48

3/15/15²

RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey FELIPE VALDEZ was excused from his only mount of the day due to illness. A replacement rider was named.

3/15/15³

RULING – LATS #072

Trainer PAUL AGUIRRE is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – administration of Acepromazine after entry time).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Aguirre accepted responsibility for his horse FORTY STRAIGHT, entered in the third race this afternoon, receiving an administration of the tranquilizer Acepromazine.

3/15/15⁴

ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The Inquiry sign was posted after the fifth race as the Stewards reviewed the transition area of the hillside turf race in determining the cause of jockey COREY NAKATANI, aboard #7 BILGER'S SAPPHIRE, being unseated from his mount. After speaking with the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident from all pertinent angles, the Stewards voted unanimously to leave the original order of finish in place. The quarter pole angle gave us the best look and it appeared that a chain reaction was the cause of the spill. The catalyst to the event was #11 BACKSEAT BLONDE stopping dramatically near the quarter pole. This caused the riders aboard #9 SCUTI DE PATUTI and #13 BULLWINKLE BABE to

shift out slightly to get around the stopping horse, while at the same time Mr. Nakatani's horse was stepping in. Unfortunately, his mount clipped the heels of BULLWINKLE BABE and fell.

Mr. Nakatani was transported to Huntington Hospital in Pasadena, and preliminary reports indicate that he suffered a fracture of his left collarbone. BILGER'S SAPPHIRE escaped unscathed. Accident report attached.

3/15/15⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,970	1,875,572.50
SCOTWinc	6,330	2,212,995.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,614,996.97
Total	14,300	10,703,566.37

THURSDAY3/19/15¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

1 st race - #2 AWE' SOME KITTEN (Vet-unsound)		
#6 GIANIS (Vet-sick)		Refund of \$1,049.36
3 rd race - #3 DESERT STEEL (Vet-sick)		Refund of \$1,205.40
4 th race - #4 THE B G WAY (Vet-injured)		Refund of \$457.36
5 th race - #9 BADASMYWIFELETSMEB (Also eligible)		
#10 TIGAH (Also eligible)		
#11 GREELEY AWESOME (Also eligible)		
#13 MR. LEXIS (Also eligible)		
#14 JOMELO (Also eligible)		Refund of \$3,399.48
6 th race - #7 WOLF MAN ROCKET (Vet-sick)		Refund of \$869.02
7 th race - #9 WARRENSDOLLARSIGNS (Also eligible)		
#10 BITTER TEARS (Also eligible)		
#11 MARINA DEL HEAT (Also eligible)		Refund of \$875.18
8 th race - #1 DESERT GEM (Vet-sick)		Refund of \$594.40

3/19/15²**BACKSTRETCH SECURITY CITATION HEARING**

Groom ALEJANDRO ALVAREZ was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed by the Board for his involvement in an incident on the Santa Anita backstretch between him and trainer Gustav Headley. Mr. Headley was also cited in a complaint but did not show up for the hearing. The rift between the two men began on February 2, when according to Alvarez, Headley threw straw and dog feces into Alvarez's tack room in retaliation for Alvarez's dog urinating and defecating in Headley's feed room. Additionally, on February 16, Alvarez reported to security that while he was tending to chores in his shed row, Mr. Headley purposely rode his horse into him, causing a welt on his forehead. On February 12, Mr. Headley reported to security that Alvarez threatened to assault him in his tack room.

According to the security officers involved, there were no witnesses to either allegation, although security officer BYRON CARTER stated that on February 19, he received a call from BRUCE HEADLEY, Gus's father, to the effect that if security did not do something about Alvarez, "I'm going to bring a lawsuit down on you all."

With the information at hand, the Stewards dismissed the complaint against Mr. Alvarez.

3/19/15³**MINUS POOLS**

Minus pools were incurred in the first and second races this afternoon. In the first race, the even money favorite, #4 MIDNIGHT LADY, finished third, prompting a minus pool of \$1,838.66. The second race, the overwhelming favorite at odds of 2/5, #5 ONE LUCKY DANE, romped home an easy winner, creating a deficit of \$8,120.78.

3/19/15⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,839	643,328.50
SCOTWinc	4,242	1,209,886.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	3,902,110.02
Total	7,081	5,755,325.12

FRIDAY3/20/15¹**A. M. Declarations**6th race - #11 - DANETTE (Also eligible)

#12 - SCATTAGIRL (Also eligible)

Refund of \$629.90

8th race - #11 - DULCEMIA (Also eligible)

#12 - SWEET TABOO (Also eligible)

Refund of \$1,170.70

3/20/15²**COMPLAINT DISMISSED**

A financial complaint filed against owner TERRY LOVINGER by owner PHIL DANIELS on behalf of jockey MARTIN PEDROZA and Lovinger's former trainer, WALTHER SOLIS, alleging non-payment of a 5% commission on the sale of the mare WILLA B. AWESOME was dismissed without prejudice due to the fact that the sale took place in November of 2013, which was outside of the parameters of the financial responsibility rule – more than one year. Mr. Daniels was informed, however, that should he prevail in a court of law, we would entertain a complaint.

3/20/15³**FINANCIAL COMPLAINT**

The Stewards held an informal hearing into a complaint filed by trainer WALTHER SOLIS against his former client, TERRY LOVINGER, alleging that he is owed \$15,952.50 in past due training fees. Mr. Lovinger countered that he is actually owed in excess of \$19,000 by Mr. Solis for money advanced to him for stable expenses. The crux of the dispute centers around \$28,000 Mr. Lovinger gave to Mr. Solis when the trainer was sent a group of two-year-olds. Mr. Solis claims that the amount was taken off the books after one of Mr. Lovinger's horses won an undercard stakes race on the first day of last year's Breeders' Cup. Mr. Lovinger denies that claim, stating that he told Mr. Solis they would settle up at the end of the year. Unfortunately, the relationship deteriorated and they wound up going their separate ways in mid-January.

We will review the documentation provided and render a decision shortly.

3/20/15⁴**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO was in the office to review the fifth race from Thursday, as he permitted his mount to drift in during the stretch run and caused minor interference to two horses on his inside. While "days" were not in order, we felt he could have made a stronger and earlier effort to prevent the incident.

3/20/15⁵**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the first race to review an incident at the start which affected the fifth place finisher, #4 SCATTERCASH. After speaking with the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards voted unanimously to make no change to the original order of finish. Video revealed that the two horses who were mostly responsible for the incident finished behind SCATTERCASH, thereby negating the need for a disqualification.

3/20/15⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,562	627,435.10
SCOTWinc	4,528	1,430,662.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,917,785.04
Total	7,090	6,975,882.44

SATURDAY3/21/15¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

3 rd race - #3 SO ELITE (Vet-sick)	Refund of \$533.50
5 th race - #3 MAHEE (Vet-injured)	Refund of \$1,791.10
6 th race - #13 MIZ PENELOPE (Also eligible)	
#14 MACKENZIES MOMENT (Also eligible)	Refund of \$1,526.70
8 th race - #7 FLY LEXIS FLY (Stakes)	Refund of \$481.40

3/21/15²**COMPLAINT DISMISSED**

The complaint filed by trainer KATHY WALSH against a former client, RICH FONTANA, was dismissed as the check Mr. Fontana gave her had the notation "in full to close account" on it and was cashed by Ms. Walsh (Ref. 3/12/15³). During the hearing, Mr. Fontana produced a document containing the language from civil code 1526 which states that if a check is cashed with the notation "payment in full or words of similar meaning" on it, the matter is considered closed. Ms. Walsh was so informed.

3/21/15³**VIDEO REVIEW**

AARON GRYDER and TYLER BAZE were in the office this morning to review the fifth race from last Sunday, during which jockey COREY NAKATANI was unseated from his mount.(Ref. 3/15/15⁴). Both agreed that they shifted out, albeit slightly, when a horse which had been on the lead stopped suddenly, but felt that Mr. Nakatani had placed his horse too close to the horse Mr. Gryder was riding and did not have time to react to the minor shift. We did not feel that their actions constituted careless riding and therefore no penalty was issued.

3/21/15⁴

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

3/21/15⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	13,167	1,605,623.40
SCOTWinc	6,704	2,386,654.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	7,180,583.55
Total	19,871	11,172,860.95

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 3/9/15 – 3/15/15

Horses on Vet List	16
Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	10
Deceased	2
Medication	0

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.

SUMMARY

	Sun 3/15	Thurs 3/19	Fri 3/20	Sat 3/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	0	1	7
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	0	0	2	57
Claims	2	5	6	6	19	190
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	1	0	1	0	2	30
Refunds	5	7	2	4	18	235
Rulings	1	0	0	0	1	72
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	22

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety
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