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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Week 6 – Thursday, February 4, 2016 – Sunday, February 7, 2016

THURSDAY

2/4/16[1] **MORINAGA HEARING**

We held an informal hearing regarding case number 16SA0024 which was a financial complaint filed by trainer RICKY AGARIE against one of his former owners KENJI MORINAGA alleging unpaid training bills. Mr. Morinaga was represented by attorney STEVE SCHWARTZ who argued that although his client had not paid the $15,982.50 training bill, that bill was offset by money that Mr. Agarie owes Mr. Morinaga for a horse purchase that went awry. We explained that the only issue in front of us was the training bill and that given the fact everyone agreed that Mr. Morinaga owed the money, that our decision would most likely require that the bill be paid. Decision to follow.

2/4/16[2] **INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the fourth race, we posted the Inquiry sign to examine an incident going into the first turn in which the second place finisher #2 BOOK THIRTY FOUR (F. Prat) and #1 HE'S A REAL KEEPER (K. John) both steadied while racing on the inside of the eventual winner #4 IT BEHOOVES ME (D. Lopez). Video revealed that #4 did drift in, causing his two rivals to steady. However, after speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we voted unanimously to make no change to the original of finish. Although there was interference, we believed that it happened at a point in the race where neither horse were cost the opportunity at a better placing.

2/4/16[3] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race #3 MIGHTY MOUSSE – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead
Refund $970.16 Minus Pool $8,933.34

2nd Race #2 NORMAN JORGENSON – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
#7 VIEWFROMTHEPULPIT – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande
#6 AND THEN SOME – Claimed – K. Mulhall, trainer
Refund $664.28 Minus Pool $1,604.70

3rd Race	#9 APOSTLE PAUL – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund $1,248.79
4th Race	#5 TEMPLAR – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer Refund $1,500.44
5th Race	#7 THUNDER BASIN – Late veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande Refund $8,094.33
6th Race	#11 NEW SUMMIT – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #12 MISCHIEF CLEM – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #13 PRESS BARON (GB) – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund $2,062.58
7th Race	#6 AMERICAN LEAGUE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #12 INHIBITION – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund $668.20
8th Race	#1 ANDA – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande Refund $422.52

2/4/16[4] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,971	611,495.50
SCOTWinc	4,210	1,175,624.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,083,731.52
Total	7,181	5,870,851.52

FRIDAY

2/5/16[1] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO came to the office to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday in which his horse broke out sharply. Video revealed that his horse was almost unmanageable so Mr. Delgadillo received a warning.

Apprentice jockey DAVID LOPEZ came to the office to review his ride in the fourth race yesterday which was also the subject of an Inquiry. Films showed that he dropped in and caused the two horses to his inside to steady as the field entered the first turn. He was candid in explaining that although he was worried about the fellow apprentice to his outside, he should have protected the riders to his inside. The majority blamed Mr. Lopez and issued a suspension whereas Steward CHANEY felt that the horse could be blamed.

LATS #037

Apprentice Jockey DAVID C. LOPEZ, who rode IT BEHOOVES ME in the fourth race at Santa Anita Race Track on February 4, 2016, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 11, 12, and 13, 2016), for altering course without sufficient clearance entering the first turn. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

2/5/16[2] **BAFFERT HEARING**

We held a formal hearing today into case number 16SA018 which was a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board against trainer BOB BAFFERT alleging a bute level (2.56 ug/ml) over the legal limit uncovered in his horse PRETTY N COOL after the third race on January 2, 2016. Given that his last overage was in 2002, the penalty guidelines allowed a warning in this matter.

2/5/16[3] **CRAIGMYLE HEARING**

We held an informal hearing with trainer KEITH CRAIGMYLE regarding a first time gelding that the trainer failed to report. Mr. Craigmyle was refreshingly candid in taking

responsibility for the error. There was a mitigating factor in that the castration took place away from the racetrack. We issued the following ruling:

LATS #038

Trainer KEITH CRAIGMYLE is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($750.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse CRUSHIN CANDY which ran in the second race at Santa Anita Park on January 22, 2016. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

2/5/16[4] **LUCATERO FOLLOW UP**

We held a second informal hearing with hotwalker CHRSITIAN LUCATERO to follow up the marijuana and methamphetamine positive from two weeks ago. Since the initial hearing, Mr. Lucatero signed a testing agreement and has been attending meetings with the Winners' Foundation. As directed, he tested with the CHRB after the last hearing and as he correctly predicted was negative for methamphetamine and slightly positive for marijuana. He received a glowing recommendation from Winners' Foundation representative BOB FLETCHER. Decision to follow.

2/5/16[5] **INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the first race, we posted the Inquiry sign to examine the start of #4 DEEDS NOT WORDS, who stumbled and unseated rider DRAYDEN VAN DYKE. Films revealed that the horse stumbled on its own and that no other horses were involved. Therefore he was declared a starter and the race was declared official. Mr. Van Dyke was cleared to ride the rest of the card and the horse was corralled by the outrider. Accident report attached.

2/5/16[6] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	#4 DEEDS NOT WORDS – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
	#4 DEEDS NOT WORDS – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to T. Proctor, trainer
	Refund $156.00
2nd Race	#6 SMOOTH TALKER – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
	#7 PAPASLILPRINCESS – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer. Refund $84.00
3rd Race	#1 CHOLENA – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead
	Refund $1,363.70
4th Race	#8 JOURNEY ON – Claimed – L. Powell, trainer
	Refund $364.04
5th Race	No changes; Refund $316.08
6th Race	#7 PLAYER'S CHARM – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande
	#1 MR. CARTAGENA – Claimed – H. Palma, trainer
	#8 THANKSGIVING DAY (IRE) – Claimed – R. Gomez, trainer
	#1 MR. CARTAGENA – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to R. Diodoro, trainer
	Refund $3,254.97
7th Race	#11 DECKED OUT – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
	Refund $797.70
8th Race	#4 DAY OF FURY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
	#7 ULTIMATE LUCK – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
	#6 DIVE DOWN – Claimed – M. Chew, trainer
	#9 CAN'T DO THE DANSE – Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer
	Refund $2,319.53

2/5/16[7] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,787	720,297.60
SCOTWinc	4,141	1,294,097.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,653,269.67
Total	6,928	6,667,664.87

SATURDAY

2/6/16[1] **MORINAGA RULING**

After considering the facts of the hearing held Thursday, we issued the following ruling:

LATS #039

Following a hearing held at Santa Anita Park on February 4, 2016, it is ordered that owner KENJI MORINAGA (KM Racing Enterprise Inc.) pay trainer RICKY AGARIE the amount of $15,982.50 by February 19, 2016. Failure to do so will result in the immediate suspension of all licenses held by KENJI MORIANGA (KM Racing Enterprise Inc.).

2/6/16[2] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE came to the office to review his ride in the fourth race yesterday during which he appeared to strike his horse 4 times without giving him the chance to respond. He agreed and we issued the following ruling:

LATS #040

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE, who rode MISS DOUBLE D'ORO in the fourth race on February 5, 2016 at Santa Anita Race Track, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – third offense in the last sixty days; last offense on January 15, 2016).

2/6/16[3] **INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the first race, we posted the Inquiry sign to examine an incident between second place finisher #1 TOUGH BUT NICE (F. Perez) and third place finisher #4 BOLITAR (F. Prat). Video revealed that #1 pushes #4 out and off his path, bumping that horse several times in order to create otherwise nonexistent running room. After speaking with the patrol judges and the two riders, and given the small margin between the two horses, we voted unanimously to disqualify #1 and place him third.

Original order of finish: 8-(1)-4-7-6-2-5-3
Corrected Order: 8-4-(1)-7-6-2-5-3

2/6/16[4] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	No changes; Refund $52.00
2nd Race	No changes; Refund $228.70
3rd Race	#14 C W ROAD – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund $636.42
4th Race	No changes; Refund $8,459.86 Minus Pool $1,768.58
5th Race	#5 DECKED OUT – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund $1,159.22 Minus Pool $132,345.29
6th Race	#7 GRACHUS THE HUNTER – broke down ½ mile pole, turf – H. Palma, trainer (see attached report) #4 OPSEC – Claimed – J. Sadler, trainer. Refund $39.00
7th Race	No changes; Refund $69.00
8th Race	#6 GANESH (BRZ) – Stewards' scratch, stake #11 BIG CAZANOVA (ARG) – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund $1,127.50
9th Race	#9 JOURNEY BY THE SEA – Rider change – T. Baze for G. Stevens (injured)

2/6/16[5] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	14,285	2,158,860.30
SCOTWinc	7,007	2,467,497.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	9,810,261.16
Total	21,292	14,436,618.76

SUNDAY

2/7/16[1] **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Early first post (11:00 am) today and abbreviated office hours in order to accommodate the Super Bowl this afternoon.

2/7/16[2] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey FERNANDO PEREZ came to the office to review his ride in the first race yesterday after which his mount was disqualified. He offered no cogent excuse for pushing his rival out, other than to blame the other horse. We were not convinced and issued the following ruling:

LATS #044

Jockey FERNANDO PEREZ, who rode TOUGH BUT NICE in the first race at Santa Anita Race Track on February 6, 2016, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (February 13, 14, and 15, 2016) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch resulting in a disqualification from second to third. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockeys FLAVIEN PRAT, VICTOR ESPINOZA and DRAYDEN VAN DYKE all came to the office because they were late to the paddock for the fifth race yesterday. All blamed the security guard for not telling them it was time to leave. We issued the following rulings:

LATS #041

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT is fined FIFTY DOLLARS ($50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – reporting late to paddock) for the fifth race on February 6, 2016 at Santa Anita Park.

LATS #042

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – reporting very late to paddock) for the fifth race on February 6, 2016 at Santa Anita Park.

LATS #043

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE is fined FIFTY DOLLARS ($50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – reporting very to paddock) for the fifth race on February 6, 2016 at Santa Anita Park.

2/7/16[3] **MEAIRS RULING – (Ref: 1/31/16[4])**

After several unsuccessful attempts to mediate the financial dispute involving owner JOHN MEAIRS, trainer JIM CASSIDY (16SA011) and veterinarian MELINDA BLUE (16SA013), we issued the following ruling:

LATS #045

Following a hearing held at Santa Anita Park on January 31, 2016, it is ordered that owner JOHN MEAIRS pay trainer JAMES CASSIDY the amount of $29,203.00 and MELINDA BLUE, DVM, the amount of $6,465.25 by February 21, 2016. Failure to do so will result in the immediate suspension of all licenses held by JOHN MEAIRS.

2/7/16[4] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	#12 HOW UNUSUAL – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
	#14 DEATH VALLEY GIRL – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
	Refund $448.10
2nd Race	#2 MOMENTS NOTIZ – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer
	#6 LONDON LEGACY – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer
	Refund $95.00

3rd Race	#1 FULL OF HOPE – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead Refund $490.00
4th Race	#6 TRIBAL HEADDRESS – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead #4 PRECIOUS AUDREY – Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer Refund $299.00
5th Race	No changes; Refund $92.00
6th Race	#3 MYSTERY TRAIN (ARG) – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund $1,773.69
7th Race	No changes; Refund $4.00
8th Race	#7 SWAN STREET LADY - Rider change - C. Russell for A. Delgadillo (injured). Refund $3.10

2/7/16[5]

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,769	894,674.00
SCOTWinc	4,501	1,355,859.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,081,900.99
Total	8,270	`8,332,434.39

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of:

	1/25/16-1/31/16	2/1/16-2/7/16
Horses on Vet List	13	16
Horses off Vet List	12	16
Shock Wave Therapy	20	27
Deceased	1	2

SUMMARY

	Thurs 2/4/16	Fri 2/5/16	Sat 2/6/16	Sun 2/7/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	1	0	2	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	1	1	33
Claims	2	6	1	3	12	119
Disqualifications	0	0	1	0	1	3
Inquiries	1	1	1	0	3	16
Refunds	8	8	8	8	32	182
Rulings	0	2	2	5	9	45
Voided Claims	0	2	0	0	2	7

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

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