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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 9 – Thursday, February 25, 2016 – Sunday, February 28, 2016

THURSDAY

2/25/16[1] **EGAN HEARING**

We held a formal hearing into case number 16SA032 which was a complaint against exercise rider DARREN EGAN. The CHRB sought enforcement of a British Horse Racing Authority ruling banning Mr. Egan (a jockey in Britain) for twelve years for what amounted to race fixing. Staff Counsel PHIL LAIRD presented the case for the CHRB and Mr. Egan presented his own defense. We took oral and documentary evidence and brought the hearing to a close. A decision will be rendered shortly.

2/25/16[2] **McCROCKLIN COMPLAINT**

The complaint against owner TOM McCROCKLIN was withdrawn when the alleged farm debt due BONNIE ACRES RANCH was paid in full (case number 16SA0047).

2/25/16[3] **HALASZ COMPLAINT**

Owner THOMAS HALASZ and veterinarian JOHN ARAUJO were in the office this morning regarding case number 16SA0034 which alleged an unpaid veterinary bill. Apparently there was a misunderstanding regarding ownership percentages. The licensees were satisfied that they could resolve the issue.

2/25/16[4] **MEAIRS RULING**

We received no evidence that owner JOHN MEAIRS made payments as required by LATS ruling #045 and therefore issued the following ruling:

LATS #056

Owner JOHN MEAIRS, having failed to make payment to trainer JAMES CASSIDY ($29,203.00) and MELINDA BLUE, DVM ($5,465.25) as ordered in LATS Ruling #045 (February 7, 2016), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

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

2/25/16[5] **RAMIREZ VIOLATION NOTICE**

The morning outriders sent exercise rider MARTIN RUIZ into our office with a violation notice for galloping too closely to the inside rail yesterday. While he didn't agree with our decision, we issued the following ruling:

LATS #057

Exercise Rider MARTIN RUIZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – galloping close to rail – second offense).

2/25/16[6] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	#3 SWEETER THANCANDY – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer Minus Pool $5,510.93
2nd Race	#4 MIZ GRAYCEE – Claimed – R. Hess, Jr., trainer Refund $19.00
3rd Race	#3 SPEED CHECK – broke down, pulled up, vanned off (report attached) Refund $135.48
4th Race	#7 HOLOGRAEME – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund $1,123.98
5th Race	#1 DISCREETLYHUMORME – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #5 I'M NOT BULLISH – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande #3 PEDRO CERRANO – Claimed – M. Puype, trainer #3 PEDRO CERRANO – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to P. Miller, trainer #7 VALDOSTA LOVE – Claimed – R. Becerra, trainer #7 VALDOSTA LOVE – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to D. Hofmans, trainer Refund $1,244.86
6th Race	#9 HERES GEEGEES GIRL – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande Refund $1,069.38
7th Race	No changes; Refund $21.00
8th Race	#11 QUE CHISTOSO – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund $985.36

2/25/16[7] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,043	629,278.80
SCOTWinc	3,986	1,150,617.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	3,884,233.96
Total	7,029	5,664,130.56

FRIDAY

2/26/16[1] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA came to the office to review his ride in the first race on Sunday. Mr. Garcia had asked permission to postpone his hearing for one day. We believed that he floated his rival out a bit as the field turned into the stretch. He

explained that his horse was getting out, and while that was clear on the video, we believed his could have made more of an effort to prevent this action. Warning.

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT came to the office to review his ride in the third race yesterday during which there was some bumping as the field entered the far turn. After viewing the video with Mr. Prat and his agent, we believed he was not to blame for the contact.

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ came to the office to review his ride in the last race on Sunday. He was due yesterday but forgot. See below. We believed that he failed to ride his mount to the wire, possibly costing him fifth placing. After viewing the video, he agreed with our assessment. Given that this was his first offense of this nature, we issued the following rulings:

LATS #058

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS ($50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on February 25, 2016).

LATS #060

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey – failed to ride mount out until the finish line is passed) in the ninth race at Santa Anita Race Track on February 21, 2016.

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA came to the office to review his ride in the second race yesterday; specifically an incident going into the first turn. Video revealed that Mr. Pedroza dropped in, making contact with his rival along the rail, who steadied sharply. He explained that he had dropped in too far, but thought he corrected quickly. We disagreed and issued the following ruling:

LATS #059

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA, who rode MIZ GRAYCEE in the second race at Santa Anita Race Track on February 25, 2016, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 3, 4, and 5, 2016) for crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference in the first turn. 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.

2/26/16[2] **NEWHART DISMISSAL**

We received word that Dr. JOHN ARAUJO had amicably resolved his complaint (case number 16SA0035) with owner PAUL NEWHART that was scheduled today. It was therefore withdrawn, although no agreement has been submitted to this Board of Stewards.

2/26/16[3] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	#1 OZZIE STORM – Rider change – B. Panicucci for B. Pena (no show) Refund $52.00
2nd Race	No changes; Refund $84.00
3rd Race	#1 RACING FOR CHASEN – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #7 BAYONET – Late veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead #2 NO TRICKS FOR JACK – Claimed – A. Lage, trainer #6 DESERT MADAM – Claimed – K. Desormeaux, trainer Refund $13,918.30

4th Race	#9 HEAT – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund $659.54
5th Race	#2 AMAZING LADY – Claimed – E. Truman, trainer No Refund
6th Race	#2 CITY STATE – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande #7 RECORD HIGHS – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #3 TRUST YOUR CANDY – broke down (see attached report) Refund $444.95
7th Race	No Changes; No Refund
8th Race	#7 NANPOWER – no Lasix No Refund

2/26/16[4] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,093	694,539.40
SCOTWinc	4,432	1,228,385.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,673,547.27
Total	7,525	6,596,472.07

SATURDAY
2/27/16[1] **FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey BRAYAN PENA appeared to explain why he missed apprentice class and then his mount yesterday afternoon. He explained that he had been pulled over and arrested for an outstanding bench warrant. While it appears that there could be further legal action, we addressed the immediate case which was failure to fulfill a riding engagement in the ruling that follows. Mr. Pena was also required to submit to a breathalyzer and drug test at the CHRB:

LATS #062

Apprentice jockey BRAYAN PENA, who was scheduled to ride #1 OZZIE STORM in the first race on February 26, 2016 at Santa Anita Park is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

Jockey TYLER BAZE came to the office to review his ride in the second race yesterday which could have a constituted a violation of the whip rule. After reviewing the films, the majority believed that at the point in question, Mr. Baze had given the horse a chance to respond and therefore had not gone over the three strikes limitation.
Steward CHANEY believed that the rider did not give his horse a chance to respond and voted for a penalty.

2/27/16[2] **LOGAN RULING**

Owner EDELLE LOGAN was suspended in case number 16SA0015 after several commitments to pay an alleged veterinary bill fell through:

LATS #061

Owner EDELLE LOGAN is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – San Dieguito Equine Group – $3,644.26).

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

2/27/16[3] **SANDS/MESSINEO COMPLAINT**

We held an informal hearing into case number 16SA031 which was a financial complaint against owner BRUCE SANDS and NANCY MESSINEO alleging an unpaid farm bill due IRISH ROSE FARMS (Norman Day). They merely owned 50% of the horse and explained that trainer MIKE PENDER (who was present) owned the other 50%. Mr. Pender agreed to pay the bill. The larger issue (not in front of us today) was the fact that the horse was no longer able to race and the parties need to decide what to do with the horse, who continues to require care.

2/27/16[4] **KELLY WITHDRAWAL**

Trainer CLIFF SISE withdrew his complaint (case number 16SA 0040) against owner BARBARA KELLY when she paid the alleged bill in full.

2/27/16[5] **LUCATERO RULING**

After careful consideration of the hearing and testing of groom CHRSITIAN LUCATERO referenced a few weeks ago, we issued the following ruling:

LATS #063

Groom CHRISTIAN LUCATERO is suspended TWENTY-ONE (21) days, February 27, 2016 through March 19, 2016, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) for violation of rule #1489(h)(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – positive test Amphetamine [3,068 ng/ml] and Methamphetamines [9,775 ng/ml] and Marijuana Metabolite [393 ng/ml] on December 22, 2015). Furthermore Mr. LUCATERO must submit to an evaluation with the Winners' Foundation, abide by any recommendations from that organization and sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. Mr. LUCATERO will remain on probation while licensed with the California Horse Racing Board.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of CHRISTIAN LUCATERO are suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

2/27/16[6] **ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

We posted the Inquiry sign following the fourth race to examine an incident about 50 yards out of the starting gate when #3 THISONESFORLOU lost his rider IGGY PUGLISI. Video revealed that the horse stumbled or propped at the harrow marks where the main track meets the chute, causing Mr. Puglisi to lose his balance and fall. We declared #3 THISONESFORLOU a starter and there was no change to original placings. Accident report attached.

2/27/16[7] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	#3 NUSRET – Claimed E. Truman, trainer Refund $255.00
2nd Race	No Changes; Refund $81.00
3rd Race	#5 JOURNEY BY SEA – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead Refund $922.30; Minus Pool $333.50
4th Race	No Changes; Minus Pool $174.70
5th Race	#3 Tripski – Claimed – J. Bonde, trainer Refund $144.46
6th Race	No Changes; Refund $793.60
7th Race	#7 TANNERSMYMUSCLE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #10 PRAY HARD – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande

	#3 BASMATI – Claimed – J. Metz, trainer Refund $5,836.66
8th Race	#1 AIR OF ROYALTY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund $2,144.92
9th Race	#13 REBARULES AGAIN – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #14 SMART WIN -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund $843.01

2/27/16[8] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,020	1,680,248.40
SCOTWinc	6,869	2,436,025.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,489,212.86
Total	14,889	10,605,486.56

SUNDAY

2/28/16[1] **FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey CASSIDY CLERISSE came to the office to review her ride in the stretch run of the fifth race yesterday. Under right-handed whipping her horse drifted in a bit, possibly interfering with a rival. She acknowledged that she needs to keep a straighter course. We also wanted to review her whipping as the horses approached the finish. Video confirmed that she used the crop four times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond. She accepted the following ruling:

LATS #066

Apprentice Jockey CASSIDY CLERISSE is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.00) 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 – first offense in the last sixty days), during the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on February 27, 2016.

2/28/16[2] **MANAGEMENT MEETING**

We called a meeting this morning with Senior Vice President JOE MORRIS and Director of Pari-Mutuels RANDY HARTZELL to discuss an incident yesterday and its place in a larger developing problem. Yesterday because of races in other jurisdictions, the approximate post time of the fourth race was later than usual. In addition, the mutuel manager posted a later post time and then asked for additional time in the paddock and on the track. This caused the horses to be in the paddock for far too long, upsetting horsemen and the Racing Veterinarian. We addressed the issue and have a plan to deal with these issues in the future. However, this is part of a larger narrative with which this Board is becoming increasingly uncomfortable. As the television and wagering platforms consolidate it becomes increasingly difficult for tracks to avoid running at the same time, causing them to manipulate the post times, paddock times and off times in order to avoid each other and in theory, maximize the wagering dollar. This only appears to be getting worse and more contorted and this Board wanted management to know that this problem needs to be addressed going forward. Both Mr. Morris and Mr. Hartzell recognized this issue and will work on ways to bring some order back into the system.

2/28/16[3] **NORMAN RULING**

We issued the following ruling after receiving evidence that the alleged debt was paid in full:

LATS #065

Owner KELLY NORMAN, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - $100.00 to CATHLEEN CANFIELD, DVM)), is restored to good standing. Ruling LATS #028 issued at Santa Anita Winter Meet on January 24, 2016, is set aside.

2/28/16[4] **JACOBSON HEARING and RULING**

Yesterday, we held an informal hearing with trainer DAVID JACOBSON to address case number 16SA041 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging violation of rule #1866. Mr. Jacobson acknowledged that he worked a horse in his care two days after being placed on the veterinarian's sick list (colic). He explained that he was unaware of the prohibition. Today, we issued the following ruling:

LATS #064

Trainer DAVID JACOBSON, who worked out the horse DAY OF FURY on February 7, 2016 (48 hours after being placed on the Veterinarian's List), is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1866(B) (Veterinarian's List – may not work out for 72 hours after being placed on list [sick]).

2/28/16[5] **MOJALLALI DISMISSAL**

We dismissed case number 16SA037 which was a financial complaint filed by trainer CARL O'CALLAGHAN against owner SHAWN MOJALLALI alleging an unpaid training bill. Evidence revealed that the training took place in Arizona and therefore not appropriate under the California rules.

2/28/16[6] **EGAN RULING**

After careful consideration of the DARREN EGAN reciprocation hearing referenced Thursday, we are honoring the BHA's disqualification. This is memorialized in the following ruling:

LATS #067

Exercise Rider DARREN EGAN is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1484 (Evidence of Unfitness for License) for the term of his CHRB license. Furthermore, DARREN EGAN shall be ineligible to apply for a California license until completion of a disqualification imposed by racing officials of the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) (dated February 8, 2016). The CHRB will honor the decision made by the BHA and DARREN EGAN shall remain ineligible to apply for licensure through November 22, 2027.

2/28/16[7] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race	No changes
2nd Race	No changes
3rd Race	No changes; Minus Pool $2,945.60
4th Race	No changes; Refund $134.00
5th Race	No changes; Refund $219.00
6th Race	#13 BENBA – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
	#14 GLOBAL MAGICIAN -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible
	#9 SUNDAR DRUMS – pulled up vanned off, euthanized (see attached)
	Refund $2,193.26
7th Race	#7 LILY – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
	Refund $2,009.70
8th Race	No changes
9th Race	#5 BELLE ET BETE (IRE) – Claimed – AC Avila, trainer
	#6 STOLE A KISS – Claimed – K. Desormeaux, trainer

#8 True History – Claimed – P. D'Amato, trainer
Refund $35.90

2/28/16[8]

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,316	1,420,631.20
SCOTWinc	5,870	1,994,857.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,203,056.60
Total	12,186	9,618,545.20

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 2/22/16 – 2/28/16

Horses on Vet List	19
Horses off Vet List	13
Shock Wave Therapy	19
Deceased	3
Medication	1

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

	Thurs 2/25/16	Fri 2/26/16	Sat 2/27/16	Sun 2/28/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	1	1	0	3	8
Cal-Bred Races	2	3	2	1	8	49
Claims	2	3	3	3	11	160
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	0	0	1	0	1	23
Refunds	7	5	8	5	25	239
Rulings	2	3	3	4	12	67
Voided Claims	2	0	0	0	2	13

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward