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Report of the Board of Stewards

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, August 6, 2014 through Sunday, August 10, 2014.

Wednesday

8-06-14¹ CAL BRED REPORT

The Cal-bred race for three year olds and older, claiming \$4,000., five and one half furlongs failed to fill.

8-06-14² DECLARATIONS

2 nd race: #1 HEAT SEEKING	(Tr. Miguel Gonzalez)	insufficient works
Stewards		REFUND: \$ 192.73
4 th race: #6 TWO PARTS	(Tr. Victor Trujillo)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 207.94
5 th race: #6 KING BUDRICK	(Tr. Jeff Bonde)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 212.82
6 th race: #4 TWO BUCKS TO WIN	(Tr. A.L. Diaz)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 234.84
8 th race: #1 SECRET MEMO	(Tr. Sheldon Paldanius)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 421.70

8-06-14³ WRONG HORSE WORKED

The Board of Stewards were informed by the Investigating Staff that the morning clockers, Pedro Mercado and Kathy Seeley, reported a quarter horse purported to be HEAT SEEKING (Tr. Miguel Gonzalez) worked at the Alameda County Fairgrounds (Pleasanton) on August 3, 2014. Upon further review the clockers determined that the horse they saw work did not match the color or markings of HEAT SEEKING. The Board of Stewards met with Mr. Gonzalez and informed him the three year old gelding HEAT SEEKING would be taken out of the second race today as the workout he needed to participate has been deleted. The investigation continues.

8-06-14⁴

RICARDO GUTIERREZ (CASE 12GG0129)

Groom Ricardo Gutierrez once again failed to appear to address the complaint filed against him for an alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (2, 3 & 4) (Intoxication).

Mr. Gutierrez is currently under suspension for failing to appear at the hearing originally scheduled on September 22, 2012. The groom, who is not currently licensed, should not be relicensed pending resolution of the original complaint.

8-06-14⁵

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 1st RACE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the first race for a review of two incidents during the running of this 350 yard Quarter horse event.

The video shows #6 CHIHUAHUA GOLD (Jockey – Martin Arriaga) sixth and #7 LATIGO SPECIAL (Jockey – Carlos Villalobos) fifth get together and the video shows both horses were responsible for the contact soon after the start.

The second incident involved #5 PROUDEST KIDDO (Jockey – Marcial Ramirez) fourth, who drifted out nearing the wire.

Both incidents were minor and the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official.

8-06-14⁶

CLAIM VOIDED – 4TH RACE

The Board of Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer John Martin for SHADOW BALL (Tr. William J. Morey) as State Veterinarian Don Dooley, DVM reported the five year old gelding was lame. SHADOW BALL was returned to the Morey barn.

8-06-14⁷

RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Cristobal Herrera was excused from his mounts today as he is recovering from a recent dental procedure.

8-06-14⁸

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

SR	1816	\$ 207,312.10
NCOT	1334	\$ 465,206.80
SCOT		\$ 177,796.50
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 333,872.43</u>
TOTAL		\$1,184,187.83

Thursday

8-07-14¹

CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-bred race for fillies and mares, three years old and older, claiming \$3,200., failed to fill.

8-07-14²

DECLARATIONS

3rd race: #5 TENILLE (Tr. Guillermo Preciado) sick
 Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer REFUND: \$ 76.82

The declaration of #5 TENILLE in the third race and in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1954 (Pari-mutuel Pools) no show wagering was offered.

8-07-14³

OBJECTION – FIRST RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Objection sign following the first race at the request of Jockey Jesus Arriaga (#4 PLEASE BELIEVE ME – second) who lodged a claim of foul against #1 READ MY LIPS (Jockey- Luis Godoy), the winner.

After consulting with the Patrol Judges, interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make no change in the original order of finish.

The video shows #1 READ MY LIPS drifts out at or near the finish line.

The Stewards determined the incident had no bearing on the outcome.

8-07-14 ⁴	ATTENDANCE & HANDLE		
	SR	2196	\$ 198,055.90
	NCOT	1610	\$ 561,169.60
	SCOT		\$ 188,717.20
	Out of State		\$ 340,937.04
	TOTAL		\$1,288,879.74

Friday8-08-14¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for fillies and mares, three years old and older, claiming \$12,500., five and one half furlongs was used with eight starters.

8-08-14² **DECLARATIONS**

5 th race: #6 NADIE SASH	(Tr. Melanie McDonald)	unsound
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 7,720.35
7 th race: #6 SEA MONA	(Tr. Adam Kitchingman)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 283.40

8-08-14³ **ACCIDENT PAST FINISH – 1ST RACE**

Jockey Dionicio Navarro, who rode the mule IMA TOP GUN, was unseated after the finish of the first race. Mr. Navarro was not injured. Accident Report is attached.

8-08-14⁴ **INQUIRY – SIXTH RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the sixth race for a review of an incident approaching the finish involving #5 SHEZA TRIP (jockey – Ricardo Gonzalez) first and #6 SIBERIAN WINTER (Jockey – Carlos Silva) second. Mr. Silva also filed an Objection regarding the same incident.

After interviewing the riders involved, considering the Patrol Judges report and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make no change in the original order of finish.

The video shows #1 READ MY LIPS drifts out at or near the finish line into the path of #6 SIBERIAN WINTER, forcing the latter to alter course. However, the incident did not prevent the latter from a better placing.

8-08-14 ⁵	ATTENDANCE & HANDLE		
	SR	1709	\$ 218,905.60
	NCOT	2077	\$ 729,414.10
	SCOT		\$ 269,947.10
	Out of State		\$ 450,064.99
	TOTAL		\$1,668,331.79

Saturday8-09-14¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for three years old and older, claiming \$12,500., six furlongs, failed to fill.

8-09-14² **DECLARATIONS**

1 st race: #6 SARAH NELSON	(Tr. Diana Skinner)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 501.20
2 nd race: #3 SAMMY V	(Tr. Ken Danyluk)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 448.12
3 rd race: #2 BULLY'S MAGIC GIRL	(Tr. Armando Lage)	unsound
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 192.70
4 th race: #4 STAY POSITIVE	(Tr. Len Kasmerski)	injured starting gate
Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 16,324.73
6 th race: #4 GAMBLING STREAK	(Tr. Ricardo Perez)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 226.32

9 th race: #6 THEY CALL ME MR. P (Tr. Victor Trujillo)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 73.20
10 th race: #3 COUNTRY COUNTESS (Tr. Arnold Torres)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 117.50

8-09-14³ **NO SHOW WAGERING – 2ND RACE**

The Sonoma County Fair received permission from the California Horse Racing Board to offer win and place wagering only, due to a prohibitive favorite (SAMMY V) in a seven horse Arabian event.

Unfortunately, SAMMY V, who was 1-5 on the morning line, was a race day declaration. Fitness Veterinarian, Sara Sporer, DVM, reported the six year old gelding was sick and unable to perform.

8-09-14⁴ **FILM REVIEW (Refer 8-8-14⁴)**

Jockey Ricardo Gonzalez met with the Stewards for a review of the sixth race from August 8, 2014. In that race Mr. Gonzalez' mount was the subject of an Inquiry.

Today's review showed Mr. Gonzalez' effort to correct his mount was acceptable and he was not penalized. Steward Baker opined that a suspension was warranted.

8-09-14⁵ **RULING #21 – ANTHONY M. AYALA (Refer 7-26-14³)**

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Board of Stewards considered all of the evidence and testimony presented at the fitness hearing held on July 26, 2014. The record of that hearing was held open for the results of a split urine sample requested by Mr. Ayala, who challenged Quest Diagnostics Laboratories report that indicated the presence of Methamphetamine in the urine sample submitted on July 23, 2014. Upon receipt of National Toxicology Laboratories confirmation of Methamphetamine in the split sample, the record was closed and the Board of Stewards decision is memorialized in this ruling.

RULING NO.21

Unlicensed Jockey **ANTHONY M. AYALA** having participated in a fitness for licensure hearing on July 26, 2014 at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) to address the terms of Pacific Racing Association ruling #16 dated January 24, 2014 is hereby denied a license for failure to comply with the terms of that ruling.

After receiving results from Quest Diagnostics Laboratories and with confirmation of a split sample test from National Toxicology Laboratories (Bakersfield, CA) showing the presence of Methamphetamine in the urine sample submitted on July 23, 2014 all license privileges of **ANTHONY M. AYALA** are denied pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1489 (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) with a recommendation that **ANTHONY M. AYALA** not be relicensed.

8-09-14⁶ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 3rd RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the third race for a review of the third race, regarding an incident inside the 1/16 pole.

After interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Board of Stewards made no change in the original order of finish.

The video shows #6 NO DEFENSE (Jockey – Russell Baze) second ducks in from the whip, inside the 1/16 pole, making contact with #5 NELLIE GAIL (Jockey – Cristobal Herrera), who went on to beat no defense in a tight photo finish.

8-09-14⁷ **CLAIM VOIDED – 8th RACE**

The claim submitted by Trainer John Martin for the gelding BI TOMORROW (Trainer-Eddie Rich) was voided by the Board of Stewards after Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer, D.V.M, reported the five year old was unsound in the left foreleg and would be placed on the Vet's List.

The gelding was given a ride back to the Eddie Rich barn.

8-09-14⁸**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	2847	\$	329,571.70
NCOT	3152	\$	1,171,414.80
SCOT		\$	310,477.20
Out of State		\$	387,259.16
TOTAL		\$	2,198,722.86

Sunday8-10-14¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

No Cal-bred race was offered for today's program.

8-10-14²**DECLARATIONS**

3 rd race: #2 ANGEL OF GOLD	(Tr. Armando Lage)	unseated rider/ran off
Stewards		REFUND: \$ 12,594.26
#3 JACK DIZ	(Tr. Steve Sherman)	injured
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 568.46
7 th race: #6 RIBOT BELLE	(Tr. W.R. Whitehouse)	injured-paddock
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$ 10,191.51

8-10-14³**RULING #22 – MARCIAL RAMIREZ**

Jockey **MARCIAL RAMIREZ** who rode "HITDAMARK" in the second race on August 9, 2014 at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa), is hereby fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (Use of Whips-excessive use after having obtained the horses maximum placing).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Ramirez and the Stewards reviewed the video of the second race from Saturday August 9, 2014.

Mr. Ramirez was chastised for continually whipping his mount in the stretch while trailing the field.

8-10-14⁴**TRAINER WARNED**

Trainer Robert Lucas met with the Stewards at the request of Safety Steward Vic Stauffer, who was concerned about a horse trained by Lucas that was not stabled with the other horses under his care.

Mr. Lucas explained he was shipping in and out from Los Alamitos and had only five stalls in the transit barn and thus he out this horse in Gary Greiner's barn

Mr. Lucas was advised to make every effort to keep his stable together in one location.

8-10-14⁵**TRAINER WARNED**

Trainer Gary Greiner met with the Stewards at the request of Safety Steward Vic Stauffer regarding the previously noted Robert Lucas issue. Mr. Greiner noted that his Assistant Trainer at Los Alamitos, Jim Anderson, who was the former Assistant Trainer for Robert Lucas, sent the horse to Santa Rosa.

As with Mr. Lucas, Mr. Greiner was advised to keep their two barns separated to avoid conflicts of interest.

8-10-14⁶**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 9TH RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the ninth race for a review of an incident in the stretch involving #3 TRUELY QUICK (Jockey – Ricardo Gonzalez) first and #5 STAND AND SALUTE (Jockey – Russell Baze), who finished second.

After considering the Patrol Judges report, interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official.

	8/6	8/7	8/8	8/9	8/10	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
CLAIMS	0	2	1	0	1	4	19
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	1	1	1	1	5	12
REFUNDS	5	1	2	7	3	18	40
RULINGS	0	0	0	1	1	2	21
CLAIMS VOID	1	0	0	1	0	2	2

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	90	\$26,815.20
Bankers Casino	73	\$16,730.20
Fresno	321	\$102,426.70
Fresno Club One	60	\$42,267.10
Golden Gate Fields	2281	\$855,594.20
Monterey	207	\$59,372.30
Pleasanton	1424	\$522,230.70
Sacramento	980	\$339,712.10
San Jose	1570	\$415,390.70
San Mateo	2449	\$1,036,420.90
Stockton	662	\$218,469.20
Turlock	298	\$104,574.30
Vallejo	618	\$230,610.20
So. California		\$1,337,354.50
Out of State		\$2,100,317.48

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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