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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 26, 2012 through Sunday, April 1, 2012. Steward Wayne Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

3/26/12 (1)

Entries/Office Duties

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for the week's racing programs (Friday and Saturday). Additionally, claims, owner transfers and trainer changes were processed in concert with racing office staff.

3/26/12 (2)

Well Attended CHHA Annual Meeting

The duty steward attended the CHHA annual meeting held on Sunday March 25, 2012 at twelve noon. An interesting and informative program honoring champions from the past season and update on the ongoing discussions concerning the future of racing at Cal Expo, highlighting the event.

3/26/12 (3)

Dark Day

Tuesday

3/27/12 (1)

Draw for Friday and Saturday Cards

At 9:10 AM a draw was conducted for Friday's card with one hundred fifteen (115) head drawn to compete in fifteen (15) races. Immediately following a draw was conducted for Saturday's card with one hundred sixteen (116) drawn to compete. Scratch time for both cards is tomorrow (Wednesday) at 9:00 AM.

3/27/12 (2)

Entry Refused

Owner Tricia McConnell who has failed to meet the conditions imposed on her by the Cal Expo Board of Stewards in Ruling #42 issued as a result of California Horse Racing Board Complaint #11SW0053, had her entry

refused pending a meeting with the stewards on Friday March 30, 2012. (More to follow).

- 3/27/12 (3) **Detention Barn**
 Cal Expo Management announced a plan to place randomly selected horses in a secure 'detention barn' at 1:30 PM on the day these horses are scheduled to race.
- 3/27/12 (4) **Horse Eligibility Question**
 Following today's draw a question was raised concerning the eligibility of the Tim Brown trained "Double Dakota" in Saturday evening's second race.
 Of concern was the fact that this horse had been an injured scratch on March 23, 2012 in a \$3,500.00 claiming event and entered to race on March 31, 2012 in a \$5,000.00-\$6,000.00 claiming handicap.
 The duty steward consulted Cal Expo Director of Racing Dave Elliott and Racing Secretary Fred Kuebler and was informed that this policy was in effect during the tenure of Sacramento Harness and was not a policy of Cal Expo Management.
 The situation does not violate any California Horse Racing Board regulation.
 The duty steward polled the Board of Stewards by telephone and by majority vote (Steward Will Meyers dissenting) determined that the horse was properly entered.

3/27/12 (4) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

3/28/12 (1) **Owner Communication**
 The duty steward received faxes from Owners Alex Toman, Edwin Anthrop and Leon Layne informing that their horses currently stabled at Cal Expo in the care of Trainer Richard Dunneback are being transferred immediately to the care of Trainer Earl Kennedy.

3/28/12 (2) **Scratch Time for Friday and Saturday Cards**
 At scratch time for Friday's card there were numerous driver corrections and one (1) injured scratch.
 Five (5) horses were randomly selected to be placed in detention prior to competing on Friday's card.
 At scratch time for Saturday's card there were numerous driver corrections, one (1) claiming price correction and one (1) injured scratch.
 Eleven (11) horses were randomly selected to be placed in detention prior to competing on Saturday's card.
 No Cal Bred races were carded this week.

3/28/12 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

3/29/12 (1) **Dark Day**

Friday

3/30/12 (1)

Qualifying Entries/Sheet

Qualifying races were scheduled for Friday this week due to a rather ominous weather forecast.

Accordingly the race office was open this morning accepting entries and produced a qualifying sheet, which showed twenty-three (23) head participating in four (4) qualifying events.

First post for qualifying is 4:30 PM.

3/30/12 (2)

Owner Tricia McConnell Complies [REF: 3/27/12(2)]

Owner Tricia McConnell having provided the Board of Stewards with proof of having complied with the conditions set forth in Cal Expo Ruling #42 her horse has been removed from the steward's list and entries will be accepted.

3/30/12 (3)

Gene Vallandingham/ Film Review

Driver Vallandingham appeared as requested to review his drive in Saturday's March 24, 2012 third race.

Driver Vallandingham's mount #5 "Asgoodasioncewas" was noticeably 'lagging' off the gate and not keeping up particularly well throughout the event although he finished strongly to be 5th in the final order of finish. At issue as well was the increased frequency of this habit.

Driver Vallandingham was quite candid with the Board of Stewards in his agreement that he had become rather lax in this area and would make a concerted effort to improve his performance within the areas of concern. Driver Vallandingham accepted the following penalty relative to his drive on March 24.

RULING # 26

DRIVER GENE VALLANDINGHAM, WHO DROVE "ASGOODASIONCEWAS" IN THE THIRD RACE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF FIFTY (\$50.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1731 (G) (DRIVER INFRACTIONS [STARTING RULES] – FAILURE TO COME UP INTO POSITION).

3/30/12 (4)

Qualifying Races

Four (4) qualifying races were conducted commencing at 4:30 PM. In these events seventeen (17) of the twenty-three (23) participants were successful in their qualifying entries.

3/30/12 (5)

Race #3 Inquiry/Change

The 'inquiry' sign was posted in order to review the actions of #4 "Cherry Tree Nicole" (Tim Maier) in the stretch.

After reviewing video the stewards unanimously concluded that #4 who was 'off-stride' from mid stretch through the finish was in violation of the Breaking Rule, thus #4 was disqualified from fifth and placed sixth.

Driver Tim Maier was held blameless in the incident.

Original Order of Finish: 7-5-1-3-4-6-2

Official Order of Finish: 7-5-1-3-6-4-2

3/30/12 (6)

Race #9 Inquiry/Disqualification

The ‘inquiry’ sign was posted in order to review the actions of #8 “Exquisite Gem” (James Kennedy) the eventual fourth place finisher, at the wire.

After reviewing video and utilizing the photo finish images the stewards unanimously concluded that #4 who broke stride in deep stretch was ‘lapped on’ by #3 “Wanna Glide” (Steve Wiseman) thus #4 was in violation of the Breaking Rule and was placed fifth.

Driver Kennedy was held blameless in the incident.

Original Order of Finish: 7-2-4-8-3-5-6-1

Official Order of Finish: 7-2-4-3-8-5-6-1

3/30/12 (7)

Race #9 Steward Paddock Observation

On a visit to the paddock in the interval between races 8 and 9 steward Grant Baker observed the groom on #4 “Eggwhite In My Beer” trained by Kennedy Lindsey fall down get up and to be unsteady on his feet.

Steward Baker reported his concerns to the investigative staff.

3/30/12 (8)

Program Changes

6th Race Declaration - #7 “The Situation” – Trainer Raul Escobedo

Refund: \$218 Injured, Robert Goodbary, DVM

3/30/12 (9)

Attendance and Handle

Attendance	268
Live Handle (On Track)	\$53,665
Handle (In State)	\$421,027
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$396,692</u>
Total Handle	\$871,384

Saturday

3/31/12 (1)

Changing Weather

The evening’s program began with the track listed as ‘sloppy’ a result of early morning rain.

At the conclusion of race #2 the track was improving and as a result the track condition was upgraded to ‘good.’

A torrential downpour after race #5 resulted in the track condition being once again listed as ‘sloppy’ for the remainder of the card.

3/31/12 (2)

Race #6 Inquiry/Disqualification

The ‘inquiry’ sign was lit in order to review the actions of eventual fifth place finisher #3 “Gusty Winds Ahead” (Scott Cisco) in the stretch.

After reviewing video the stewards unanimously concluded that #3 had been inside multiple pylons in the stretch a violation of the ‘Pylon Rule.’

Thus #3 was disqualified and placed seventh. Driver Scott Cisco will attend film review on April 5, 2012 to discuss his actions in the incident.

More to follow.

Original Order of Finish: 7-4-2-5-3-6-1

Official Order of Finish: 7-4-2-5-6-3-1

3/31/12 (3)

Race #11 Inquiry/No Change

The 'inquiry' sign was lit in order to review the actions of #10 "My Real Love" (L. Svendsen) who broke stride immediately after the start.

The stewards unanimously concluded that #10 had complied with the breaking rule thus no change.

3/31/12 (4)

Race #14 Inquiry/Disqualification

The 'inquiry' sign was lit in order to review an incident in the stretch when #5 "RW Island Spirit" (James Lackey) who was leading at that point in the race 'bore in' and was inside the pylons. Driver Lackey realizing this corrects to his right and in doing so makes contact with left foreleg of #1 "Persuade Me" (Lemoyne Svendsen) causing her to 'break stride' resulting in interference to the trailing horses.

After reviewing video and speaking with Drivers Svendsen and Lackey the stewards in an unanimous decision disqualified #5 and placed her ninth for interference with #1 as well as a violation of the 'Pylon Rule.'

Driver Lackey will meet with the stewards on Saturday April 7, 2012 to review the video. More to follow.

Original Order of Finish: 5-3-7-4-6-2-8-9-1

Official Order of Finish: 3-7-4-6-2-8-9-1-5

3/31/12 (5)

Claims

Race #9 "Silver Bloom" by David Siegel, Trainer Matias Ruiz - \$4250.00

Race #15 "Wild About Eagle" by Kathy Plested and Mark A. Bennenga,
Trainer Steve Wiseman - \$3000.00

3/31/12 (6)

Program Changes

5th Race Declaration - #6 "Mr Me" – Trainer Susan Boyce

Refund: \$147 Stewards – Track condition

8th Race Declaration - #2 "Western Hurricane" – Trainer Nathalie Tremblay

Refund: \$193 Stewards – Track condition

10th Race Declaration - #6 "Piper" – Trainer Darren Lupul

Refund: \$245 Stewards – Track condition

11th Race Declaration - #2 "Devilish Donnie" – Trainer David Merrick

Refund: \$450 Stewards – Track condition

#5 "Scootin Higher" – Trainer Gretchen Smith

Refund: \$303 Stewards – Track condition

12th Race Declaration - #8 "Girls Lie Too" – Trainer George Luster

Refund: \$31 Injured – Robert Goodbary, DVM

13th Race Declaration - #3 "KD Rowdy One" – Trainer Keith Willey

Refund: \$127 Stewards – Track condition

15th Race Declaration - #3 "Ravenswood Racey" – Trainer George Luster

Refund: \$34 Stewards – Track condition

3/31/12 (7)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	297
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$53,528
	Handle (In State)	\$341,044
	<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$435,783</u>
	Total Handle	\$830,365

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

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 RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
30-Mar	6	7	THE SITUATION	ESCOBEDO	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 218.00
31-Mar	12	8	GIELS LIE TOO	LUSTER	Injured	Goodbary	\$ 31.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	7,002.70
Fresno	\$	4,326.10
Fresno Club One	\$	2,367.90
Golden Gate	\$	29,435.30
Monterey	\$	4,899.40
Pleasanton	\$	21,803.10
Sacramento	\$	90,753.40
San Jose	\$	29,956.90
San Mateo	\$	40,448.40
Santa Rosa	\$	7,955.80
Stockton	\$	18,328.60
Tulare	\$	35.00
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	14,609.90
No. California	\$	-
So. California	\$	355,781.00
Out of State	\$	-

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY 2012**

	Mon 03/26	Tues 03/27	Wed 03/28	Thurs 03/29	Fri 03/30	Sat 03/31	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	1	1	11
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	2	2	4	13
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	2	3	5	29
Refunds	A	A	A	A	2	9	11	125
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	1	26

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, Meyers and Baker were in attendance.

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward