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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION****TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of November 15, 2021, through November 21, 2021.

Monday

11/15/2021

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer has morning duties during this reporting period in addition to authoring the minutes.

(2) COMPLAINT #21AL0161 and #21LA0162

A formal hearing was convened today to address the above complaints. Present were trainer Scott Willoughby, tester Arturo Raygoza, investigator Stuart Ida and Stewards Richard Williams, James Dreyer and Paul Atkinson, filling in for Tom Ward who was home dealing with a case of vertigo. Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings.

Both individuals agreed that this incident should have been resolved in the test barn and should never have reached this office. It was simply a matter of two people attempting to do their jobs. Apologies were offered and accepted by both parties and the issue was resolved.

The incident unveiled a larger problem than a verbal altercation between trainer Willoughby and the test taker Raygoza. When a horse is in the test stall and the door is closed, the observation hole is blocked by a steel pipe. This is true to some degree in all of the test stalls. The only way the trainer or his representative can observe the horse is to crack the stall door. The problem has since been remedied.

Wednesday

11/17/2021

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was off with no entries.

(2) THE DRAW

Saturday's ten race card will be highlighted by the \$50,000 Las Damas Handicap for fillies and mares.

Thursday
11/18/2021

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Two rider changes completed Saturday's adjustments.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Expecting a full card of trials, no Cal-Bred race was offered for Sunday.

(3) **THE DRAW**

As anticipated, Sunday's entire program will feature the trials to the Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity Trials.

Friday
11/19/2021

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time resulted in one rider change on Sunday's program.

Saturday
11/20/2021

(1) **RULING #219**

Ruling #219

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (h) (DESIGNATED RACES – PARTICIPATING IN MORE THAN ONE TRIAL HEAT IN ONE RACING DAY), JOCKEY ARMANDO CERVANTES IS SUSPENDED ONE (1) ADDITIONAL RACING DAY (NOVEMBER 27, 2021).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Cervantes rode both divisions of the Z Wayne Griffin Directors Trials.

(2) **STEWARD WARD STILL AILING**

Ron Church will replace Tom Ward this evening who is still under the weather.

(3) **RULING #220**

Ruling # 220

GROOM JOSE QUEVEDO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (1) (DISORDERLY CONDUCT- ARGUMENTATIVE WITH SECURITY AND UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL).

The above ruling was issued after meeting with groom Jose Quevedo concerning his intoxication and gaining access to the barn area by climbing the fence.

(4) **INQUIRY- DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the tenth race to review an incident nearing the wire. #1 Kiss Thru Fire (1st- R. Valenzuela) was on a drift throughout the majority of the race. She finally got out far enough that Jockey Rangel on #2 Elphaba (7th) had to snatch her up to avoid heels. We all felt that she was in contention at the time of the incident and voted unanimously to disqualify Kiss Thru Fire.

Original Order (1)-4-9-3-10-8-2-6-5-7

Official Order 4-9-3-10-8-2-(1)-6-5-7

(5) **LATE DECLARATIONS**

1st Race #4 Circle of Honor (A. Aquino) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$161.66
3rd Race #3 Paul Vincents Poem (R. Lucas) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$168.90
4th Race #1 Lady Mo (R. Gomez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$237.56
5th Race #2 Git On Your Pulpit (M. Valenzuela, Jr.) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$199.50
6th Race #6 Pedro Perez (S. Rivera) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$302.26

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	747	\$111,200.40
Off track	1,069	\$326,914.90
Out of state	N/A	\$951,786.81
Total	1,816	\$1,389,902.11

Sunday
11/21/2021

(1) RULING #221 and #222

Ruling # 221

JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (7 & 8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2021.

Ruling # 222

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (7 & 8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE) WHILE RIDING IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2021.

The above rulings were issued after both riders were found to be in violation of Rule #1688.

(2) RULING #223 (Refer 11/20/21- #4)

Ruling # 223

JOCKEY RAUL VALENZUELA, WHO RODE KISS THRU FIRE IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2021, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 28TH, AND DECEMBER 4TH AND 5TH, 2021) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

The Stewards issued the foregoing ruling after they could find no redeeming effort on Jockey Valenzuela's part to alleviate the situation he had created.

(3) SMOOTH SAILING

With the exception of a constant headwind throughout the evening, The Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity Trials were run with nothing of significance arising.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #1 Sassies Blue (C. O'Dell) – Stake – Stewards Refund \$99.88
5th Race #1 Corona Yo (V. Zamudio) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$491.79

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	742	\$165,114.60
Off track	1,067	\$289,199.40
Out of state	N/A	\$1,749,065.89
Total	1,809	\$2,203,379.89

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 21, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 2 for soundness, 3 for injury, 2 for sickness, and 1 for bleeding. Seven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 11/20	Sun 11/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	19
Claims	R			3	0	3	216
Disqualifications	K			1	0	1	29
Inquiries		D		1	0	1	67
Refunds		A		5	2	7	454
Rulings		Y		2	3	5	223
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	28

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards James Dreyer, Tom Ward, Richard Williams, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Richard Williams, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward