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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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Report for Tuesday, January 18, 2022, Through Sunday, January 23, 2022**WEDNESDAY**1/19/22¹**DARK DAY DUTIES**

Steward Will Meyers was on duty to supervise entries for Saturday and approve changes to Friday's program. The overnight listed nine races with 58 entrants.

THURSDAY1/20/22¹**ENTRY STEWARD**

Will Meyers was again available to take on issues and complaints pertaining to entries (Sunday) and program changes (Saturday).

1/20/22²**BARRERA RECORDED HEARING CASE 21SR0025**

Present for the hearing before the BOS were, representing the CHRB, Investigator Jean Garrido and respondent, groom EDWIN BARRERA. This complaint was filed for violation of CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) for an alleged altercation with night watchman Oscar Romero. Both licensees worked for trainer Peter Miler at the time of the incident. Investigator Garrido submitted a video of the incident. It was apparent Mr. Barrera was the only aggressor and the photos attached to the complaint verified he was also the winner. He was informed of the penalty that will be issued in a ruling tomorrow.

1/20/22³**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice RICARDO RAMIREZ was directed to contact the Stewards to discuss his crop use in the sixth race on Sunday. Steward Jauregui translated for Mr. Ramirez, who admitted, by telephone, he was culpable of the violation of the rule. As this is his fourth offense within sixty days, he will receive a three-day suspension which will be submitted in ruling form tomorrow.

1/20/22⁴

ENTRY / SCRATCH / WORKOUT CRITERIA

Trainer PETER EURTON and Racing Secretary Chris Merz met with the Stewards to discuss the scratch card filed for the Eurton trainee MAJESTIC STEPS (IRE) who was entered in the third race on Saturday January 22, 2022. As required, a 5/8ths recorded work was lacking from MAJESTIC STEPS (IRE) workout history and the horse had not raced in the last ninety days. This requirement is listed under "workout criteria" in the Santa Anita condition book. Neither Mr. Merz nor Mr. Eurton were pleased with the Stewards' decision to not allow the horse to race without a 5/8ths timed work. Trainer Eurton requested the BOS allow him to work the horse 5/8ths on Friday, the day before the race to be eligible. The request was not granted as the BOS require a horse to be eligible at the time of entry.

FRIDAY

1/21/22¹

RAMERIZ RULING (ref-01-20-22³)

The following ruling was issued pursuant to yesterday's hearing when apprentice Ramirez was informed of his penalty.

LATS RULING #25

Apprentice Jockey RICARDO RAMIREZ is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (JANUARY 28, 29 and 30, 2022) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – fourth offense in the last sixty (60) days) during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on January 17, 2022.

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

1/21/22²

BARERRA RULING (ref-01-20-22²)

The following ruling was issued following yesterday's hearing. The respondent was made aware of the penalty at that time. He also a signed CHRB testing agreement yesterday.

LATS RULING #26

Groom Edwin Barrera is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* and ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – physical altercation) at San Luis Rey Downs on October 31, 2021).

1/21/22³

GOOD RACING

The eight-race program was conducted without notable incidents except for the following; at 3:00 pm a strong wind was reported to be blowing with gusts up to 45 miles per hour. These statistics did not meet the requirements to cancel racing per the Inclement Weather Policy.

1/21/22⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	#5 MAGICAL WAND (Tr. S. McCarthy) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead Refund \$1,817.94
2nd race	#4 TIZLIGHTNING (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund 1,355.53; Minus Pool \$9,928.97 NO SHOW WAGERING
3rd race	#1 LOOKIN AT SWEETIE (Tr. R. Baltas) claimed by Tr. B. Vanden Berg
4th race	#2 FORE LEFT (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. B. Vanden Berg #4 FIGHT ON (Tr. V. Garcia) claimed by Tr. B. Vanden Berg #6 NERO (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. N. Drysdale
5th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
6th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
7th race	No Changes; Refund 0
8th race	#1 BADGER KITTEN (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. J. Wong #2 PISTACHIO PRINCESS (Tr. J. Periban) claimed by Tr. R. Agarie

1/21/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,320	\$352,149.74
SCOTWinc	2,321	\$838,487.55
Out of state + ADW	N//A	\$5,024,880.49
Total	4,641	\$6,215,517.78

SATURDAY

1/22/22¹

FREY RULING

The following ruling was issued after confirmation from the California Horse Racing Board that per attorney Bing Bush, MR. FREY'S appeal of LATS #01 has been withdrawn.

LATS RULING #27

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS Ruling #01 (December 26, 2021) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey KYLE FREY is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 25, 26 & 27, 2022).

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

1/22/22²

VELAZQUEZ RULING

The following ruling was issued after confirmation from the California Horse Racing Board that per attorney Bing Bush, MR. VELAZQUEZ'S appeal of LATS #21 has been withdrawn.

LATS RULING #28

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS Ruling #21 (January 15, 2022) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey JOHN VELAZQUEZ is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 12, 13 & 18, 2022).

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

1/22/22³

INCLEMENT WEATHER MEETING

Dennis and Rob Moore (Track Surfaces Consultant & Track Superintendent) met with the BOS along with Chris Merz (Racing Secretary) to discuss the prediction of high winds today and possible implementation of the Inclement Weather Policy if the wind reaches gusts up to 50 miles per hour. Dennis Moore assured all involved the wind would be less than yesterday.

1/22/22⁴

INELIGIBLE HORSE / CLAIM VOIDED

CHRB Chief Veterinarian Tim Grande notified the BOS this morning that the winner of the third race yesterday, LOOKIN AT SWEETIE (Tr. R. Baltas) was not eligible for the race due to a blood sample pending as the horse had not raced in the last 365 days per CHRB 1588 (14) and (1866(h)(i)), also California Horse Racing Law (19583.7). The Official Veterinarian had not received the positive blood sample results from U C Davis by scratch time for the race. Trainers, Richard Baltas and Brittney Vanden Berg, who claimed the horse, met with the BOS, they were informed the claim was invalid and the horse will be returned to the Baltas stable. Supervising Investigator Mike Barker was present for the gathering and will follow up on a complaint for the disqualification of the horse. More to follow.

1/22/22⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes; Refund \$4.00
2nd race	No Changes; Refund \$2.50
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$148.07
4th race	No Changes; Refund \$260.00
5th race	#1 RED PANTY NIGHT (Tr. K. Mulhall) Stewards #2 SUITE MADAM BLUE (P. Eurton) claimed by Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr. #3 PLUM SEXY (R. Alvarado) claimed by Tr. R. Hanson Refund \$1,972.30; Minus Pool \$932.88
6th race	No Changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$4,637.55
7th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
8th race	No Changes; Refund \$0
9th race	#3 MO THEM DOWN (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill

1/22/22⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,044	\$802,164.12
SCOTWinc	3,507	\$1,405,821.14
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,078,175.39
Total	8,551	\$8,286,160.65

SUNDAY1/23/22¹**NEW APPRENTICE**

Apprentice TANNER FINCHER along with his agent Vince DeGregory met with the Stewards to discuss the rules, what is expected of him and to approve his license application. Mr. Tanner has five wins on his record, he was sidelined for seven months due to an injury and will request an extension from New Mexico where his apprentice certificate originated.

1/23/22²**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

RYAN CURATOLO met with the Stewards to discuss the use of his crop in the ninth race yesterday. Mr. Curatolo admitted he went over the limit by one. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #29

Jockey RYAN CURATOLO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – first offense within the past sixty days) during the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on January 22, 2022.

1/23/22³**SMOOTH SAILING**

The nine-race card was performed without a ripple. Changes and late declarations are listed below.

1/23/22⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS, AND REFUNDS**

1st race #2 MR.T'S THIRSTY (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. B. Spawr
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$93.50
 4th race #4 SANGRE AZUL (Tr. H. Palma) claimed by Tr. V. Cerin Refund \$227.52
 5th race six furlongs TURF (program error)
 #3 BIG FRAME (Tr. T. Yakteen) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
 #4 MUAY THAI (IRE) (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. H. Palma
 #8 NICHIREN (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. J. Glenn
 #10 DREAM ROBBER (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) claimed by Tr. S. Miyadi
 Refund \$4,129.57
 6th race #3 CHLOE'S (Tr. M. McCarthy) Veterinarian-unsound Dr. Deluery
 Refund \$1,472.14
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$626.70
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 9th race #8 DANCING RINCA (Tr. P. Eurton) Stewards-refused to load in starting gate
 #9 MALIBU MAYHEM (Tr. R. Baltas) DNF. Refund \$258,072.35

1/22/22⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,106	\$719,853.14
SCOTWinc	2,914	\$1,191,829.74
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,177,847.59
Total	7,020	\$8,089,530.47

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 1/17/22 TO 1/23/22

Horses on Vet List 13
Horses off Vet List 4
Shock Wave Therapy 3
Fatalities 0
Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Fri 1/21	Sat 1/22	Sun 1/23	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	22
Claims	6	3	5	14	59
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	5
Refunds	2	5	6	13	79
Rulings	2	2	1	5	29
Voided Claims	1	0	0	1	5

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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