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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 January 31, 2022, through February 6, 2022.

Monday

01/31/2022

(1) HEARING DAY

The Board of Stewards met this "off" racing day to hear complaint #22LA0012, filed against Trainer Angela Aquino for the presence of Butazolidin found in the post-race sample obtained from her horse Maggie's Magic, the winner of the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 2, 2022.

Ms. Aquino testified that she has stopped using the medication for quite some time and consequently has no idea as to what prompted the findings. Her only thought is that perhaps a mix up in medication given by her veterinarian or her assistant may have led to the violation.

Since this is Ms. Aquino's second violation in the past twelve months, a fine of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS will be imposed.

Wednesday

02/02/2022

(1) DUTY STEWARD/ FATALITY REVIEW

Tom Ward is on duty this week for entries, scratches, and other duties. The entry process was slow, as it normally is this time of year, with the nine race Saturday card being drawn just short of five o'clock.

A fatality review was conducted with trainer Jose Hernandez, Jr., whose horse, Big Fabuloso, suffered a fractured spine and was euthanized following a race on January 8, 2022. The participants, along with Mr. Hernandez, were Drs. Alina Vale and Tim Grande; Stewards Tom Ward and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson. Mr. Hernandez' father, Jose Hernandez, Sr. sat in as an observer.

Thursday

02/03/2022

(1) **"PANEL" DISCUSSION**

The Los Alamitos Panel met to discuss the Saturday entries. There were few scratches and changes.

Friday
02/04/2022

(1) **"PANEL" DISCUSSION**

The Los Alamitos Panel met to go over entries for the Sunday card. Scratches and changes were negligible.

Saturday
02/05/2022

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3rd Race #4 Gentleman's Secret (Stewards-did not ship from Golden Gate Fields) Refund \$84.60
6th Race #2 Sheza Factor (Vet-Injured) Refund of \$87.30

(2) **RULING**

Ruling # 18

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER ANGELA AQUINO, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "MAGGIE'S MAGIC", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 2, 2022, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* AND ASSESSED ONE-HALF POINT (1/2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 (MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS- EXPIRES 01/01/2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES- PHENYLBUTAZONE- CLASS IV).

This ruling was issued to finalize the complaint against Ms. Aquino.

(3) **"CROP" RULINGS**

Ruling # 19

JOCKEY HENRY REYNOSO LOPEZ 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 DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 30, 2022.

Ruling # 20

JOCKEY VICTOR M. SALAZAR 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 DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 30, 2022.

These rulings were issued for riding crop violations from last weekend.

(4) **RULING**

Ruling # 21

TRAINER MARCELINO TRUJILLO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION), ON FEBRUARY 5, 2022.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Trujillo explained why he could not ship his horse GENTLEMEN'S SECRET to Los Alamitos for its Saturday engagement, leaving this venue with a five horse field. The excuse did not hold water.

(5) **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	657	\$103,195.50
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Off track	1,141	\$347,188.90
Out of state	N/A	\$1,113,651.69
Total	1,798	\$1,564,036.09

Sunday
02/06/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

There were no early scratches from this evening's card.

(2) RULING

Ruling # 22

JOCKEY HENRY REYNOSO LOPEZ IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWICE IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) WHILE RIDING IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 5, 2022.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Lopez offered no excuse for his actions during the eighth race at Los Alamitos on February 5, 2022.

(3) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Jose Nicasio was excused from his mounts this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were announced.

(4) RIDER REPLACED

Apprentice Jockey Diego Herrera, who rode in the last race at Santa Anita, encountered traffic and consequently missed his first two mounts here. Replacement riders were engaged.

(5) TIMING PROBLEMS

There was a problem with the timing system for 1000 yard races this evening. Consequently, all were hand timed.

(6) JOCKEY OBJECTION- NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted following the tenth race as Jockey Ruben Lozano (7th, #6 Dougan) lodged a claim of foul against jockey Ricardo Ramirez (2nd, #7 Crystal Prize) for interference at the mid-point of the race. Lozano felt that Ramirez was not clear when his mount drifted to the inside. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to let the original placings stand as we felt that Ramirez was clear when he altered course. Once again, the "drone" shot proved very helpful.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	567	\$93,543.80
Off track	833	\$238,159.70
Out of state	N/A	\$1,522,776.14
Total	1,400	\$1,884,479.64

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 6, 2022. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 6 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness, 1 for injury, and 1 for EIPH. Thirteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 02/05	Sun 02/06	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			1	2	3	23
Disqualifications	K			0	0	0	1
Inquiries		D		0	1	1	5
Refunds		A		2	0	2	54
Rulings		Y		4	1	5	22
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	1

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

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Rich Williams, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward