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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 February 7, 2022, through February 12, 2022.****Monday**

02/07/2022

**(1) COMPLAINT #21LA0202**

The above referenced complaint scheduled for today was postponed after trainer Jaime Gomez failed to show up. When contacted, he explained that he had never received the complaint. When we contacted the investigators about it, we were told it had been signed for, but by someone other than Mr. Gomez. With that information, Mr. Gomez was afforded the benefit of the doubt and the hearing was rescheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2022.

**Saturday**

02/12/2022

**(1) RULING #23****Ruling # 23**

APPRENTICE JOCKEY DIEGO HERRERA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL RIDING ENGAGEMENT), CAUSING A LATE RIDER CHANGE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 6, 2022.

The above ruling was issued after apprentice Herrera rode a late race at Santa Anita and then experienced the infamous southern California traffic and was unable to get to Los Alamitos in order to fulfill his first two riding engagements.

**(2) RULING #24****Ruling # 24**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER JAIME GOMEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "EL BEST TORNADO", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN

THE EIGHTH RACE, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2021, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* AND ASSESSED ONE (1) POINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 (MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS- EXPIRES 12/11/2022) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES- MEDROXYPROGESTERONE- CLASS IV).

An informal hearing was finally convened to address complaint #21LA0202. Jaime Gomez brought Dr. Overly in with him to explain his side of the situation. Dr. Overly testified that his medication procedures were unchanged and he was therefore of the opinion that testing procedures at the lab had been modified or that Medroxyprogesterone was a medication that previously had not been tested for. Mr. Gomez was uncharacteristically quiet throughout the proceedings. Unfortunately, the fact remains that CHRB Rule #1887 was violated producing the foregoing ruling.

### **Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 14, 2022, through February 20, 2022.**

#### **Monday**

02/14/2022

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer is on entries this week which will include composing the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) **RULING #25**

**Ruling # 25**

EXERCISE RIDER JAIRO RENTERIA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (a)(8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) #1500. 1 (a) (RANDOM DRUG TESTING- POSITIVE FOR MARIJUANA) AND #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION).

FURTHERMORE, JAIRO RENTERIA SHALL SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD AND IS PLACED ON PROBATION UNTIL 12/31/2022.

Following an informal hearing with exercise rider Jairo Renteria, the foregoing ruling was issued. Jairo produced a marijuana card; however, it was dated February 11, 2022, which was after the initial incident. He said he had the prior card which had expired. He was instructed to produce it for investigator Halcromb which he said he would do.

#### **Wednesday**

02/16/2022

(1) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maiden fillies three years old, was off with two.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Saturday evening's ten race card will feature the \$212,000 Los Alamitos Winter Derby.

#### **Thursday**

02/17/2022

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One equipment change completed Saturday's program adjustments.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens three years old, was used open. 1 Cal-Bred.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Sunday's program will be highlighted by the \$152,700 Brad McKinzie Winter Championship.

**Friday**  
02/18/2022

- (1) **SCRATCHES**  
Scratch time for Sunday resulted in no changes.

**Saturday**  
02/19/2022

- (1) **RULING #26**

**Ruling # 26**

TRAINER/EXERCISE RIDER JORGE ROSALES, HAVING SATISFIED THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY), IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #LAQH 212, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON OCTOBER 30, 2021, IS SET ASIDE.

The above ruling was issued after we were notified that Mr. Rosales has made good on his fraudulent check.

- (2) **OBJECTION- NO CHANGE**

Following the fifth race, Jockey Edgar Payeras on #3 More Than Pegasus (4<sup>th</sup>) lodged an objection against #5 Mesa Empire (3<sup>rd</sup> –R. Ramirez) shortly after the start. After reviewing the incident, the Stewards felt that although Mesa Empire crossed over in front of More Than Pegasus, he had sufficient clearance. Again, the drone camera was very helpful.

- (3) **LATE DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Crosskirk (P. Visscher) – Work – Stewards. Refund \$124.36  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #5 Older Brother (S. Morfin) – Injured – Dr. Beck. Refund \$608.90  
#6 Arrivederci Roma (G. Vallejo) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$106.55  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 Iconic Storm (S. Perez) – Injured – Dr. Beck. Refund \$184.86  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Pedro Perez (S. Rivera) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$261.92  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Ed Gatty (A. Farias) – Injection – Stewards. Refund \$82.66  
8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Interest Fly (J. Flores) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$325.86

- (4) **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	873	\$127,820.50
Off track	1,256	\$332,092.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,093,252.69
Total	2,129	\$1,553,165.19

**Sunday**  
02/20/2022

- (1) **RULING #27**

**Ruling #27**

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, AND 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2022) 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 TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 19, 2022.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Aceves violated Rule #1688.

- (2) **CLAIMS VOIDED**

Claims dropped in the third race for Soul Prodigy and Intense were both voided after the Stewards were advised that the owner on both claim cards was the same. Soul Prodigy went back to trainer Sergio Morfin and Intense was returned to trainer Keith Craigmyle.

(3) **OBJECTION- NO CHANGE**

Following the fourth race, Jockey Ricardo Ramirez on #5 Sigur Ros (3<sup>rd</sup>) claimed an objection against #2 Whisky My God (ARG) (1<sup>st</sup>- E. Payeras) in mid-stretch. After speaking with the riders and reviewing the stretch run, the Stewards felt that although Whisky My God (ARG) did drift in slightly, the incident did not warrant a change.

(4) **LATE DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #3 Kidmon (J. Uranga) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$83.56  
#7 Proutobesicilian – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$139.10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 Laker Jet (R. Bean) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$152.26  
#5 Siena Silk (R. Lucas) - Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$174.00  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Sadie Bluegrass (J. Wong) –Sick– Dr. Beck. Refund \$386.46  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Windandsea (B. Cunningham) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$144.36

(5) **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	760	\$108,639.70
Off track	1,036	\$190,116.90
Out of state	N/A	\$1,297,509.57
Total	1,796	\$1,596,266.17

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 20, 2022. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 12 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 6 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 2 for sickness. 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 02/19	Sun 02/20	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R			3	4	7	30
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			0	0	0	1
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		1	1	2	7
<b>Refunds</b>		A		5	5	10	64
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		2	1	3	27
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	2	2	3

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

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Rich Williams, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward