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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 May 2, 2022, through May 8, 2022.

Monday

05/02/2022

(1) MONDAY HEARINGS

The Stewards were in the office this morning to hear two complaints filed by the California Horse Racing Board investigators against trainers Richard Rosales and Brian Cunningham. Both hearings were held via telephone. Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck, who had initiated the complaints, has now opted to file against the trainers' attending veterinarian, and after reading the documentation contained in the complaints, it appears that the trainers complied with the rule regarding pre-work examination. Consequently, the complaints against both trainers will be dismissed.

Wednesday

05/04/2022

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward will be in the office this coming week for entries, scratches, and other duties. Ward will also be in charge of writing minutes for the week.

Thursday

05/05/2022

(1) ENTRIES/ PANEL/ FATALITY REVIEW

Tom Ward was in the office for Sunday entries. The Los Alamitos entry panel met to discuss the fields for Saturday's ten race card and Ward also participated in a fatality review with trainer Valentin Zamudio, along with interpreter Ruben Lozano, into the circumstances resulting in the breakdown and subsequent euthanasia of his horse Stolen Lives.

Friday

05/06/2022

(1) PANEL AND SCRATCHES

Tom Ward was in the office this morning for an abbreviated session dealing with workouts, panel discussion and scratches for this coming Sunday. Things went well.

Saturday
05/07/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 3rd Race #1 Hydrostatic (Vet-injured) Refund of \$292.80
- 4th Race #4 My Queen On Fire (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$135.76
- 5th Race #5 West Texas Prize (Vet-injured) Refund of \$100.86
- 7th Race #7 Tempting Fly (Vet-injured) Refund of \$43.20
- 9th Race #5 Five Bar Knockout (Panel) Refund of \$49.36
- 10th Race #4 Apolitical Premier (Vet-injured) Refund of \$108.00

(2) RULINGS

Ruling # 57

JOCKEY CESAR ORTEGA 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 1, 2022.

This ruling was issued as the rider was observed violating the “crop” rule during Sunday’s program. He had no excuse.

Ruling # 58

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES, WHO RODE KOOL SPIRIT IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 1, 2022, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 14TH, 15TH, AND 21ST, 2022) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO SEVENTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

The proceeding ruling was issued after Mr. Cervantes had viewed the seventh race from last Sunday, following which his mount was disqualified for interference at the start. The rider was forthright, stating that he could have made a much better effort.

(3) ACCIDENT

Jockey Jesus Rios Ayala was unseated during the midway point of the 300 yard ninth race when his horse, #8 Holdonimcoming, who had been getting out since the break, suddenly made a right hand turn at the paddock gap. Fortunately, Mr. Ayala was uninjured, as was the horse.

(4) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	764	\$132,325.80
Off track	1,559	\$345,741.90
Out of state	N/A	\$1,537,487.40
Total	2,323	\$2,015,555.10

Sunday
05/08/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #7 Restoring Dreams (Panel-vet history) Refund of \$398.20
- 3rd Race #4 Lucky Ryan Seven (Vet-injured)
#6 Street Behavior (Vet-sick) Refund of \$323.06
- 7th Race #5 Cash In The Card (Vet-injured) Refund of \$162.90

(2) RIDER EXCUSED

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

(3) RULING

Ruling # 59

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON 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 FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 7, 2022.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Leon had viewed the fourth race from last evening, during which he violated the “crop” rule. He accepted the decision without argument.

(4) WEIGHT ISSUE- LATE RIDER SWITCH

Assistant Clerk of Scales Ramiro Castillo reported that jockey Jairo Rangel could not get within the seven pound overweight limit for his assignment in the fourth race on #4 Complexity. The horse was in with 119 lbs. and Mr. Rangel could do no lighter than 129 lbs., three pounds over the limit. A replacement rider was named. The horse ultimately finished second under jockey Cruz Mendez.

Mr. Rangel’s agent should shoulder some of the blame as it was obvious that he did not know that the horse was a filly in against the boys and consequently received a five pound sex allowance.

(5) RIDER EXCUSED DURING RACING PROGRAM

Jockey Ruben Lozano called midway through the racing card to inform us that he had developed a severe headache and would not be able to complete his last engagement in the tenth race, the Grade II Miss Princess Stakes. A replacement rider was named.

(6) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the sixth race after #5 No Collusion, the odds-on favorite at 3/5, broke through the stall doors of the starting gate, unseated the rider, and ran off. Jockey Victor Salazar was not injured. While the horse appeared unscathed, we wouldn’t be surprised if the three year old gelding has a headache in the morning as he hit the stall doors with such force that the upper portion of both parts of the doors were bent open. Starter Brinson was able to move the remaining five runners to accommodate the inoperable stall but needed to switch starting gates due to larger fields later in the program. There was a refund of \$34,907.00 due to the scratch.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	693	\$97,435.60
Off track	1,317	\$243,690.50
Out of state	N/A	\$1,280,600.07
Total	2,010	\$1,621,726.17

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 9, 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: 3 for soundness, 7 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. Seven 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 05/07	Sun 05/08	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			1	0	1	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			1	2	3	72
Disqualifications	K			0	0	0	8
Inquiries		D		0	0	0	20
Refunds		A		6	4	10	173
Rulings		Y		2	1	3	59
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	13

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