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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 June 13, 2022, through June 19, 2022.

Monday

06/13/2022

(1) MONDAY MEDICATION HEARING

The Stewards convened this morning to hear a complaint filed by Board Investigators against trainer Santos Perez, whose horse, Suances Secret, showed the presence of Phenylbutazone and Methocarbamol (153 ng/ml) in a post work test on March 26, 2022, at Los Alamitos. Mr. Perez, who had not been cited for any medication violations in the past twelve months, accepted full responsibility for the findings, stating that his groom/foreman must have mistakenly given the horse Methocarbamol prior to its work. The horse did receive Phenylbutazone which was given by Mr. Perez' attending veterinarian. All oral medications were properly stored in a locked cabinet. The problem occurred in that there were two keys to the cabinet, one of which was in the groom's possession. Mr. Perez stated that going forward there will be only one key to the medicine cabinet, and that will be in his possession. The matter will be discussed, and a decision will be forthcoming shortly.

Wednesday

06/15/2022

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward will be in the office this week for entries, scratches and changes. The Saturday card, which was drawn in the late afternoon, will offer nine races, one short of the usual ten as Santa Anita will run a total of twenty three (12/11) events on their closing weekend, starting at 1:00 pm. Ward will be writing minutes for the upcoming week.

Thursday

06/16/2022

(1) SUNDAY DRAW AND ENTRY PANEL

Entries for Fathers' Day were accepted this morning, headed by the One Million Dollar Ed Burke Futurity. The Los Alamitos entry panel discussed horses scheduled to run on Saturday; several will be under enhanced scrutiny.

Friday
06/17/2022

(1) SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Scratch time for the Sunday card went smoothly, with only one scratch being processed. The panel meeting was over rather quickly with one "Panel" scratch and one "hard watch" horse being on the radar.

Saturday
06/18/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #1 Gabes Girl (Stewards-entered back) Refund of \$136.40
9th Race #5 Attacker (Vet-sick) Refund of \$115.90

(2) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Adrian Escobedo was excused from his mounts this evening as he was injured during a morning training accident earlier in the week. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULING

Ruling # 77

TRAINER SANTOS PEREZ, WHO WORKED THE HORSE "SUANCES SECRET", AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 26, 2022, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* AND ASSESSED 1 POINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS (EXPIRES MARCH 25, 2023 PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B, & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (A & B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES – PHENYLBUTAZONE AND METHOCARBAMOL – FIRST VIOLATION WITHIN THE PAST 365 DAYS) AND #1844 (D) (5) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION).

The foregoing ruling was issued after we received clarification from Chief Official Veterinarian Tim Grande regarding the penalty aspects of the case.

(4) LATE DECLARATION-REFUND

A refund was ordered in the second race as #5 Auntie Bev became fractious in the starting gate, injured itself, and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$6,522.00.

(5) INQUIRY INTO START- HORSE DECLARED NON-STARTER

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race to determine the cause of #7 Jettin Gigi failing to break with the rest of the field. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the break from all angles, it was determined that the assistant starter was still on the ground in front of the horse when the field was sent on their way. The horse was declared a non-starter and was scratched from the betting pool. Mr. Brinson accepted responsibility for the incident, stating that the horse was standing on the assistant's foot and in attempting to move the horse, the man was bent over and was out of the Starter's field of vision. Unfortunately, none of the other members of the crew alerted Mr. Brinson about the problem. There was a refund of \$54,601.72 due to the non-starter/late scratch designation.

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,031	\$113,195.50
Off track	1,240	\$282,661.40
Out of state	N/A	\$977,121.58
Total	2,271	\$1,372,978.48

Sunday
06/19/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #3 Arrivederci Roma (Vet-sick) Refund of \$60.70

- 3rd Race #1 My Little Fanny (Panel-vet concerns and poor performance) Refund of \$43.60
- 4th Race #1 Straight and True (Stewards-off over one year with no official vet work) Refund of \$236.50
- 8th Race #2 Eye on the Sky (Vet-sick)
- #3 Terrific Chrome (Vet-sick) Refund of \$160.00 No "show" wagering
- 9th Race #4 Escalated (Stakes) Refund of \$365.20

(2) RIDERS EXCUSED

Jockey Erasmo Gasca was excused from his lone mount tonight this evening due to illness. A replacement rider was secured. Armando Viramontes and Jairo Rangel were also excused; Viramontes for illness, and Rangel due to weight issues. Substitute riders were announced.

(3) EXERCISE RIDERS IN THE OFFICE

Exercise riders Edgar Garcia, Vicente Vallejo, and Jairo Renteria were in the office this afternoon as they were cited by security for morning track rule violations. Garcia and Vallejo left with warnings since this was their first violation. Renteria, on the other hand, was fined as he had been in trouble before for the same offense.

Ruling # 78

EXERCISE RIDER JAIRO V. RENTERIA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1930 (OBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS-FAILURE TO OBEY OUTFRIDER).

(4) UNEVENTFUL EVENING

The nine race Father's Day program went smoothly, including the \$1,000,000 Ed Burke Futurity. Starter Gary Brinson and his hard working crew of assistants got the nine finalists away from the gate in good order.

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	843	\$101,899.50
Off track	1,143	\$205,918.40
Out of state	N/A	\$1,126,248.22
Total	1,986	\$1,434,066.12

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 20, 2022. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 1 for soundness, 2 for injury, 4 for sickness, 2 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 06/18	Sun 06/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	1
Claims	R			1	3	4	94
Disqualifications	K			0	0	0	13
Inquiries		D		1	0	1	30
Refunds		A		4	5	9	246
Rulings		Y		1	1	2	78
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	18

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