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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 Monday, June 13, 2022, Through Sunday, June 19, 2022.**WEDNESDAY**6/15/22¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Luis Jauregui was on-hand to oversee entries for Saturday, June 18, 2022. The twelve-race card includes two stakes races for two-year-old runners, with the final race on the card restricted to California bred or sired runners. Steward Jauregui also approved scratches and changes for Friday's eleven-race program.

THURSDAY6/16/22¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Once again, Steward Jauregui was charged with overseeing entries for Sunday June 19, 2022, closing day of the Santa Anita winter/spring meet. The eleven-race program includes three stakes races and two maiden special weight races for California bred or sired runners.

6/16/22²**JOCKEY FILM REVIEWS**

RYAN CURATOLO reported to the Stewards' office this morning to review his ride in Sunday's second race, specifically to review his crop use, leaving the gate. The Stewards wanted to point out that though jockey Curatolo was only tapping the horse on the shoulder, his hand was coming off the horse's neck, as he was attempting to guide his mount at the same time. Jockey Curatolo understood the Stewards critiques and vowed to do better going forward. Warning. Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ also came into our office this morning to review Sunday's fourth race (ref: 6/12/22³), where his mount shifted inward nearing the wire. There was a Stewards' inquiry into the aforementioned race on Sunday, but no change was made. The Stewards discussed if Mr. Hernandez's actions in the race were careless and worthy of a penalty, but in a

majority decision he left with just a warning. Steward Jauregui voted for a suspension, believing that his actions were deliberate.

6/16/22³

HEARING VIA TEAMS

The Stewards conducted a hearing via Microsoft Teams to hear two citations issued to exercise riders WELFIN ORANTES and YAEL RIVERA at San Luis Rey Training Center, for fighting in the parking lot following morning training. Investigator Ryan Russell was on location at San Luis Rey along with both Mr. Orantes and Mr. Rivera, who work together at the Daniel Dunham stable. The brief hearing allowed the Stewards to ask questions and hear explanations from each licensee. A decision will be made by tomorrow, at which time rulings will be issued.

6/16/22⁴

SPAWR HEARING (Case #22SA0058)

Trainer WILLIAM SPAWR was served a complaint for not having a pre-entry exam on one of his runners that was scheduled to race on April 8, 2022. Mr. Spawr called the Stewards' office and said he agreed with the allegations, but the horse in question was a vet-scratch (sick) the day of the race. Considering this information, the Stewards only issued Mr. Spawr a warning.

6/16/22⁵

HESS HEARING (Case #22SA0059)

Trainer ROBERT HESS JR. came into our office to address a complaint filed by the Official Vet for not having a pre-entry exam done on one of his runner last month. Mr. Hess explained that the horse was entered on Sunday (for a race on Friday) and his vet conducted the exam the following morning. Being an exam done prior to the horse being "deemed entered" per CHRB rule 1843.5, only a warning was issued.

6/16/22⁶

BAKER HEARING (Case #22SA0077)

DR. VINCENT BAKER also came into our office to address a pre-entry exam complaint. Dr. Baker provided evidence that an examination was completed prior to entry, but that he neglected to log the information into the Electronic Veterinary Reporting System (ETRS). Dr. Baker apologized for the mistake and left the office with just a warning.

6/16/22⁷

GAINES HEARING(S)

Lastly, trainer CARLA GAINES was in our office to address four complaints filed by the Official Veterinarian (#22SA0117, #22SA0118, #22SA0139, #22SA0140) for not having pre-workout examinations done on four of her horses in the same week. Trainer Gaines explained that her horses are examined on a frequent and regular basis, but these four horses were not examined with the 72-hour window, as outlined in CHRB rule #1878 (b)(1). Decision to follow...

FRIDAY
6/17/22¹

GUSTAFSSON RULING

After receiving conformation from trainer Jorge Periban that owner ROLF GUSTAFSSON finally paid his outstanding debt, outlined in a ruling suspending him back in 2017 (ref: 5/27/17), the following ruling was issued, clearing the way for Mr. Gustafsson to renew his license.

LATS Ruling #126

Owner/Asst.Trainer ROLF GUSTAFSSON, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$2,380.00 to Trainer Jorge Periban) is restored to good standing. LATS #175 ruling issued at Santa Anita Park on May 27, 2017, is set aside.

6/17/22²

SAN LUIS REY DECISION (Ref: 6/16/22³)

After considering all the facts heard in yesterday's hearing via Microsoft Teams, the following two rulings were issued.

LATS Ruling #127

Exercise Rider WELFIN ORANTES is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct - fighting) at San Luis Rey Training Center on May 24, 2022. Furthermore, Mr. Orantes is ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

LATS Ruling #128

Exercise Rider YAEL RIVERA is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct - fighting) at San Luis Rey Training Center on May 24, 2022. Furthermore, Mr. Rivera is ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board

6/17/22³

VALKO HEARING (Case #22SA0067)

DR. KAREN VALKO came into the Stewards' office to respond to a pre-entry examination complaint filed by the Official Veterinarian. Dr. Valko provided evidence that an examination was completed at the appropriate time, but the information was not properly logged into ETRS. Since Dr. Valko performed the exam in the proper timeframe, she left with just a warning.

6/17/22⁴

RUNCINI HEARING (Case #22SA0105)

Groom ALIXA RUNCINI, along with her employer Tyler Cerin, were in our office to respond to a complaint alleging that she was working as a Massage Therapist without the proper license. Investigator Jeanne Garrido presented the case for the CHRB and Safety Steward George Yniguez was in attendance as a witness. Mr. Yniguez stated that he witnessed her working without the proper license on three separate occasions and directed her to get the proper license each time, without success, so a formal complaint was filed. Alixa Runcini and Tyler Cerin agreed that they should have handled this from the start and would accept our decision. Ruling to follow...

6/17/22⁵

FILM REVIEW

KYLE FREY came into our office to review Sunday's seventh race, where his mount shifted out nearing the wire, making contact with the rival that narrowly beat him. In a majority decision, Mr. Frey received a warning and promised to make a better effort going forward. Steward Jauregui voted for a suspension, believing that his actions were intentional.

6/17/22⁶

INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION - RACE 1

Following the running of today's first race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the start, where #11 BELLE CHERIE (jockey Umberto Rispoli) broke in sharply, impeding both #9 VELVET (jockey Juan Hernandez) and #8 JUBILEE LAKE (GB) (jockey Drayden Van Dyke). The Stewards reviewed the start multiple times and after briefly speaking to the jockeys involved, in a unanimous decision, the Stewards disqualified #11 BELLE CHARIE fourth to fifth position, behind #8 JUBILEE LAKE.

Original order of finish: 5-9-4-11-8-6-3-7-2-1

Official order of finish: 5-9-4-8-11-6-3-7-2-1

6/17/22⁷

OBJECTION / NO CHANGE - RACE 8

The Stewards received word that jockey Kyle Frey (#1 HOUNDSTOOTH) wanted to claim foul, contending that #5 CITY RAGE (jockey Ryan Curatolo) shifted into his path at the top of the stretch, costing him the opportunity at a better placing. After reviewing the race from multiple angles and speaking to both jockeys involve, the Stewards unanimously agreed that each horse contributed to the incident, so no change was made.

6/17/22⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race

#10 CHARLOTTE HARBOR - Stewards' scratch - Enter back

#12 ALBAYAADER (IRE) - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible

#13 ACOUSTIC SHADOW - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible

#14 CHLOE'S CROWN - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible. Refund \$2,725.45

2nd Race

#5 ICE COLD GOLD (P. D'Amato) - Vet scratch - Dr. Stead, sick

#7 MACHTENHAIRONFIRE (V. Cerin) - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, injured
Refund \$1,221.74

3rd Race

#5 REDLINE (Tr. K. Desormeaux) claimed by Tr. J. Sadler

4th Race #4 QUINCEY (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed by Tr. A. Ordonez
 5th Race #5 NICE AND TRUE - jockey changed to E. Ellingwood
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$3.00
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$64.00
 8th Race #2 LAW ABIDIN CITIZEN (E. Truman) claimed by B. Spawr **VOID**
 #4 BIG FLAME (S. Miyadi) - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, sick.
 Refund \$638.28
 9th Race #4 LOVESICK BLUES (S. Miyadi) - Vet scratch - Dr. Pattio, sick.
 Refund \$2317.93
 10th Race #1 WINHAPPY (P. Aguirre) - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Pattio, sick
 #2 MAD CATTER (Tr. L. Powell) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill **VOID**
 #3 SHADY EMPIRE (Tr. W. Solis) claimed by K. Mulhall
 #4 DANCE COMPANY (Tr. M. Puype) claimed S. McCarthy **VOID**
 #7 MANITOWISH (Tr. L. Ruiz) claimed by Tr. S. Miyadi. Refund \$783.36

6/17/22⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,891	\$620,923.31
SCOTWinc	2,483	\$1,009,354.47
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,683,619.64
Total	5,374	\$8,313,897.42

SATURDAY

6/18/22¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

RYAN CURATOLO reported to the Stewards' office this morning to review his ride in yesterday's eighth race (ref: 6/17/22⁷), where his mount floated out and back in during the run through the stretch. Though the Stewards unanimously agreed that the ride was not penalty worthy, everyone (including Mr. Curatolo) agreed that he could do a better job going forward. Warning.

6/18/22²

LATE LASIX

The following ruling was issued as a result of a late Lasix registration.

LATS Ruling #129

Trainer RUBEN D. ALVARADO is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration) of APPREHEND in the eighth race on June 17, 2022, at Santa Anita Park.

6/18/22³

CROP RULINGS

The following two rulings were issued as result of both riders violating the crop rule in yesterday's eighth race. Coincidentally, both riders finished in a dead-heat for the win, in the aforementioned race, and both were over the allowed crop-use limit by one strike each.

LATS Ruling # 130

Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times) during the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on June 17, 2022.

LATS Ruling # 131

Jockey RYAN CURATOLO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times) during the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on June 17, 2022.

6/18/22⁴

RUNCINI RULING

After deliberating the facts from yesterday's hearing (ref: 6/17/22⁴), the Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS Ruling # 132

Groom ALIXA RUNCINI is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1481(a) (Occupational Licenses and Fees) and rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officer and Public Safety Officer) at Santa Anita Park on May 12, 20, and 27, 2022.

6/18/22⁵

JOCKEY MEETING

The Stewards held a meeting in the jockeys' room prior to today's first race, to discuss the upcoming changes to the crop rule, as the new HISA regulations go into effect on July 1, 2022. Though the crop use itself is little changed from our current rule, the penalties can be much more severe, including a multiple-violation point system and possible disqualification of the horse. Naturally, many questions (and a few complaints) arose, but in the end the Stewards left the meeting feeling optimistic that they helped bring some clarity to this impending change.

6/18/22⁶

STEWARDS' REVIEW - RACE 5

Following the running of today's fifth race, the Stewards conducted a review into the start where #4 CLASSIC REWIND broke poorly. The Stewards concluded that the three-year-old filly threw her head just as the doors opened, but was afforded a fair start, so no further action was necessary.

6/18/22⁷

INQUIRY / NO CHANGE - RACE 6

Shortly after the sixth race runners passed the wire, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the actions of several runners as they approached the dirt crossing in the downhill turf sprint. Video replays showed #2 HAVANA LOVE (IRE) (jockey Juan Hernandez), switch leads early and shifting outward, forcing #3 AMY C (GB) (jockey Umberto Rispoli) to also switch leads and shift outward, into the path of BELLA D (jockey Kyle Frey). Though three of the six runners were involved in this sequence, the Stewards unanimously agreed that the incident did not affect the final result, so the original posted order of finish was made official.

6/18/22⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$25.89
 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$13.50
 3rd Race #6 SMOKEM FOR YOU (E. Alvarez) Veterinarian scratch-Dr. Deluhery, unsound
 Refund \$395.69; Minus Pool \$1,239.61
 4th Race #4 ANNIE'S SONG (IRE) (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. J. Sadler
 Refund \$95.89; Minus Pool \$331.01
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$130.50
 6th Race #6 BIG SWEEP (M. Glatt) - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, sick
 Refund \$1214.92
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$70.50
 8th Race #2 ORDER AND LAW (R. Hess Jr.) Vet scratch - Dr. Pattio, sick
 Refund \$420.47
 9th Race #2 TOM BOMBADIL (Tr. S. McCarthy) claimed by Tr. R. Ellis
 #3 FUNKENSTEIN (Tr. M. Puype) claimed by G. Stute
 #4 PRINCE MAGICIAN (Tr. H. Palma) claimed by Tr. P. Agurrie
 #8 PYEONG CHANG (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
 10th Race #6 CAISSON (Tr. R. Mandella) claimed by M. Ortiz Sr.
 #8 COUNT OF AMAZONIA (IRE) (Tr. G.Papaprodromou) claimed by M. Glatt
 11th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 12th Race No changes; Refund \$0

6/18/22⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,109	\$1,201,434.22
SCOTWinc	3,791	\$1,681,710.64
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,082,014.19
Total	11,900	\$10,965,159.05

SUNDAY
6/19/22¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI was asked into the Stewards' office this morning to review his crop actions in yesterday's eleventh race, where his hand was coming off the neck as he was tapping his mount on the shoulder. Mr. Rispoli understood that his actions could be misconstrued as crop strikes and vowed to make the proper adjustments going forward and left with a warning.

6/19/22²

GAINES RULING

After considering all the facts heard on Thursday (ref: 6/16/22⁷), the Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS Ruling # 133

Trainer CARLA GAINES is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1878 (b)(1) (Workouts – Horses not examined by attending veterinarian during the seventy-two (72) hours immediately preceding the workout).

6/19/22³

LATE LASIX

The following ruling was issued as a result of a late Lasix registration.

LATS Ruling # 134

Veterinarian JOHN W. BYRD is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – Failed to submit Lasix Documentation to the Receiving Barn) of CLASSIC REWIND in the fifth race on June 18, 2022, at Santa Anita Park.

6/19/22⁴

CLOSING DAY

Prior to the first race, Director of Pari-Mutuels Don Sanborn came into our office to discuss today's eleven-race program. He asked permission to adjust a few post times to accommodate the mandatory payouts in all pools, customary with closing day. Naturally, the Stewards agreed to his requests and alerted everyone involved of the addition time that would be taken in the sixth and seventh races.

6/19/22⁵

OBJECTION / NO CHANGE - RACE 7

The Stewards received a call from MICHAEL MCCARTHY (trainer of #3 Avenue), to claim foul against #5 RED KING (jockey Abel Cedillo), contending that rival interfered with his horse during the run through the home stretch and costing him the opportunity at a better placing. After reviewing the race from multiple angles, the Stewards unanimously agreed that there were two points of contact between #3 AVENUE and #5 RED KING, but in each instance, #3 AVENUE was the main contributor, so no change would be made to the original order of finish.

6/19/22⁶

LATE SCRATCH - RACE 8

Prior to the eighth race runners leaving the receiving barn, the Stewards received a call from the Official Veterinarian concerning #8 ANMER HALL. Dr. Pattio stated that though ANMER HALL was listed as a colt in official program, he confirmed that ANMER HALL was in fact a gelding. In light of these findings (or lack thereof) ANMER HALL was scratched by the Stewards, per CHRB rule #1865(e)(2) and sent back to the Ruben Alvarado barn. The remaining runners headed to the paddock to contest the five-furlong turf sprint, which was run without incident.

6/19/22⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#13 UPTOWN WARRIOR - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible
2 nd Race	No changes
3 rd Race	No changes
4 th Race	#1 INDICT THE TIGER (L. Mendez) - Veterinarian scratch-Dr. Stead, unsound
5 th Race	No changes;
6 th Race	#1 ELENIAK (Tr. V. Cerin) claimed by Tr. J. Wong #4 BESAME MUCHO (Tr. C. Treece) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
7 th Race	No changes;
8 th Race	#9 ANMER HALL (Tr. R. Alvarado) - Stewards' scratch #13 DETROIT CITY - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible

9th Race #14 PARTY GAMES (IRE) - Stewards' scratch - Also eligible
 No changes
 10th Race #4 SPEED LANE (Tr. V. Cerin) Stewards' scratch - ownership
 #10 SUNNY MORNING (FR) (P. Gallagher) Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Pattio, sick
 11th Race No changes

6/19/22⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	14,088	\$1,566,302.26
SCOTWinc	3,647	\$1,443,859.76
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$13,873,583.78
Total	17,735	\$16,883,745.80

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 6/13/22 TO 6/19/22

Horses on Vet List 15
 Horses off Vet List 11
 Shock Wave Therapy 1
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Fri 6/17	Sat 6/18	Sun 6/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	6
Cal-Bred Races	3	1	3	7	112
Claims	4	7	2	13	216
Disqualifications	1	0	0	1	12
Inquiries	2	1	1	4	29
Refunds	7	8	9	24	406
Rulings	3	4	2	9	130
Voided Claims	3	0	0	3	37

Respectfully submitted,

David Nuesch, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

George Yniguez, Safety Steward

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