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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 July 18, 2022, through July 24, 2022.

**Monday**

07/18/2022

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Richard Williams is in the office for the morning entries, scratches and panel meetings.

**(2) HEARINGS**

A hearing was scheduled for Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> for 2 complaints filed by the California Horse Racing Board against Jesus Nunez. The first complaint, case #22LA0071 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843 (a,b&d) and #1843.1 (a).

Mr. Nunez testified that he was unaware of how the rule violation could have occurred since he has no Flunixin in his barn. The veterinarian confidential record did not show any Flunixin administered within the previous 3 days of the race. A ruling will be issued as needed.

The second complaint was for case # 22LA0130 for violation of Rule #1865.

During testimony, the Stewards determined that there were extenuating circumstances and the complaint #22LA016 against Dr. Ashley Troncatty may have had a substantial impact on this complaint, and therefore is continued until that case can be heard.

**Wednesday**

07/20/2022

**(1) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, for California Bred Maidens, two year olds going 300 yards, was off with 4 entries.

**(2) THE DRAW FOR SATURDAY**

8 races were drawn with 51 horses making up 3 Thoroughbred, 1 Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse, and 4 Quarter Horse races.

**Thursday**  
07/21/2022

(1) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, for California Bred two year old maidens going 300 yards, was used open with 8 horses.

(2) **SCRATCH TIME**

At scratch time for Saturday 07/23/2022, there were 2 equipment changes.

(3) **PANEL MEETING**

The Los Alamitos Panel met to review and discuss the entries for the Saturday 07/23/2022 races.

(4) **THE DRAW FOR SUNDAY**

A 10 race card with 70 horses made up 10 Quarter Horse races.

**Friday**  
07/22/2022

(1) **SCRATCH TIME**

At scratch time, there was one equipment change.

(2) **PANEL MEETING**

The panel at Los Alamitos met to discuss the entries for Sunday 07/24/2022.

**Saturday**  
07/23/2022

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

Race #1 No Changes

Race #2 #4 Norwester (trainer Pat Visscher) was scratched (vet-injured) Refund \$139.50

#6 Ballroom Hustler (trainer Milton Pineda) was claimed for \$3,500.00 by Jesus Uranga.

Race #3 #6 Hot Memories (trainer Milton Pineda) was scratched (vet-unsound) Refund \$477.66

Race #4 #3 Polar (trainer Jesus Uranga) was scratched (vet-unsound) Refund \$513.90

Race #5 No Changes

Race #6 No Changes

Race #7 No Changes

Race #8 No Changes

(2) **CLAIMS VOIDED**

None

(3) **RULINGS**

**Ruling #93**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE TRUMPER, THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 19, 2022, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* AND ASSESSED ONE HALF POINT (1/2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 (MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS- EXPIRES MARCH 19, 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- FLUNIXIN- FIRST VIOLATION WITHIN THE PAST 365 DAYS).

**Ruling # 94**

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO 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 JULY 17, 2022.

**(4) OBJECTION/ INQUIRY**

None

**(5) HEARINGS**

Jockey Cesar Franco was in to discuss his use of the crop in the 8<sup>th</sup> race on 7/17/2022.  
A ruling will be issued as needed.

**(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	852	\$95,386.40
Off track	1,283	\$138,249.60
Out of state	N/A	\$967,342.73
Total	2,135	\$1,200,978.73

**Sunday**

07/24/2022

**(1) LATE DECLARATIONS**

Race #1 #1 Gypsy V Bar (trainer Gus Headley) was scratched (vet-unsound) Refund \$91.80  
Race #2 #4 Italian Love Song (trainer Robert Lucas) was scratched (stewards-not eligible) a 4 year old first time starter without a workout for the vet within 30 days. Refund \$143.70  
#6 Kimberly's Devil (trainer Robert Lucas) was scratched (stewards-other)  
The connections with the horse were unable to put a bridle on the horse. After some time and fear of someone getting hurt, the stewards ordered the horse scratched. Refund \$1,552.73  
Race #3 No Changes  
Race #4 #2 Arrivederci Roma (trainer Genaro Vallejo) was scratched (stewards-other)  
Refund \$1,965.34

Approximately a half hour before the start of the races, steward James Dreyer noticed that the television scroll of changes on the bottom of the television screen was showing the 4<sup>th</sup> race #2 Arrivederci Roma as a scratch. Steward Dreyer contacted the television department and informed them of the error, and it was to be fixed. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> race was official, the announcer, Michael Wrona, asked the stewards if the #2 was indeed scratched. It was determined the television department reposted the horse as a scratch and it was announced for some time to the betting public by the announcer. Although the horse was never removed from betting pools, the betting public was informed incorrectly and repeatedly that the horse was a scratch. It was the opinion of the stewards that in the best interest of racing and the betting public, that the horse be scratched.

In an added note, a race later one of the owners of the horse, Alexander Spasiano, called and asked for an explanation of why his horse was scratched. After the stewards explained the situation, Mr. Spasiano stated he understood and thought we had made the correct decision.

Race #5 #2 Royal Boho (trainer Jesus Nunez) was scratched (stewards-not eligible) A first time starter 4 year old with no work for the vet within 30days. Refund \$225.90

The stewards caused the inquiry sign to be posted for possible interference at the start between #1 Special Moon, #3 L A Woman LF and #4 Looking Hotter. The stewards found no reason for any action.

Race #6 No Changes

Race #7 No Changes

Race #8 Jockey Jonathan Roman called the stewards and was under the weather, so he was relieved of his duties and replaced by Henry Lopez. Jockey Juan Pablo Leon was scheduled to ride #7 Shakem Train but could not meet the weight requirements.

Race #9 No Changes

Race #10 #2 Daytona 1000 (trainer Jamie Gomez) was scratched (vet-injured) None Reported.

**(2) CLAIMS VOIDED**

None

**(3) RULING**

**Ruling # 95**

JOCKEY EDGAR PAYERAS, WHO RODE EQUIPO A IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 23, 2022, IS SUSPENDED FOR ONE (1) RACING DAY (JULY 31, 2022) AND FINED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY AUTHORITY RULE #2282 (RIDING CROP VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES – CLASS 3) – ONE STRIKE OVER THE LIMIT.

ADDITIONALLY, EDGAR PAYERAS IS ASSIGNED THREE (3) VIOLATION POINTS WHICH WILL BE EXPUNGED SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF FINAL ADJUDICATION PURSUANT TO HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY AUTHORITY RULE #2282 (RIDING CROP VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES).

**(4) OBJECTION/ INQUIRY**

In the 5<sup>th</sup> race, the stewards caused the inquiry sign to be posted for possible interference at the start between #1 Special Moon, #3 L A Woman LF and #4 Looking Hotter. The stewards found no reason for any action.

**(5) INCIDENTS**

None

**(6) HEARINGS**

None

**(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	692	\$88,468.70
Off track	998	\$225,542.00
Out of state	N/A	\$955,500.78
Total	1,690	\$1,269,511.48

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 24, 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 and 2 for injury. Seven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Richard Williams.

**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 7/23	Sun 7/24	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	5
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	8
<b>Claims</b>	R			1	0	1	109
<b>Disqualification</b>	K			0	0	0	15
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		0	1	1	35
<b>Refunds</b>		A		4	6	10	285
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		2	1	3	96
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	0	0	18

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

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Richard Williams, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward