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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 September 20, 2022, through September 25, 2022.

Tuesday

9/20/2022

(1) OFFICE DUTY

The entire Board of Stewards was in attendance this morning to conduct two scheduled hearings.

(2) RAMIREZ COMPLAINT

Exercise rider Domingo Ramirez was in our office to address complaint #22LA0018, alleging aggressive and threatening behavior towards a racing official. The hearing consisted of Mr. Ramirez, the Board of Stewards (Jim Dreyer, Tom Ward, and Dave Nuesch), with Winners' Foundation representative Darin Scharer joining via telephone. Mr. Scharer spoke very positively about Mr. Ramirez's time in the rehabilitation program and Mr. Ramirez took full responsibility for his actions back in January. The hearing was ended, and the Stewards will deliberate the facts heard.

(3) GONZALEZ COMPLAINT

Owner Porfirio Gonzalez did not appear before the Board of Stewards this morning to address the financial complaint (case #22LA0166), filed by trainer John Cooper. As a result, a ruling will be issued on Saturday.

Wednesday

9/21/2022

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Dave Nuesch was in attendance this week to attend to morning activities, entries, the draws for both Saturday and Sunday, as well as Panel reviews for both race-days this weekend.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, for Cal-bred maiden two-year-old fillies, going 300 yards, attracted three California Bred entries, but after being opened to all runners, was used as the 5th on the card.

(3) THE DRAW FOR SATURDAY 9/24/2021

The early evening draw making up the eight-race program consisted of just 52 horses. The card consists of one 4½ furlong event for Thoroughbreds, one 1000-yard dash for both Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds, and six Quarter Horse races, all going 300 yards.

Thursday
9/22/2022

(1) SCRATCH TIME

Scratch time for Saturday 9/24/2022 provided no program changes.

(2) PANEL MEETING

The Los Alamitos Entry Panel met to review and discuss the entries for Saturday evening's races.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, for California Bred Maiden two-year-olds going 300 yards had only three Cal-bred entrants, so it was opened to all runners and used as the 8th race on the nine-race card.

(4) THE DRAW

55 horses were drawn from the entry box to make up the nine races for Sunday evening, comprised of five around-the-turn race, and five straight-line dashes.

Friday
9/23/2022

(1) SCRATCH TIME

One runner for Sunday evening was found to be ineligible, resulting in a Stewards' scratch. Two additional program changes were made.

(2) PANEL MEETING

The panel at Los Alamitos met to review and discuss the entries for Sunday 9/25/2022.

Saturday
9/24/2022

(1) LEON RULING

As a result of jockey Juan Pablo Leon exceeding the allowable overweight limit in last Sunday's fifth race, resulting in a late rider change, the following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 119

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT) RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2022.

(2) GONZALEZ RULING (Ref: 9/20/2022³)

The following ruling was issued as a result of Mr. Gonzalez not appearing to his scheduled hearing.

Ruling # 120

OWNER PORFIRIO GONZALEZ, HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$2,492.00 TO TRAINER JOHN COOPER), IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). SUSPENSION WILL COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2022.

(3) RAMIREZ RULING (Ref: 9/20/2022²)

After deliberating the facts heard on Tuesday, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

Ruling # 121

EXERCISE RIDER DOMINGO RAMIREZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT- THREATENING BEHAVIOR TOWARD A RACING OFFICIAL).

(4) STEWARD SWITCH

Steward Ron Church entered the stand this weekend, after Tom Ward switched to the daytime program to fill in for Kim Sawyer.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #6 LUCKY LUPE (trainer Angela Aquino) was scratched (Vet – injured) Refund \$166.33
- 3rd Race #1 TRAVEL AFAR (trainer James Glenn, Jr.) was scratched (Vet – injured) Refund \$69.10
- 5th Race #5 AP TRICKY FIRE (trainer C. DeAlba) was scratched (Vet – injured) Refund \$270.45
- #6 FUSITO (trainer J. Mendoza) was scratched (Stewards–entered back) Refund \$85.40
- 6th Race #3 DOCS BEST WOMAN (trainer A. Farias) was scratched (Vet–sick) Refund \$168.35

(6) CLEAR NIGHT OF RACING

Tonight’s eight-race card was conducted smoothly, with no notable incidents.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	732	\$102,305.80
Off track	1,157	\$259,580.60
Out of state	N/A	\$646,561.83
Total	1,889	\$1,008,448.23

Sunday
9/25/2022

(1) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 4th Race #3 FLAG SALUTE (trainer Sergio Morfin) scratched during post parade / warm-up (Stewards – on the advice of the Track Veterinarian) Refund \$8,898.72
- 6th Race #1 LUCKY MARY (trainer Sal Naranjo) was scratched (Vet – unsound) Refund \$866.36

(2) STARTER SWITCH

After two long weekends of double-headers, Gary Brinson passed the starter’s baton to assistant Shane Craigmyle for this evening’s program.

(3) ANOTHER CLEAR NIGHT OF RACING

Tonight’s nine-race card was once again conducted smoothly and without incident. This wrapped up a successful weekend of racing at the Orange County oval.

(4) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	586	\$82,668.40
Off track	967	\$197,155.60
Out of state	N/A	\$922,829.20
Total	1,553	\$1,202,653.20

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 25, 2022. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 7 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 3 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Four horses previously on the Veterinarian’s List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Dave Nuesch.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 9/24	Sun 9/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			2	1	3	149

Disqualifications	K			0	0	0	19
Inquiries		D		0	0	0	43
Refunds		A		5	2	7	344
Rulings		Y		3	0	3	121
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	25

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, Ron Church, Dave Nuesch, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

David Nuesch, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward