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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 27, 2022, through October 2, 2022.

Tuesday

09/27/2022

(1) TUESDAY MORNING HEARINGS

We had two financial hearings scheduled for this morning, neither of which went forward. The first hearing had been a complaint filed by trainer Jorge Farias against trainer Robert Lucas in the amount of \$5,561.00. Mr. Farias had been caring for the horse Another Way, claimed from him by Mr. Lucas, while the claim was being litigated. The horse ultimately became Mr. Lucas's, and Mr. Farias filed to be reimbursed for his efforts. Unfortunately, Mr. Farias was thirty minutes late for the hearing and we had already dismissed the complaint and sent Mr. Lucas on his way. The remedy will now be in civil court.

Trainer Jose Flores filed a complaint against his owner, Robert Gutke for an amount in excess of \$14,000.00 for training fees. Neither he nor Mr. Gutke appeared and consequently that complaint was also dismissed.

Wednesday

09/28/2022

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward will be handling entries, scratches, and minutes this week. The entry process went well, with a nine race card being finalized by 2:50 pm.

Thursday

09/29/2022

(1) SUNDAY DRAW

The nine race Sunday card was drawn close to the dinner hour, with three Wild West Futurity trials on tap, along with the finals of the PCQHRA Breeders Futurity. The Los Alamitos "panel" met, with one "hard watch" horse noted.

Friday
09/30/2022

(1) FRIDAY PANEL AND STEWARDS' COMMITTEE MEETING

The panel met once again, with one hard watch horse on the program. However, there will be one horse scratched from the card each night. On Saturday, in the seventh race, #7 Separate Sparks, trained by Clemente Hurtado, will come out as it did not meet the minimum requirements for first time starters. The horse only had one gate work and two are required. The Sunday evening card has a different problem. In race number six, #5 Fancy Lyke, in the care of Danny Montes, has been scratched on the recommendation of Identifier Ralph Seville. The horse's markings are not even close to matching the photos of the horse. The foal certificate indicates a "strip" on the horse's face, with no white marks on the legs. In actuality, the horse has a rather wide "stripe" on its face, with a small white mark on the left front fetlock and white stockings on both hind legs. This horse has run at three different race tracks, all out of state, with the major error not being discovered. Both trainers have been informed of the problem. Kudos to Mr. Seville for a job well done!

Saturday
10/01/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #4 Midnight Somewhere (Vet- injured) Refund of \$128.00
4th Race #3 El Bobito Bet Cartel (Vet- injured) Refund of \$391.30
#5 Insider (Vet- injured) Refund of \$210.80
5th Race #4 Apolitical Legend (Vet- injured) Refund of \$152.50
6th Race #7 Macs Girl (Vet- sick) Refund of \$86.55
7th Race #7 Separate Sparks (Stewards-insufficient gate works) Refund of \$57.25
8th Race #3 Chicks Fayvorite (Vet- injured) Refund of \$49.00
9th Race #5 Over Again (Stakes) Refund of \$223.93

(2) RULING

Ruling # 122

JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY 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 THE ROAN RANGER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2022.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Harvey had viewed the third race from September 25, during which he struck his mount seven times during the final 3/16ths of the race. Mr. Harvey explained that his horse was getting out badly the entire race and he had to hit the horse in order to keep it close to the inside rail, thereby maintaining a safe environment for his fellow riders. If he is correct, it certainly was not evident in the video. In fact, it appeared that he was merely attempting to get more response from his horse through use of the crop.

(3) RULING

Ruling # 123

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* 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 MR TOUCHE IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2022.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Franco viewed the third race from last Sunday, September 25th, during which he violated the "crop" rule by striking his mount seven times in the stretch. Mr. Franco admitted the violation.

(4) DELAY IN FIRST POST - VIDEO ISSUES

There was a twenty five minute delay to the start of the first race here this evening. When the Stewards arrived in the stand, we were informed that there was no video signal due to the fact that the camera technicians were not at their respective posts. The field, which was in the walking ring when information was received, was returned to the saddling paddock to wait out the delay. We were then told that there was a stretch head-on camera available, along with a wide pan camera and the

drone. At that point, we decided to send the field to the gate. In the interim, the backstretch camera became available. The race was run without incident. The pari-mutuel department did an excellent job of regaining the lost time as we ran the final race at the originally scheduled time. Jim Porep, President of Pegasus, the track's video supplier, was contacted and attempted to find out what could have happened. He was instructed to provide a detailed, written timeline of the occurrence, but at this point we will have to assume that what we were first told is correct. More to come, for sure.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited in the sixth race by trainer Patricia Visscher for #1 Lite Up was voided as the filly appeared to briefly "lock up" while racing in the clear passing the 1/8th pole. She was pulled up shortly after the race by jockey Armando Cervantes and was ultimately vanned back to trainer Monty Arrossa's stable. Preliminary reports indicate that the injury, if any, is not serious.

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,079	\$105,025.00
Off track	1,203	\$301,089.20
Out of state	N/A	\$934,089.96
Total	2,282	\$1,340,204.16

Sunday
10/02/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 4th Race #3 Your Royal Coil (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$626.00.
- 6th Race #5 Fancy Lyke (Horse Identification- wrong markings) Refund of \$168.80
- 9th Race #9 Required First (Vet-sick) Refund of \$486.10

(2) SOMETIMES THINGS AREN'T AS THEY FIRST SEEM

With respect to the minute entry of 10-01-2022, regarding the delay in first post, we received the detailed report from Mr. Porep and the issue was not related to staffing. Rather, there had been a "brownout" in the television control room during the afternoon and the new hire at the controls mistook the fact that there was nothing on the screens from various camera positions to mean that there was no one there. They were in position but could not send a signal due to the fact that the system had to be "rebooted". It appears that Pegasus has taken steps to prevent the situation which took place last evening from happening again.

(3) RIDER EXCUSED

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

(4) LATE DECLARATION

As the horses were being saddled for the second race, Steward Jim Dreyer was perusing his program and questioned the eligibility of #1 Slice Of Pie, trained by Jose Raudales. The horse had been claimed for \$5,000 at Emerald Downs on September 18, 2022, and had won that start. According to California rules, the horse was required to take a 25% raise in claiming price for 25 days. The claiming price for this evening's race was also \$5,000, making the horse ineligible. Placing Judge Jordan Castaneda pulled up the chart from the Emerald Downs race and verified that the claim was valid. Mr. Raudales was contacted and confirmed that the horse was indeed claimed but indicated that he was not aware of the California rule regarding the required raise. The horse was declared, with the refund amounting to \$2,912.07.

(5) THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS WENT OUT---- AT LOS ALAMITOS

This venue suffered a major power outage as horses were in the saddling paddock for the PCQHRA Breeders Futurity (Grade II, \$325,000). As a result, lights on the entire racing strip went dark. We were told that an auto accident resulted in a transformer being damaged and this was responsible for the problem. Horses were kept in the paddock for approximately 20 minutes, at which time the auxiliary electrical system brought the track lights back up to full power. Fortunately, the lights remained on and the race was run without incident.

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	816	\$79,563.00
Off track	1,068	\$227,018.90
Out of state	N/A	\$1,041,207.29
Total	1,884	\$1,347,789.19

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 2, 2022. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 7 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Five 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 10/01	Sun 10/02	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			1	4	5	154
Disqualifications	K			0	0	0	19
Inquiries		D		0	0	0	43
Refunds		A		7	4	11	355
Rulings		Y		2	0	2	123
Voided Claims		S		1	0	1	26

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

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward