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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 October 31, 2022, through November 6, 2022.

Tuesday

11/01/2022

(1) SALVADOR NARANJO (CASES #22LA0174 and #22LA0175)

Trainer Salvador Naranjo appeared before the Board of Stewards in response to two complaints filed against him by the California Horse Racing Board alleging violations of CHRB Rules #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

Mr. Naranjo was advised of his rights to counsel and agreed to go forward without representation. According to the complaint Mr. Naranjo's horses "Exhalted" who finished second in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 14, 2022, and "Big Cheddar" who finished second in the fourth race also on August 14, 2022, were tested following their races. The Maddy EACL at UC Davis Laboratory reported that both tests contained Phenylbutazone, a prohibited drug substance.

Mr. Naranjo testified that he was out of town that week running horses at the Humboldt County Fair in Ferndale leaving his groom in charge of the barn. Mr. Naranjo stated that he authorized his groom to treat both horses orally with Phenylbutazone powder 48 hours prior to their races, and accepted full responsibility for the violations, as there were no other witnesses the hearing was concluded. Decision forthcoming.

(2) STEPHEN CUNNIFF (CASE #22LA0182) CONTINUATION (REF: 10-15-2022)

Mr. Cuniff attended the hearing via telephone and all other parties were present in the Stewards office at Los Alamitos Race Course. The hearing did not go well from the start as Mr. Cuniff was argumentative and disruptive to the point the hearing was closed. Mr. Cuniff was advised that a decision would be forthcoming.

Wednesday
11/02/2022

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Ron Church will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Today's entries were taken for Saturday, November 5, 2022, and completed by 3:00 p.m. The ten race program consists of eight Quarter Horse and two mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred races.

Thursday
11/03/2022

(1) **ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After review of all entries, there was one hard watch horse in the second race. There were no recommended panel scratches.

(2) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Scratch time for Saturday's program was completed at 9:00 a.m. with one rider change and one equipment change.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Today's entries were taken for Sunday, November 6, 2022, and completed by 3:00 p.m. The ten race program consists of four Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred, and four mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred races. The evening's program will be highlighted by the \$982,050 (Grade 1) Los Alamitos Derby.

Friday
11/04/2022

(1) **ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After review of all entries, two horses were listed as hard watch. There were no recommended panel scratches.

(2) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Two equipment changes completed Sunday's program adjustments.

Saturday
11/05/2022

(1) **RULING #139**

Ruling # 139

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER SALVADOR NARANJO, WHO STARTED EXALTED, THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 14, 2022, AND BIG CHEDDAR, THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 14, 2022, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND ASSESSED ONE HALF (1/2) POINT – EXPIRES AUGUST 14, 2023 - IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 (MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE). THESE CASES HAVE BEEN COMBINED DUE TO THE TIME FRAME IN WHICH THEY OCCURRED. FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 365 DAYS.

The above Ruling was issued after the Stewards' deliberation regarding the evidence and testimony presented during the hearing that was held on October 25, 2022.

(2) RULINGS #140 AND #141

Ruling # 140

JOCKEY JONATHAN ROMAN 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 APOLLITICAL JET IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 30, 2022.

Ruling # 141

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO 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 TEMPLE COURT IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 30, 2022.

The above Rulings were issued after both riders met with the Stewards and admitted they violated the Crop Rule.

(3) RULING #142

Ruling # 142

IN THE MATTER OF TRAINER STEPHEN CUNNIFF:
A HEARING INTO COMPLAINT #22LA0182, ALLEGING THAT TRAINER STEPHEN CUNNIFF OWED \$188.50 TO POST TIME SELF INSURANCE GROUP WAS HELD BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2022. IT IS THE DECISION OF THE STEWARDS THAT TRAINER STEPHEN CUNNIFF IS INDEBTED TO POST TIME SELF INSURANCE GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188.50, TO BE PAID BY DECEMBER 5, 2022.

The above Ruling was issued after the Stewards' deliberation regarding the evidence presented during the hearing that was held on October 25, 2022.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes
2nd Race No Changes
3rd Race No Changes
4th Race No Changes
5th Race #3 Burning Dream (Tr. C. DeAlba) – Claimed by Tr. V. Zamudio
6th Race No Changes
7th Race No Changes
8th Race #8 Run By Your Cartel–(Tr. J. Aleman)-Flipped in Gate–Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$14,914.75
9th Race #5 Kirklyns Candy (Tr. J. Flores) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$69.55
10th Race No Changes

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	594	\$104,997.70
Off track	1,306	\$304,595.10
Out of state	N/A	\$1,091,098.17
Total	1,900	\$1,536,690.97

Sunday
11/06/2022

(1) RULINGS #143, #144 AND #145

Ruling # 143

JOCKEY KEVIN CAMACHO 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 HELICOPTER PILOT IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 30, 2022.

Ruling # 144

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWICE IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) WHILE RIDING BURNING DREAM IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2022.

Ruling # 145

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* 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 BET THRU THE EAGLE IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2022.

The foregoing rulings were issued after each rider was observed violating the crop rule.

(2) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 1ST RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the first race for a review of an incident entering the far turn involving #6 MALAKAI MOXIE (Ricardo Ramirez) first and #5 POTENTE ALBA (Edgar Payeras), who finished third. After reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #6 MALAKAI MOXIE from first to third. The video shows #6 MALAKAI MOXIE drifting in entering the far turn and takes the path of #5 POTENTE ALBA, without sufficient clearance, forcing his rider to take back sharply, losing ground and the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish (6)-4-5-2-1-7-3
Official Order of Finish 4-5-(6)-2-1-7-3

(3) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 9th RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the ninth race for a review of the start involving #4 SUPREME (Jesus Ayala) first and #3 WAVING THE WAY (Henry Lopez) who finished third. After interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video of the race, the Stewards decided by a majority decision (Steward Dreyer Dissenting) to disqualify #4 SUPREME from first to third. The video shows #4 SUPREME breaking in sharply at the start and impedes #3 WAVING THE WAY, costing that rival the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish (4)-5-3-1
Official Order of Finish 5-3-(4)-1

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Restless Rambler (Tr. J. Mendoza) – Claimed by Tr. O. Heredia
#6 Malakai Moxie (Tr. J. Uranga) – Claimed by Tr. S. Naranjo
2nd Race #1 Moonlightwine (Tr. J. Wong) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$182.47
3rd Race #3 Silverwind (Tr. C. Treece) – Claimed by Tr. J. Uranga
4th Race No Changes
5th Race #1 Rock N Roll Song (Tr. J. Farias) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$164.35
#2 Badger Gal (Tr. J. Uranga) – Claimed by Tr. J. Raudales
#5 Inthemistymoonlite (Tr. J. Wallace, II) – Turned over in paddock – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$1,401.01

These two declarations reduced the field to four wagering interests and in accordance with CHRB Rule #1954, the show pool was cancelled.

6th Race #2 Family Trips (Tr. A. Aquino) – Claimed by L. Ruiz
7th Race #5 Racie (Jockey A. Viramontes) – excused for personal reasons, replaced by E. Gasca
8th Race No Changes
9th Race #2 Tempting Fly (Tr. J. Aleman) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$200.00

This declaration reduced the field to four wagering interests and in accordance with CHRB Rule #1954, the show pool was cancelled.

10th Race No Changes

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	611	\$99,772.00
Off track	839	\$262,968.10
Out of state	N/A	\$1,159,786.49
Total	1,450	\$1,522,526.59

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 6, 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: 5 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 1 for sickness. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 11/05	Sun 11/06	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			1	5	6	166
Disqualifications	K			0	2	2	21
Inquiries		D		0	2	2	46
Refunds		A		2	4	6	392
Rulings		Y		4	3	7	145
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	30

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

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward