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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 November 29, 2022, through December 4, 2022.

Tuesday

11/29/2022

(1) TUESDAY HEARING

The full Board of Stewards met today to hear a complaint filed by the Board against Veterinarian Anita Yacoub, alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1866.4 (a)(2) (Thyroxine Restricted). The complaint stated that Dr. Yacoub did not follow proper procedures when prescribing/administering Thyro-L to four horses.

Dr. Yacoub admitted to the violation, testifying that she had received the email regarding Thyroxine this past January. She also said that she did not practice for over a month early in the year as she was on "medical leave". When she returned to work, the requirements for prescribing the drug "slipped her mind".

Equine Medical Director Dr. Jeffrey Blea testified by telephone and said that the product Thyro-L is not approved for use by the Federal Drug Administration and is also misbranded by the company. Apparently, this has been known for some time outside of the racing industry. A decision will be made this coming weekend.

(2) EXERCISE RIDER FINALLY APPEARS

Neri Arana, who was suspended this past Sunday for failure to appear on a security citation, finally made an appearance; likely because he was denied access to the grounds this morning. Mr. Arana had been cited for failing to respond to the orders of the association outrider last week when he was trying to handle a tough horse. He said that he heard her yelling at him but did not understand what she was saying. When asked why he did not appear, he said that he got busy on Saturday and simply forgot.

Mr. Arana will be restored to good standing by ruling this weekend and a ruling for the violation will be issued as well.

Wednesday
11/30/2022

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward is in the office this week for entries, scratches, and changes. A ten-race program was drawn in the late afternoon with a total of sixty-four horses. Five Thoroughbred races, and five Quarter Horse events are on the card.

Thursday
12/01/2022

(1) SUNDAY ENTRIES

Entries are being accepted for the ten-race program on Sunday. The Los Alamitos "Panel" met this morning to discuss horses entered for Saturday. There was one horse scratched as it did not meet minimum workout standards and one horse listed as "hard watch".

Friday
12/02/2022

(1) FRIDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL

The Los Alamitos "Panel" convened by telephone to discuss the Sunday card. It was nip and tuck to see if ten races were going to be filled, but thanks to a few late additions to the entry box, the card was drawn shortly after 6:00 PM.

Saturday
12/03/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

4th Race #4 Torrid Tommy (Vet- injured) Refund of \$194.35
6th Race #6 My Bella Chick (Vet- sick) Refund of \$688.15
7th Race #1 A Corona On Ice (Stewards-entered back) Refund of \$1,530.86
9th Race #6 King Luke (Stewards-did not meet workout requirement) Refund of \$63.35

(2) RULING

Ruling # 170

VETERINARIAN ANITA YACOB IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1866.4 (a) (2) (THYROXINE RESTRICTION) ON AUGUST 11, 2022, TO SEPTEMBER 7, 2022. THE PROCEDURES IN REGARD TO TESTING, SUBMITTING AND OBTAINING APPROVAL BY THE OFFICIAL OR STATE VETERINARIAN TO PRESCRIBE THYRO-L WERE NOT FOLLOWED.

This ruling was issued to finalize the complaint against Dr. Yacoub filed by the California Horse Racing Board. (Ref. 11-29-2022-1).

(3) RULING

Ruling # 171

JOCKEY JULIO DE LA TORRE IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (7 & 8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWICE IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING HARPER'S GEM IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 27, 2022.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. De La Torre accepted responsibility for the "crop" violation.

(4) RULINGS

Ruling # 172

EXERCISE RIDER NERI ARANA, HAVING APPEARED, IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #166, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON NOVEMBER 27, 2022, IS SET ASIDE.

Ruling # 173

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) EXERCISE RIDER NERI ARANA IS

FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE MORNING OUTRIDER.

These rulings were issued to finalize the citation issued to Mr. Arana for failing to heed the instructions of the outrider. (Ref. 11-19-2022- 2)

(5) RIDER CHANGE

Jockey Henry Reynoso Lopez was excused from his mount in the first race as his return flight from Phoenix was delayed. A replacement rider was named.

(6) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited in the third race by trainer Jesus Uranga for #1 U S Ready was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reposted that the horse was unsound in the left foreleg during its time in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Angela Aquino.

(7) LATE REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald advised us that #1 Queen Verrazano was unsound in the left foreleg as it approached the starting gate. The horse was declared, with \$10,521.32 returned to the bettors.

(8) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident near the finish involving the third through fifth place finishers. They were, respectively, #3 La Zamira (R. Ramirez), #5 BF Emilys Outrage (H. Lopez), and #4 Fast Secret (C. Franco).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify BF Emilys Outrage from fourth to fifth position. Video showed that #3 La Zamira drifted out approaching the finish, but was clear when it did so. The rider aboard #5 BF Emilys Outrage reacted to that drift and, in turn, drifted out into the path of Fast Secret, causing a hard bump. The horse interfered with was beaten by a "head" for fourth position and the Stewards felt the contact cost that horse a better finish position.

(9) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	839	\$104,072.70
Off track	1,223	\$324,699.00
Out of state	N/A	\$845,915.65
Total	2,062	\$1,274,687.35

Sunday
12/04/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #4 Not Gonna Last (Vet-sick) Refund of \$456.74
6th Race #3 Eternal Place (Vet-sick) Refund of \$332.70
8th Race #4 Corona De Crystal (Vet- injured) Refund of \$89.60
10th Race #10 Gov From Above (Vet-injured) Refund of \$227.25

(2) RULING

Ruling # 174

JOCKEY HENRY REYNOSO LOPEZ IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 11TH, 17TH, AND 18TH, 2022) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE A PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO FIFTH POSITION WHILE RIDING BF EMILYS OUTRAGE IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 3, 2022. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Lopez had viewed the eighth race from last evening, following which his mount was disqualified for interference (Ref. 12-3-2022 – 8). Mr. Lopez said that

he was trying to stay clear of the third place finisher, who was on the drift. He also said his mount shied from the dirt hitting it. By majority decision, a three day suspension was issued. Ward did not agree, as he felt that Lopez' actions did not equate to careless riding.

(3) JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the third race as Javier Matias (4th, #1 Too Tall To Call) lodged an objection against the winner, #6 McWherter (E. Payeras). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the race, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the claim of foul. Video shows that contact between the two horses was attributed equally to the horses involved.

(4) JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The second jockey objection of the evening took place following the seventh race. Francisco Orduna Rojas, who finished last aboard #1 Piazzetta, lodged a claim of foul against Ricardo Ramirez, who rode #8 Sweet Sonny to victory in the event. After conversations with both riders and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings as Sweet Sonny and her rider had nothing to do with the problem encountered by Piazzetta. Orduna Rojas was placed in tight quarters by the fourth place finisher, but that is all it was- tight quarters. He and his mount were not shut off; the horse reacted to the situation and attempted to bear out.

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	473	\$72,806.20
Off track	944	\$189,076.90
Out of state	N/A	\$1,030,280.64
Total	1,417	\$1,292,163.74

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 4, 2022. There was one equine death to report this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Nine 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 12/03	Sun 12/04	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			2	1	3	134
Disqualifications	K			1	0	1	25
Inquiries		D		1	2	3	53
Refunds		A		5	4	9	426
Rulings		Y		4	1	5	174
Voided Claims		S		1	0	1	32

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