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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 December 6, 2022, through December 11, 2022.

Tuesday

12/06/2022

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer will be in the office to oversee morning business in addition to authoring the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) RULINGS #175 AND #176**Ruling # 175**

ACTING ON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT BLOOD SAMPLE #LA50479, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "DEBT MONGER", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 7, 2022, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CAFFEINE (CLASS II), IT IS ORDERED THAT "DEBT MONGER" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$7,095.00) EARNED BY OWNER ANGELA M. AQUINO, TRAINER ANGELA M. AQUINO, AND JOCKEY HENRY REYNOSO LOPEZ BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY JANUARY 9, 2023, FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1st – ME LIKEY
2nd –MALAKAI MOXIE
3rd – STREET BEHAVIOR
4th – HARPER'S GEM
5th – VIDALIA
6th – VERMEER

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARIMUTUEL PAYOFFS.

Ruling # 176

ACTING ON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT BLOOD SAMPLE #LA50511, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "CHAY UP AND AWAY", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 13, 2022, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CAFFEINE (CLASS II), IT IS ORDERED THAT "CHAY UP AND AWAY" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$6,880.00) EARNED BY OWNER ASHLEY T. GARCIA, TRAINER ANGELA M. AQUINO, AND JOCKEY EDGAR PAYERAS BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY JANUARY 9, 2023, FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1st – ARDTREA
- 2nd – FLASHY PASS
- 3rd – MOON ROCKET
- 4th – TRUTH PREVAILS
- 5th – TIGER MOM

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARIMUTUEL PAYOFFS.

An informal hearing was convened today to hear cases #22LA0178 and #22LA0179. Present were investigator Stu Ida and this Board of Stewards. Owner/Trainer Angela Aquino, owner Ashley Garcia, and jockeys Henry Lopez and Edgar Payeras chose to forego the proceedings, so the process went forward unhindered. Both horses, Debt Monger and Chay Up and Away, were positive for caffeine, a Class II prohibited drug. Rule #1859.5 states in part that an official test sample from a horse participating in any race containing a prohibited drug substance which is determined to be in class I, II, or III, shall require disqualification.

Wednesday

12/07/2022

(1) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was used open. 1 Cal-Bred.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Saturday will be the first double header of the winter meet. Fifty two horses passed the entry box to make up our evening program.

Thursday

12/08/2022

(1) **SCRATCHES**

There were no changes or declarations on Saturday's program.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was off with two. 0 Cal-Breds.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Sunday evenings feature will be the Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity with a total purse of \$1,857,225.

Friday

12/09/2022

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time resulted in no changes on Sunday's program.

Saturday

12/10/2022

RULING #177

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TRAINER STEPHEN CUNNIFF, HAVING FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE

PROVISIONS OF THE LOS ALAMITOS BOARD OF STEWARDS RULING #142 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$188.50 OWED TO POST TIME SELF INSURANCE GROUP), IS SUSPENDED. SUSPENSION WILL COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 12, 2022.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF STEPHEN CUNNIFF, ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), STEPHEN CUNNIFF IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The foregoing ruling was issued after trainer Cunniff failed to comply with Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Association Ruling #142.

(1) OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the fourth race, the trainer of JB Brown Eyes (2nd H. Lopez), Paul Jones, claimed foul against the winner Intu Wishin. After speaking to the riders involved and reviewing the film, the Stewards felt that although there was some contact, the outcome of the race was not affected.

(2) LATE DECLARATION

1st Race #6 Project Logic (R. Lucas) – Entered back – Stewards. Refund \$164.80
6th Race #4 One Cool Dude (J. Flores) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$201.70

(3) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,822	\$198,415.70
Off track	3,183	\$284,963.40
Out of state	N/A	\$1,131,043.40
Total	5,005	\$1,614,422.50

Sunday
12/11/2022

(1) RULING #178

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JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO 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 BOMB CYCLONE IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 10, 2022.

The Stewards reviewed last evening's eighth race again this afternoon and arrived at the same conclusion, Jockey Eduardo Nicasio violated Rule #1688.

(2) CLAIM VOIDED

The second race claim of Run King Stud Run by trainer Sergio Morfin was voided after the colt was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck. He was returned to trainer Jesus Nunez.

(3) INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry was posted following the fourth race to review an incident approaching the finish. Approximately fifty yards prior to the wire, #6 Think of Anita (2nd– E. Rojas), under a right handed crop, dropped in causing #1 Cal (4th- E. Payeras) to check sharply eliminating any opportunity she may have had. After reviewing the film and speaking to the involved riders, the vote was unanimous to disqualify Think of Anita.

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

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #1 She Thinks Im Cute (J. Uranga) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$135.95
#2 Malakai Moxie (S. Naranjo) – Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$337.00

2nd Race #2 Jay Boy (J. Nunez) - Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$69.15
 3rd Race #4 Project Logic (R. Lucas) – Sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$177.70
 5th Race #10 Mi Santo (M. Arrossa) – Stake – Stewards. Refund \$1,122.82

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	880	\$123,168.90
Off track	804	\$165,814.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,071,945.66
Total	1,684	\$1,360,928.56

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 11, 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: 2 for soundness and 4 for sickness. Four horses previously on the Veterinarian’s list were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 12/10	Sun 12/11	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			1	2	3	137
Disqualifications	K			0	1	1	26
Inquiries		D		1	1	2	55
Refunds		A		2	5	7	433
Rulings		Y		3	1	4	178
Voided Claims		S		0	1	1	32

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

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Rich Williams, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward