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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 January 3, 2023, through January 8, 2023.

**Tuesday**

01/03/2023

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer has the privilege of being first up for the new year which will include recording the minutes during this reporting period.

**(2) RULING #3****Ruling # 3**

DR. NICOLA HARDGROVE IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* AND PLACED ON PROBATION THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023, FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1842 (VETERINARY REPORTS) FOR INCORRECTLY LISTING PRE-ENTRY EXAMINATIONS INTO THE ETRS DATABASE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 19, 2022.

The Stewards met with veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove today to review complaint #22LA0224. Present were Dr. Hardgrove, investigator Rachowschi, Dr. Grande per telephone and this Board of Stewards. Dr. Hardgrove testified that the two horses in question were not on her confidentials so she has no idea how her secretary put them on her veterinary report. The two horses were trained by Patricia Visscher whom Dr. Hargrove has not worked for since October 1, 2022. The doctor accepted responsibility, however, stating that going forward she is going to have to be more diligent about proofing her secretary's reports. After scrutinizing the testimony, the above ruling was issued.

**Wednesday**

01/04/2023

**(1) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens three years old, was off with two.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Sixty one horses passed the entry box by late afternoon to form our nine race program for Saturday.

**Thursday**

01/05/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One rider and one equipment change completed Saturday's program corrections.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens three years old, was off with four.

(3) **THE DRAW**

It was early evening before the racing office had enough entries to draw nine six horse fields for Sunday.

**Friday**

01/06/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Sunday resulted in one rider change.

**Saturday**

01/07/2023

(1) **RULING #4**

**Ruling # 4**

JOCKEY IRVING LARA 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 1, 2023.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Lara was unable to get within the seven pound weight limit in the seventh race.

(2) **RULINGS #5, #6, AND #7**

**Ruling # 5**

APPRENTICE JOCKEY OSCAR ODILGER GONZALEZ IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, AND 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP-CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION) WHILE RIDING RESTLESS RAMBLER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 1, 2023.

**Ruling # 6**

JOCKEY KEVIN JESUS CAMACHO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, AND 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP-CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION) WHILE RIDING SHEILA'S CHARLIE IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 1, 2023.

**Ruling # 7**

JOCKEY KEVIN JESUS CAMACHO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup>, AND 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP-CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION) WHILE RIDING BEING BLESSED IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 1, 2023.

The foregoing rulings were issued after the above riders were found to be in violation of Rule #1688.

(3) **RULING #8**

**Ruling # 8**

OWNER YESENIA LOPEZ, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$1,624.50 TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #218, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON AUGUST 20, 2016, IS SET ASIDE.

After being notified that owner Yesenia Lopez had satisfied her debt to Equine Sports Medicine, the above ruling was issued.

**(4) VOIDED CLAIM**

The second race claim of Tromador by trainer Genaro Vallejo was voided after Dr. Beck placed the gelding on the vet's list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Keith Craigmyle.

**(5) GOOD TRACK**

Thanks to track superintendent Rick Hughes and his crew, even with all the rain we had, the track was in excellent condition.

**(6) LATE DECLARATION**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #4 Naomi Fraley (J. Nunez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$117.75.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Tainted Love (J. Mendoza) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$187.61.  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Mamba Cartel (A. Farias) – Sick - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$102.90

**(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |       |                |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track     | 639   | \$248,787.20   |
| Off track    | 1,115 | \$188,376.30   |
| Out of state | N/A   | \$1,134,908.42 |
| Total        | 1,754 | \$1,572,071.92 |

**Sunday**  
01/08/2023

**(1) RULING #9**

**Ruling # 9**

HAVING WITHDRAWN HIS APPEAL OF RULING LAQL #159 ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 26, 2022, JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO, WHO RODE SYLENCER IN THE TWELFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2022, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup>, AND 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP- STRIKING MOUNT WITH THE CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Jose Nicasio dropped his appeal concerning Los Alamitos Race Course ruling #159 dated November 26, 2022.

**(2) INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the seventh race to review the start. #3 Gate Wagon (5<sup>th</sup> - A. Loza) broke straight and approximately three strides away from the gate ducked in sharply annihilating #2 George The Vet (6<sup>th</sup> – A. Zepeda). After reviewing the race, the vote was unanimous to disqualify Gate Wagon.

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

**(3) LATE DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 Quiet Forest (J. Uranga)–No Exam within 14 days Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$141.65  
 #4 Dorita's Lemon (J. Nunez) – Panel - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$180.29  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 Facts Matter (L. Ruiz) - Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$137.89  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Ensley's Dream (B. Koriner) – No Exam – Dr. Beck. Refund \$2,865.86  
 #3 Spring Spinning (R. Saldana) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$167.54  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Supreme (L. Diaz) – Flipped at Gate – Stewards. Refund \$20,020.57

**(4) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |       |                |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track     | 483   | \$50,620.80    |
| Off track    | 959   | \$167,517.30   |
| Out of state | N/A   | \$919,616.16   |
| Total        | 1,442 | \$1,137,754.26 |

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 8, 2023. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 7 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 1 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 2 for sickness. One horse previously on the Veterinarian's List was examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

**SUMMARY**

|                          | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat<br>01/07 | Sun<br>01/08 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|-----|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| <b>Accidents</b>         | D   |       |     | 0            | 0            | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Cal-Bred Races</b>    | A   |       |     | 0            | 0            | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Claims</b>            | R   |       |     | 3            | 2            | 5    | 7    |
| <b>Disqualifications</b> | K   |       |     | 0            | 1            | 1    | 1    |
| <b>Inquiries</b>         |     | D     |     | 0            | 1            | 1    | 1    |
| <b>Refunds</b>           |     | A     |     | 3            | 6            | 9    | 19   |
| <b>Rulings</b>           |     | Y     |     | 6            | 1            | 7    | 9    |
| <b>Voided Claims</b>     |     | S     |     | 1            | 0            | 1    | 1    |

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

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward