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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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Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 24, 2023, through January 29, 2023.

Tuesday

01/24/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer will preside over morning business in addition to composing the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) COMPLAINT #22LA0218

An informal hearing was conducted today to address the above referenced complaint. In attendance were trainer Heath Taylor, investigator Stu Ida presenting the case for the CHRB and Stewards Ward, Nuesch and Dreyer. Mr. Taylor was very well prepared and presented a very good explanation of what may have happened. He deals with Dr. Overly's group and consequently there are a number of vets working in his barn. With fifty horses in his barn, this appears to be an excellent scenario for errors to occur which is what Mr. Taylor feels may have happened. He appears to be doing all he can to prevent this from happening, having spent more than \$20,000 of his own money performing tests on his horses. He also testified that neither he nor anyone in his shed row treats any of his horses; everything is performed by his vets. In addition, with all of the major stakes he won throughout the year with not one positive test, why would he tamper with a maiden race? Investigator Ida told us he runs an extremely orderly operation. We will evaluate the testimony and a decision will be forth coming.

Wednesday

01/25/2023

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens three years old, failed to attract an entry.

(2) THE DRAW

Saturday evening will feature the Los Alamitos Winter Derby Trials going in three divisions.

Thursday
01/26/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Four rider changes completed Saturday's program adjustments.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens three years old, was off without an entry.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Sunday's program will be highlighted by the Brad McKinzie Winter Championship Trials going in two divisions.

Friday
01/27/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time resulted in one equipment and two rider changes.

Saturday
01/28/2023

(1) **RULING #12 (refer 1/24/23 #2)**

Ruling # 12

TRAINER HEATH TAYLOR, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SYLENCER" IN THE EIGHTH RACE, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 22, 2022, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND ASSESSED 1/2 POINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS (EXPIRES OCTOBER 21, 2023) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – MORE THAN ONE APPROVED NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUG SUBSTANCE) – FIRST VIOLATION WITHIN THE PAST 365 DAYS).

After considerable discussion concerning the facts, the foregoing ruling was issued.

(2) **SMOOTH SAILING**

Saturday evening was incident free with nothing of significance to note.

(3) **LATE DECLARATION**

2nd Race #2 Full of Grace (R. Saldana) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$226.25
#5 Charming Alexis (S. Rivera) – Works – Stewards. Refund \$79.10
4th Race #1 Makah Lane (O. Heredia) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$102.70
#3 Castle Gate (S. Morfin) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$151.10
7th Race #3 She Goes Up (S. Willoughby) – Injections - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$538.20

(4) **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	899	\$115,974.10
Off track	1,160	\$289,642.10
Out of state	N/A	\$1,058,446.55
Total	2,059	\$1,464,062.75

Sunday
01/29/2023

(1) **RULING #13**

Ruling # 13

APPRENTICE JOCKEY VICTOR SALAZAR 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 TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX

TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 28, 2023.

Jockey Victor Salazar has been plying his trade at another venue for several months and on his first night back at Los Alamitos he violated the crop rule resulting in the above ruling.

(2) **INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the third race to review the stretch run. Nearing the eighth pole #2 McWherter (2nd – K. McDaid) dropped in causing #4 Superman Shaq (4th – E. Garcia) to steady for a couple of strides and, in the stewards' opinion, costing him a better placing. The vote was unanimous to disqualify McWherter.

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

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

(3) **TOTE EXPLANATION (refer 01/22/23 - #4)**

Enclosed please find an explanation from tote concerning an incident that occurred on Saturday, January 21, 2023.

(4) **LATE DECLARATIONS**

1st Race #4 Maui Road (J. Hernandez, Sr.) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$229.65

2nd Race #6 Mavalous Mavalous (J. Nunez) - Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$248.95

6th Race #6 Spanish Channel (J. Wong) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$207.15

8th Race #3 More Than Chance (S. Willoughby) – Broke through Gate and Ran Off – Stewards Refund \$6,986.70

(5) **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	539	\$62,534.40
Off track	965	\$174,509.70
Out of state	N/A	\$1,194,818.58
Total	1,504	\$1,431,862.68

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 29, 2023. 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, 2 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 01/28	Sun 01/29	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			6	0	6	18
Disqualifications	K			0	1	1	2
Inquiries		D		0	1	1	2
Refunds		A		5	1	6	35
Rulings		Y		1	1	2	13
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	1

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

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward