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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 February 7, 2023, through February 19, 2023.

Tuesday

02/07/2023

(1) TUESDAY MEDICATION HEARING

The full Board of Stewards met this morning to hear a complaint filed by the Board against Trainer Santos Perez. His horse La Beverly Hills showed the presence of Phenylbutazone in a test which was taken following a workout for removal from the Veterinarian's List on October 15, 2022.

Mr. Perez was at a loss to explain the findings as, according to his records, the horse last received the medication on October 1, via injection by his veterinarian, Dr. Anita Yacoub. Mr. Perez said that he does not have any oral Bute in his barn, but horses he trains for EG High Desert Farms are stabled in separate quarters and their stable help may have had access to the drug. He has since tightened his control over those horses.

A decision will be rendered next week as this venue will not be racing over Super Bowl weekend due to "racetrack renovation".

Tuesday

02/14/2023

(1) CASE DISMISSED

The financial complaint for this morning - Kyle Baze vs Jesse Cruz - was dismissed as neither respondent nor complainant supported their case. Mr. Baze had filed the complaint alleging that \$320.00 was owed for farrier services.

Wednesday

02/15/2023

(1) **DUTY STEWARD – SATURDAY ENTRIES**

Tom Ward will be the “duty” Steward this week, handling entries, scratches, changes, and minutes. Hopefully, given the fact that there has been a week’s hiatus, the entry box will be full.

Thursday
02/16/2023

(1) **SUNDAY ENTRIES - SATURDAY PANEL – FATALITY REVIEW**

The Saturday card of ten races filled, but not as early as expected. Races were not drawn until after 4:00 P.M. The only changes on the card were three rider switches. The Los Alamitos panel met this morning to discuss entries for Saturday, with three “hard watch” horses noted for increased scrutiny. Additionally, one horse was scratched as it did not meet minimum workout standards. A fatality review was also conducted.

Friday
02/17/2023

(1) **SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND CHANGES – SUNDAY PANEL – FATALITY REVIEW**

The ten race card for this coming Sunday was finalized in the late afternoon hours, headed by the Brad McKinzie Winter Championship (Grade I). 2022 World Champion Empressum is the favorite. Scratches and changes were held to a minimum. Another fatality review was held this A. M. No problems arose during the Sunday panel discussion.

Saturday
02/18/2023

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

5th Race #4 Paul Vincents Poem (Vet-Sick) Refund of \$44.00

7th Race #3 Shandelier (Vet-Unsound) Refund of \$94.95

8th Race #5 SR Iacocca (Stewards-did not meet minimum workout standards) Refund of \$74.70

(2) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Apprentice Jockey Oscar Gonzalez called to inform us that he would not be able to fulfill his commitment in the second race this evening as he was riding at Golden Gate Fields, does not have an agent, and did not know that he had been named to ride. A replacement rider was named.

(3) **RULING**

Ruling # 19

TRAINER SANTOS PEREZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE “LA BEVERLY HILLS”, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 15, 2022, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* AND ASSESSED 1/2 POINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS (EXPIRES OCTOBER 14, 2023) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), 1866 (h) (VETERINARIANS LIST) AND #1842.5 (TRAINER TO MAINTAIN MEDICATION TREATMENT RECORDS) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES – PHENYLBUTAZONE- SECOND VIOLATION WITHIN THE PAST 365 DAYS).

This ruling was issued in order to finalize the complaint filed against the trainer by the Board.

(4) **REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the first race as #7 Takeittothebank flipped during the loading procedure, prompting Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$36,541.64.

(5) **QUIET NIGHT**

Aside from the aforementioned incident in the first race, all other matters were routine.

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	765	\$116,534.30
Off track	1,277	\$367,983.20
Out of state	N/A	\$1,208,176.23
Total	2,042	\$1,692,693.73

Sunday
02/19/2023

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 4th Race #1 Winding (Vet-sick)
#5 Sokudo (Vet- unsound) Refund of \$177.85
6th Race #5 Herecomesauntlucy (Vet- injured) Refund of \$338.60

(2) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Juan Lopez was excused from his mounts tonight as he was detained in Florida on a personal matter. Replacement riders were named.

(3) JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the second race as Cerapio Figueroa (2nd, Macho Sam) lodged a claim of foul against Kevin Camacho (1st, Rough Ride) for interference in the far turn. Figueroa felt that he was put in tight quarters due to pressure from Camacho's mount. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. Once again, the drone proved the perfect tool for the Stewards to make a decision as the shot showed that while the leading three-horse spread was racing in close quarters, at no time did Figueroa have to check his mount due to outside pressure.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim of the horse Macho Sam from the second race by trainer Jorge Farias was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was "off" in the left foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to trainer Reed Saldana.

(5) ACCIDENT/ STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the seventh race as the Stewards reviewed a spill in the far turn which involved #3 My Spy, ridden by Kevin Camacho, and #4 Your Royal Coil, with Ricardo Ramirez up. Observation indicated that Camacho's horse was likely getting out and caught the heels of Your Royal Coil, unseating Camacho. However, after having the opportunity to review video of the drone shot, it was determined that Your Royal Coil drifted into the path of My Spy, resulting in that horse stumbling sharply. Consequently, #4 Your Royal Coil was disqualified and deemed unplaced.

It should be noted that without the drone shot, we would have been compromised in making a decision as to culpability in the aforementioned incident. The view from the backstretch head-on would lead one to believe that the horse actually caused its own problem, while in actuality it suffered interference from a competitor. Not to belabor the point, but drones have been what Stewards have needed for a long time. Kudos to Mr. Jim Porep and his crew for their help.

(6) LATE SCRATCH/ SHOW POOL CANCELED

A refund was ordered in the ninth race as #4 El Jr A flipped during the loading procedure, leading Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be scratched. The late withdrawal reduced the field to four runners, prompting the cancellation of the "Show" pool. There was a refund of \$12,708.60. The rider, Juan Pablo Leon, was not injured.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	848	\$105,302.20
Off track	1,085	\$207,833.20
Out of state	N/A	\$1,435,345.69
Total	1,933	\$1,748,481.09

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 19, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Steward Tom Ward submitted this report.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 02/18	Sun 02/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	1	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			1	3	4	24
Disqualification	K			0	1	1	3
Inquiries		D		0	1	1	3
Refunds		A		4	3	7	48
Rulings		Y		1	0	1	19
Voided Claims		S		0	1	1	2

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

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward