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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 March 7, 2023, through March 12, 2023.

**Tuesday**

03/07/2023

**(1) TUESDAY HEARING DAY**

The Board of Stewards met this morning to hear a complaint filed by Board Investigators against trainer Sally Rivera for failing to have someone from her stable in attendance for Lasix administration. The complaint stated that on December 9, 2022, her horse Equipo A was entered to race in the first event and consequently was due for Lasix by 8:30 A. M. When the Lasix technician arrived at the barn, there was no one there to witness the administration or hold the horse, As such, the tech had to leave and then return at a later time.

Ms. Rivera disputed that assertion, stating that the horse's owner was at the barn waiting for the technician, but that no one identified themselves upon arrival. She said that even with the glitch, the horse did receive the shot on time.

Given the scenario, the Stewards felt that a warning would suffice, with the admonition that a repeat occurrence would result in a penalty.

**(2) FATALITY REVIEW**

Tom Ward sat in on a fatality review held this morning. In attendance were Official Veterinarian Dr. Alina Vale, Equine Medical Director Dr. Jeffrey Blea, Safety Steward Paul Atkinson, and CHRB Investigator Vito Racowschi. HIWU Investigator Brian Barnett also joined the meeting as an observer. Trainer Genaro Vallejo, whose horse Big Future was the subject of the review, was present for questions and comments.

**Wednesday**  
03/08/2023

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

Tom Ward will have morning duty this week. The entry process for Saturday produced a ten race card, which was drawn at approximately 3:00 P.M. Ward sat in on a fatality review, chaired by Official Veterinarian Alina Vale, who was joined by Equine Medical Director Dr. Jeffrey Blea. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson was also in attendance, along with trainer Jose Flores. A good exchange of information took place. Ward will be writing minutes for the coming week.

**Thursday**  
03/09/2023

(1) **SUNDAY ENTRIES - SATURDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Entries for Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> are being accepted this morning, with a ten race card hopefully being drawn-early. Changes were minimal, with two rider substitutions and one blinker addition. The Los Alamitos panel met via telephone, with no horses being scratched, one “hard watch” horse being noted, and two horses in limbo due to pending blood results.

**Friday**  
03/10/2023

(1) **SUNDAY SCRATCHES, CHANGES AND PANEL**

Entries for the Sunday program were taken yesterday. It was a slow and painful process, as the card was not finalized until well after the dinner hour – 8:00 P. M. to be exact. A total of 61 horses comprised the ten race card; this after a twelve hour entry process. There will be four Thoroughbred races, four Mixed-Breed races, and two Quarter Horse events. As one might expect, changes were negligible. The entry panel met once again, with two horses being scratched – one for veterinary concerns and the other for insufficient workouts.

**Saturday**  
03/11/2023

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Derby Storm (Entered back for Sunday) Refund of \$48.35

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 Nashira's Fire (Vet-sick) Refund of \$55.25

6<sup>th</sup> Race Two-thirds of the horses originally entered in this race were scratched due to veterinary issues, leaving only a two horse field to face the starter. Only Win and Exacta wagering was offered.

#2 Wetherly (Vet-sick)

#3 Measureofdevotion (Vet-unsound)

#4 My Spy (Vet-unsound)

#6 Naomi Fraley (Vet-injured)

Refund of \$532.30

(2) **VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Cesar Ortega was in the office this afternoon to review the first race from March 5<sup>th</sup>, during which he permitted his mount to “wander” in the far turn, causing another rider to steady his mount. Mr. Ortega's actions were not worthy of a suspension, but he left the office with a caution that a repeat occurrence could result in days.

(3) **RIDERS EXCUSED**

Jockeys Rodrigo Aceves and Juan Pablo Leon were relieved of their obligations this evening as both called in to say that they were not feeling up to par and would not be able to ride. Replacement riders were announced.

(4) **TRACK SUPERINTENDENT CONTACTED**

The Stewards were in contact with track superintendent Rick Hughes, who reported that in his opinion the racing surface was in great shape after the recent rains and should not present a problem for this evening's runners.

(5) **NO FLY ZONE**

Jim Porep, the owner of Pegasus Video, came to the stand following the third race to inform us that

due to FAA regulations, his drones would not be able to fly for the remainder of the evening. He said that if the atmospheric ceiling gets below 1,000 feet, drones cannot be used. This venue was pretty much “socked in” when Mr. Porep gave us the bad news, with the ceiling well below the minimum.

Fortunately, we did not have any incidents which required a drone view.

**(6) QUIET NIGHT**

All other matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

**(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	762	\$91,742.80
Off track	1,251	\$223,810.10
Out of state	N/A	\$1,106,665.93
Total	2,013	\$1,422,218.83

**Sunday**  
03/12/2023

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Western Cape (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$119.32
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Battling Gervinho (Vet-sick)  
#4 Derby Storm (Vet-injured) Refund of \$140.45
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Rally Cat (Stewards–insufficient workouts) Refund of \$143.95

**(2) RULING**

**Ruling # 25**

JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (8) (USE OF RIDING CROP –MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING REMEMBER HER IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 11, 2023.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Ayala came to the office, acknowledged the offense, and left for the Jockeys’ Room.

**(3) RIDER EXCUSED**

Cesar Franco, who was scheduled to ride a horse in tonight’s first race, was excused as, according to his agent, he was not feeling well. A replacement rider was announced.

**(4) CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim deposited in the third race for #1 Big Mama Thornton by trainer Jorge Farias was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was “off” in the left front leg and both hind limbs. The horse, which was the winner, was returned to the barn of trainer Robert Lucas.

**(5) CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim by trainer Angela Aquino for #1 Artrea in this evening’s eighth race was voided as the horse was lame in the right front leg while under observation by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck. The horse went back to the care of trainer Jesus Uranga.

**(6) LATE RIDER CHANGE**

During the weighing out process in race nine, jockey Juan Pablo Leon stepped on the scale and the needle stopped at 131.7 lbs. Unfortunately for Mr. Leon, the horse was listed to carry 124 lbs. and the rider was 0.7 lbs. over the maximum allowable overweight. A replacement rider was named.

**(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	551	\$69,611.50
Off track	1,026	\$201,678.10
Out of state	N/A	\$1,225,518.92
Total	1,577	\$1,496,808.52

## TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 12, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Two horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

### 2023 SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 03/11	Sun 03/12	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	1	1	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R			1	2	3	33
<b>Disqualification</b>	K			0	0	0	3
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		0	0	0	3
<b>Refunds</b>		A		3	3	6	64
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		0	1	1	25
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	2	2	4

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

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward