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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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Report for Monday, March 20, 2023, Through Monday, March 27, 2023.

WEDNESDAY

3/22/23¹

MINUTES

The minutes for the week will be chronicled by Steward Rich Williams.

3/22/23²

SCRATCHES

Steward Luis Jauregui was in to oversee scratches for Friday's program.

THURSDAY

3/23/23¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Jauregui oversaw entries for Sunday's program and scratches for Saturday. In addition, the canceled races for Friday 03/24/2023 were redrawn and scratch time for these races will be on Friday.

3/23/23²

HEARINGS

Two hearings were scheduled for Thursday morning.

The first hearing on the agenda was for complaint #23SA0010 filed against DEBBIE WINICK for a debt owed to Matthew Unamuno aka Angels Feed, in the amount of \$27,525.82. During the hearing it was established that there was no dispute in the amount owed. An agreement was reached for \$5,000.00 dollars today that was presented to Matthew Unamuno in our office. The remaining balance is to be paid in installments of \$1,800.00 per month due on the last Wednesday of each month until the balance is satisfied. An agreement was signed to this effect by both parties.

The second hearing was scheduled for complaint #23SA0018 filed against ANDREAS PSARRAS for a debt to Equine Medical and Surgical Group in the amount of \$19,250.24.

A continuance was requested by Andreas Psarras and was granted. The case will be heard on 03/30/2023.

3/23/23³

HERNANDEZ COMPLAINT

CATALINO HERNANDEZ who was suspended for failure to appear (Ruling # LATS 24) was in to address a complaint filed by The California Horse Racing Board for disorderly conduct (being intoxicated while working). Mr. Hernandez presented a letter of classes attended and satisfied his failure to appear by appearing before the Board Of Stewards.

A letter was received from Socorro Residential in regard to Catalino Hernandez and a phone call was received from Darin Scharer of Winners Foundation about Mr. Hernandez's compliance with the directives and recommendations of Winners Foundation. The letter stated that Catalino Hernandez had successfully completed treatment and reached all treatment goals.

A ruling will be issued reinstating him and addressing the complaint.

RULING LATS #43

Groom CATALINO HERNANDEZ, having appeared before the Board of Stewards, is reinstated and LATS Ruling #24 issued on February 10, 2023, is set aside. Furthermore, Mr. HERNANDEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* and ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – under the influence of alcohol while performing his duties) at Del Mar Race Track on December 2, 2022.

3/23/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	7.469	933,294.68
SCOTWinc	4.067	1,655,249.09
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,605,984.82
Total	11,536	7,194,528.59

FRIDAY

3/24/23¹

RACING WAS CANCELED AND RESCHEDULED FOR MONDAY 03/27/2023.

3/24/23²

SCRATCH TIME

Steward Luis Jauregui was in to oversee scratch time for Sunday 3/26/2023 and the rescheduled racing day for Monday 03/27/2023.

SATURDAY

3/25/23¹

JOCKEY TO SEE STEWARDS

Apprentice Jockey Armando AGUILAR was in to address his ride in the 11th race on Sunday 3/19/2023. Armando Aguilar's mount was lugging in the entire stretch and Mr. Aguilar did a fine job of trying to keep his horse straight until he lost his patience and chose to use the crop in his right hand. The Stewards used this as a teachable moment to try and help Apprentice Jockey Armando Aguilar become a better rider.

3/25/23²

OTHER BUSINESS

Exercise Rider ISRAEL OCAMPO was in to address his use of the crop during morning workouts on March 13, 2023. Mr. Ocampo was scheduled to see the Stewards on Friday 03/24/2023. However, due to canceled racing on Friday the hearing was rescheduled for today. Mr. Ocampo presented an Outrider Enrique Alvarez Jr. as a witness by phone who stated Mr. Ocampo was only flagging the horse. Mr. Ocampo stated he did not hit the horse but was only flagging. Having inconclusive evidence, the Stewards issued a warning.

3/25/23³

SAAVEDRA RULING

LATS RULING #44

Trainer ANTHONY SAAVEDRA, who was scheduled to start CEE MINUS in the ninth race on March 19, 2023, at Santa Anita Park, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – medication).

3/25/23⁴

VOIDED CLAIMS

In the 2nd race a claim was entered for #4 TOP OF MY GAME. On advice of the Official Veterinarian Nolton Patio the claim was ordered **void** by the Stewards.

In the 6th race a claim was entered on #2 SANGRE AZUL. On advice of the Official Veterinarian Nolton Patio the claim was ordered **void** by the Stewards.

3/25/23⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes. Refunds \$0
2nd Race #5 Strut On Louie, claimed by Anthony Saavedra. Refunds \$0
3rd Race No Changes. Refunds \$24.50
4th Race No Changes. Refunds \$46.00
5th Race #6 Billy Gallivan, scratched (vet-injured). Refunds \$558.45
6th Race #3 TizzyTwister, claimed by Hector Palma
#4 Semi Sweet, claimed by Lorenzo Campuzano. Refunds \$113.50
7th Race No Changes. Refunds \$532.00
8th Race #4 Elm Drive, scratched (Stewards-stake scratch) Refunds \$2,059.68
9th Race No Changes. Refunds \$0

3/25/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	7,469	\$933,294.68
SCOTWinc	4,067	\$1,655,249.09
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,605,984.82
Total	11,536	\$7,194,528.59

SUNDAY

3/26/23¹

QUIET MORNING

A very quiet morning in the Stewards office with no jockeys from yesterday's racing needing to see us. Most of the morning was spent looking ahead at the new H.I.S.A. regulations that go into effect on Monday 03/27/2023.

3/26/23²

INQUIRY/OBJECTION 6th RACE

In the 6th race the Stewards caused the inquiry sign to be posted and the jockey of the #6 Tiago Pereira made a claim of foul against the jockey of the #1 Abdul Alsagoor, for interference in the stretch. After talking to the jockeys involved, and reviewing the video replays, the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, felt that the #1 SHE'S RESILIENT (jockey Abdul Alsagoor) did drift out in the stretch and caused the #6 HIALEAH HOTTIE to change course slightly. Later in the stretch the #6 HIALEAH HOTTIE drifted in and made contact with the #1 SHE'S RESILIENT. Neither incident cost either horse a better placing.

3/26/23³

INQUIRY 7th RACE

In the 7th race the Stewards caused the inquiry sign to be posted for #4 TEENA ELLA drifting out at the transition near the quarter pole. After video review, and after speaking with the jockeys involved, the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, felt that no horses were cost a better placing.

3/26/23⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes. Refunds \$0
2nd Race #1 Strike That, claimed by George Papaprodromou
#6 Handsome Gary, claimed by Jonathan Wong. Refunds \$0

3rd Race No Changes. Refunds \$0
 4th Race No Changes. Refunds \$0
 5th Race No Changes Refunds \$29.50
 6th Race No Changes. Refunds \$44.00
 7th Race #5 Pleasant Wave, scratched (Stewards-stake scratch) Refunds \$1,515.94
 8th Race No Changes. Refunds \$74.00
 9th Race #2 Shadow Creek (IRE) , claimed by George Papaprodromou.
 #3 Hornung, scratched (vet-injured) Refunds \$1,271.25

3/26/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,650	\$845,938.92
SCOTWinc	3,392	\$1,244,779.84
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,182,409.95
Total	9,042	\$8,273,128.71

MONDAY

3/27/23¹

ZOOM MEETING FOR HELMET CAMS

A zoom meeting was held about a helmet camera falling off during the 3rd race on Sunday 3/26/2023. No horses were following so there was no incident. The Stewards felt that this could cause future problems if it ever happened again. Present via zoom in the meeting were Nathan Harrocks and Sam Fleet of Jockeycam, Amy Zimmerman from Santa Anita, Safety Steward George Yniguez and the Board of Stewards Kim Sawyer, Luis Jauregui, and Rich Williams. Previous to the meeting the Stewards were informed that a helmet camera had fallen off at another track at a previous date, this was firmly denied by the representatives of Jockeycam. All parties had previously viewed the video of the race and agreed that there needed to be a solution. Several ideas were tossed about and the representatives of Jockeycam said they will come up with a solution.

3/27/23²

INQUIRY 8th RACE

The Stewards caused the inquiry sign to be posted following the 8th race, for an incident leaving the starting gate, where the #10 horse stumbled badly, losing his jockey Adrian Escobedo. Upon review it was clear that the #10 horse AMAGE, had stumbled of his own accord and did not require any action from the Stewards.

3/27/23³

VOIDED CLAIM

A claim was submitted in the 6th race for #8 AMERICAN REFUGEE. On advice of the Official Veterinarian Nolton Patio, the claim was ordered **void** by the Stewards.

3/27/23⁴

FIRST DAY OF HIWU

New HIWU regulations went into effect this morning. A meeting was held prior to racing with test barn personnel to determine what roll the Stewards would play in the process. It was determined that the Stewards were allowed 2 special test requests for the day. A phone call was to be made to HIWU following the race if a horse was selected, reporting the selection made, and the justification for the choice.

3/27/23⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

Race #1 No Changes. Refunds \$0
 Race #2 #1 Kiss My Kat, claimed by Steve Knapp.
 #6 Rosy Edge, claimed by Leonard Powell. Refunds \$0
 Race #3 No Changes. Refunds \$0
 Race #4 No Changes. Refunds \$0
 Race #5 #2 SHE's A Bit Sassy, scratched (vet-unsound) Refunds \$28,493.78
 Race #6 #3 Birth Of Cool, claimed by Reed Saldana. Refunds \$0

Race #7 No Changes. Refunds \$0
 Race #8 #7 Tiergarten, claimed by Steve Knapp.

3/27/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,128	\$357,052.59
SCOTWinc	1,532	\$451,236.99
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,500,034.11
Total	3,660	\$5,308,323.69

SUMMARY

	Fri 3/24	Sat 3/25	Sun 3/26	Mon 3/27	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	2	1	1	4	66
Claims	0	3	3	4	10	128
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	2	1	3	7
Refunds	0	6	5	1	12	273
Rulings	1	1	0	0	2	44
Voided Claims	0	2	0	1	3	16

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 3/20/23 TO 3/26/23

Horses on Vet List	6
Horses off Vet List	12
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Respectfully submitted,

 Rich Williams, Steward

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Steward

 George Yniguez, Safety Steward

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