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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 Tuesday, March 28, 2023, Through Sunday, April 2, 2023.****TUESDAY**3/28/23<sup>1</sup>**CASHLINE RACING STABLES INC. (DOMINIC V. DEBELLIS) HEARING CASE 23SA0009**

A financial complaint was filed by Veterinarian Melinda Blue against owner DOMINIC DEBELLIS, who races as Cashline Racing Stables Inc., involved a veterinarian bill for services rendered between June 26, 2022, to February 25, 2023, in the amount of \$7,190.12. The invoice attached to the complaint stated there were two race horses involved in the bill owed. Present for the hearing before the BOS were court reporter Michelle Derieg, Dr. Blue, and owner/respondent Dominic Debellis. Mr. Debellis testified and showed proof he had previously given Dr. Blue credit card information to pay the bill after the complaint had been filed, but she (Dr. Blue) chose not to accept payment until all had gathered in the Stewards' office. Dr. Blue stated she was upset with a conversation between her book keeper (her sister) and Mr. Debellis that she felt was inappropriate. The forgoing information was only shared after the start of the hearing. One can only assume why Dr. Blue chose not to accept full payment for the debt owed by Mr. Debellis and have him appear for the hearing in person. An interest charge was deleted from the amount filed in the complaint, the bill was paid in full in our office and the hearing was closed and signed off.

3/28/23<sup>2</sup>**SCHEDULED HEARING PREVIOUSLY HEARD CASE 23SR0011**

This CHRB case was originally filed for today, but was heard on March 9, 2023, as requested to expedite the complaint (ref: 03-10-23<sup>2</sup>).

**WEDNESDAY**3/29/23<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Rich Williams was available to oversee Saturday's entries (9 races) and to approve program changes for Friday's eight race card.

## **THURSDAY**

3/30/23<sup>1</sup>

### **DUTY STEWARD**

Again, Steward Williams was available to oversee entries for Sunday (9 races) and approve program changes for Saturday.

3/30/23<sup>2</sup>

### **LEYTE HEARING CASE SA0013**

The CHRB filed a complaint against exercise rider GUADALUPE LEYTE for violation of CHRB rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and 1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Racing). The complaint reads as follows;

January 21, 2023, exercise rider Guadalupe Leyte was working as a contract pony rider for trainer Ruben Alvarado at Santa Anita Park. Guadalupe fell from his horse on the main track sustaining minor injuries, and his horse which was galloping loose was caught by Santa Anita Staff near barn #89. Investigators contacted Leyte shortly after the incident and saw that he appeared to be intoxicated. Leyte refused to submit to a urine or breath test for alcohol but agreed to perform Standardized Field Tests (SFSTs). Leyte admitted he had consumed alcohol, and performed poorly on the SFTs, indicating he was intoxicated when he fell from his horse.

Investigator Anne Dillon representing the CHRB was present for the scheduled 9:30 hearing. The complaint was read into the record and a ruling will follow as Mr. Leyte failed to appear.

3/30/23<sup>3</sup>

### **PSARRAS HEARING CASE 23SA0018**

A financial complaint was filed by Equine Medical & Surgical Group against trainer ANDREAS PSARRAS in the amount of \$19,250.24 for services rendered by their veterinarian practice. There were eight race horses involved in the bill owed. Present for the hearing before the BOS were respondent Psarras, veterinarian Sarah Birch and by telephone the accountant for her practice, Loren Shelton. Possible scenarios were discussed as to how Mr. Psarras could rectify the debt owed. Some options were submitted, and all agreed to the date of April 7, 2023, to have more information divulged.

3/30/23<sup>4</sup>

### **APPRENTICE REQUIREMENT**

Apprentice ADRIAN ESCOBEDO met with the Stewards to discuss his absence from the mandatory apprentice film class held every week by ex-jockey now racing official Brice Blanc. He explained that he was delayed obtaining his physical examination that is required before he rides in our jurisdiction. Mr. Blanc joined the meeting, and they exchanged phone numbers so apprentice Escobedo is able to communicate in the future. He received a warning for missing the film review.

3/30/23<sup>5</sup>

### **LICENSEE APPROVALS**

The BOS approved two CHRB licenses. The first was for exercise rider YUJI HORITA from Japan employed to exercise the horse MANDARIN HERO (JPN) a Santa Anita Derby entrant. The second was MARIAN SANTAMARIA who was licensed as an Assistant Horse ID and will work under Horse ID Jennifer Paige.

## **FRIDAY**

3/31/23<sup>1</sup>

### **LEYTE RULING (ref 03-30-23<sup>2</sup>)**

The following ruling was issued after MR. LEYTE failed to appear for the scheduled hearing.

#### **LATS RULING #45**

Exercise Rider GUADALUPE LEYTE, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before March 30, 2023, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance for a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- intoxicated) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of GUADALUPE LEYTE are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

3/31/23<sup>2</sup>

### **JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

EDWIN MALDONADO met with the Stewards along with his agent Tom Knust to review the sixth race on Monday. His explanation for the incident was accepted and he was excused with a warning.

3/31/23<sup>3</sup>

### **JOCKEYCAM ADJUSTMENT (ref 03-27-23<sup>1</sup>)**

A Jockeycam camera fell off of a rider on Sunday during the running of the third race. Jockeycam employee, JOSEPH IBARRA met with the Stewards and produced a pigtail that will be implemented this week. It will be attached from the camera to the back of the helmet holding the camera if it becomes detached. He also stated another style pigtail is being shipped and will arrive next week.

3/31/23<sup>4</sup>

### **PATROL JUDGE REPLACEMENT**

Racing Official Brice Blanc will be the 3/8 Patrol Judge today, he replaced Randy Valdez who is out for personal reasons.

3/31/23<sup>5</sup>

### **VOIDED CLAIM**

Following a physical examination of #2 FINALLY HERE, who performed in the sixth race, by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Brian Koriner.

3/31/23<sup>6</sup>

### **RACE DELAY**

While the horses for the eighth and last race yesterday were in the walking ring and riders were in the process of getting on their mounts it was discovered the saddle on #8 POINT AND SHOOT had another jockey's saddle on it, who was not listed to ride that race. The field returned to the saddling barn and jockey H. I. Berrios weighed out with the correct saddle before the field left the paddock. The Clerk of Scales will be required to explain how this occurred.

3/31/23<sup>7</sup>

### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	$\frac{3}{4}$ turf-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ turf #6 Doncic (Tr. V. Cerin) J. Hernandez replaced K. Desormeaux #7 Crew Dragon (Tr. D. Azcarate) Stewards-distance change Refund \$598.82
2nd race	#2 Vinnie the Coin (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed by Tr. M. Pineda. Refund \$50.00
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$126.00
4th race	#1 Side by Side (Tr. K. Headley) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio. Refund \$1,418.78
5th race	#2 Impossible Task (Tr. M. Ortiz, Sr.) K. Kimura replaced A. Cedillo #3 Bold Endeavor (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed by Tr. K. Mulhall #4 Zimba Warrior (Tr. R.B. Hess) E. Maldonado replaced K. Desormeaux Refund \$144.81
6th race	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ turf-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ turf #2 Finally Here (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed by Tr. J. Metz #3 Saffa's Day (Tr. K. Craigmyle) claimed by Tr. J. Wong #4 Barsabas (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed by Tr. E. Truman #11 Capitano (Tr. S. Miyadi) L. Contreras replaced A. Cedillo #8 Hembree (Tr. P. Miller) Stewards-distance change Refund \$1,515.91
7th race	#5 Tiz a Macho Girl (Tr. J. Metz) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon. Refund \$753.01

8th race #5 Loyal to a Fault (Tr. D. O'Neill) Stewards-turf condition  
 #8 Point and Shoot (Tr. I. Kruljac) H. I. Berrios replaced K. Desormeaux  
 Refund \$2,144.52

3/31/23<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,641	\$384,087.69
SCOTWinc	2,429	\$942,843.37
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,186,975.71
Total	5,070	\$5,513,906.77

**SATURDAY**

4/1/23<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

FRANKIE DETTORI met with the Stewards to review the fifth race yesterday wherein he initiated contact with a horse to his outside. He was candid stating he made a mistake and left the office with a warning.

4/1/23<sup>2</sup>

**DRONELESS**

When the Stewards asked why a drone was unavailable for the weekend card, they were informed the regular drone crew were providing their services at Gulfstream Park and Oaklawn this weekend. There was some insinuation, the company that hired the drone's services did not want to pay for three drone teams this weekend. This BOS was disappointed not to be afforded this very important shot because of an extra expenditure.

4/1/23<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #6 Carmen Miranda (Tr. P. D'Amato) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead  
 Refund \$4,374.76

2nd race No Changes; Refund \$143.00

3rd race #3 Vandalia (Tr. L. Barocio) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp  
 #4 A New Peace (Tr. M. Rheinford) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
 #6 Code Ribbon (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. J. Metz  
 Refund \$705.81

4th race #3 Texthelegend (Tr. B. Baffert) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead. Refund \$2,271.82

5th race #9 We Need Marketing (Tr. A. Garcia) G. Franco replaced R. Gonzalez  
 Refund \$19.50

6th race #5 Afternoon Heat (Tr. G. Vallejo) claimed by Tr. C. Treece  
 #7 Pedro Perez (S. Rivera) Stewards-no insurance. Refund \$473.35

7th race No Changes; Refund \$0

8th race #4 Storming Chrome (Tr. N. Drysdale) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill

9th race #5 Good Boo Joo (Tr. J. Mullins) R. Vasquez replaced R. Gonzalez  
 Refund \$3.75

4/1/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,122	\$1,122,885.97
SCOTWinc	4,367	\$1,858,203.57
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,963,230.05
Total	11,489	\$8,944,319.59

**SUNDAY**

4/2/23<sup>1</sup>

**APPRENTICE FILM CLASS DISCUSSION**

ABDUL ALSAGOOR, after having been directed to meet with the Stewards for the second day, finally appeared. The issue being his absence from attending the mandatory film class for apprentices. His reasons and excuses were heard, and his penalty is listed in the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #46**

Apprentice Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review class).

CARLOS BARBOSA also met with the Stewards to discuss his absence from the class. Phone numbers were exchanged between him and film analyst Brice Blanc, he was informed next time he failed to participate a ruling would be issued, he stated he understood.

4/2/23<sup>2</sup>

**RETURN OF THE DRONE**

Much to the Stewards delight, JIM POREP of Pegasus was hired today to fill in for the absent regular drone crew. Many thanks to Santa Anita for making this happen. It is a well-used angle that has come to be very popular not only with Stewards, but also the public.

4/2/23<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

The afternoon card was performed without notable incidents. The changes made are listed below.

4/2/23<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #3 The Slap (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
#7 Hacking It Up (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
Refund \$3,608.28

2nd race #3 Wagonahavagoodtime (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. M. Pineda  
Refund \$37.00

3rd race NO SHOW WAGERING  
#4 Mucino (Tr. D. O'Neill) Stewards-stake. Refund \$532.00

4th race No Changes; Refund \$213.95

5th race No Changes; Refund \$414.95

6th race NO SHOW WAGERING  
#1 Talkative Gal (Tr. M. Pineda) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp  
#2 Vegan (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. M. Pineda  
#3 Invincibella (GB) (Tr. S. Knapp) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Bohannon  
#4 Emily Smiles (Tr. J. Wong) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
#5 Bella Renelia (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. M. Pineda  
#7 Spring Spinning (Tr. R. Saldana) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
Refund \$2,469.44

7th race No Changes; Refund \$0

8th race No Changes; Refund \$0

9th race No Changes; Refund \$0

4/2/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,248	\$912,160.25
SCOTWinc	3,363	\$1,317,867.85
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,935,999.47
Total	11,611	\$8,166,027.57

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 3/27/23 TO 4/2/23**

Horses on Vet List	19
Horses off Vet List	14
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 3/31</b>	<b>Sat 4/1</b>	<b>Sun 4/2</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	1	2	1	4	70
<b>Claims</b>	4	4	4	12	140
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Refunds</b>	8	7	6	21	279
<b>Rulings</b>	1	0	1	2	46
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	0	0	1	17

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Rich Williams, Steward

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George Yniguez, Safety Steward

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