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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 April 11, 2023, through April 16, 2023.

Tuesday

04/11/2023

(1) STEWARDS HEARING

A formal hearing was held this morning for Trainer Isauro Guillen who has been charged with an alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances), #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations), #1869 (c) (2) (Prohibited Drug Substances in Out-Of-Competition Testing) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

The complaint alleged on November 4, 2022, the official hair sample #NC 64004 taken in an Out-Of-Competition test at Los Alamitos Race Course from the horse "THREE TIMES A LADY" was reported by the Maddy EAACL at UC Davis to contain the prohibited drug Clenbuterol.

Present at the hearing was the full Board of Stewards, Mr. Guillen, California Horse Racing Board Investigator Barrett Halcromb who presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board and Court Reporter Mikyla Lux who recorded the proceedings. The Stewards heard testimony and accepted evidence from Mr. Guillen, as there were no other witnesses the hearing was closed. Decision Forthcoming.

Wednesday

04/12/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Ron Church will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes for the reporting period.

(2) ENTRIES

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday April 15, 2023.

Thursday

04/13/2023

(1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Sunday April 16, 2023, and changes to Saturday's program.

(2) **ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were no recommended panel scratches.

Friday

04/14/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee scratches for Sunday's program.

(2) **ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one entry designated as a hard watch but was not recommended as a panel scratch.

Saturday

04/15/2023

(1) **RULING #34 – ADRIAN ESCOBEDO**

Ruling # 34

APPRENTICE JOCKEY ADRIAN ESCOBEDO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (APRIL 22ND, 23RD, AND 29TH, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP - STRIKING MOUNT WITH CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION) WHILE RIDING ASYLUM IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 8, 2023.

Apprentice Jockey Adrian Escobedo met with the Stewards for a review of his ride on #5 Asylum in the fifth race from Sunday April 8, 2023. Mr. Escobedo acknowledged he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

(2) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Armando Viramontes was excused from his mounts for the evening due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

(3) **CLAIM VOIDED – 8TH RACE**

The claim submitted by Trainer Sergio Morfin for #4 Fervents Favorite (Tr. J. Aleman) was voided by the Stewards after the Official Veterinarian, Gary Beck, DVM informed them the filly was placed on the Veterinarian's list as unsound. Fervents Favorite was returned to the Juan Aleman barn.

(4) **NINTH RACE – ACCIDENT - AFTER THE FINISH**

Jockey Irving Lara was unseated from his mount, #4 One Famous Commando, pulling up after the finish of the race when his mount bolted making contact with the outside rail. One Famous Commando was captured by the outrider uninjured. Mr. Lara was transported to the hospital, injuries unknown at this reporting. Accident report attached.

(5) **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #1 Agrigento (Tr. J. Raudales) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$89.90

2nd Race #2 Siskiyou Sky (Tr. A. Aquino) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$352.50

#6 For My Brother (Jockey A. Viramontes) replaced by Jockey H. Lopez

3rd Race #5 Flashy Pass (Tr. J. Uranga) – Not Eligible – Stewards. Refund: \$164.80

4th Race - No Changes

5th Race #2 Paul L (Jockey J. Leon) replaced by Jockey C. Ortega.

#4 Mount Olympic (Tr. J. Nunez) – Claimed by Tr. J. Raudales

#6 Bandslammer (Tr. J. Farias) – Claimed by J. Uranga

6th Race #5 Two Corona King (Tr. R. Guillen) – Jockey A. Viramontes was off sick and no

A replacement rider was available – Stewards. Refund: \$744.65

7th Race - No Changes

8th Race - No Changes

9th Race – No Changes

10th Race #1 Jesstanothercartel (Tr. P. Jones) – Flipped in gate – Stewards. Refunds: \$29,549.50

#3 New And Better (Tr. J. Glenn Jr.) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$172.40

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	854	\$117,227.10
Off track	1,256	\$326,071.10
Out of state	N/A	\$910,386.66
Total	2,110	\$1,353,684.86

Sunday
04/16/2023

(1) RULING #35 ISAURO GUILLEN

Ruling # 35

TRAINER ISAURO GUILLEN IS ISSUED A FORMAL WARNING AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR (APRIL 15, 2024 – DURING WHICH TIME HE MUST NOT BE FOUND GUILTY OF ANY CLASS I, II, OR III MEDICATION VIOLATIONS) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1869 (c)(2) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES IN OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTING).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the sworn testimony and exhibits present at the formal hearing held on Tuesday April 11, 2023. The decision was a majority decision with Steward Church dissenting, the minority felt a penalty was warranted.

(2) RULING #36 - ARMANDO CERVANTES AND #37 - JESSE GONZALEZ

Ruling # 36

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES 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 MV ROYAL PAPPASITO IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 8, 2023.

Ruling # 37

JOCKEY JESSE P. GONZALEZ 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 TWICE IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING JOB OPENING IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 15, 2023.

The above rulings were issued after both riders met with the Stewards, acknowledged they violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

(3) JOCKEY PANFILO ALEGRIA - EXCUSED

Mr. Alegria was excused from his mounts when he could not provide proof of a current Concussion examination. Replacement riders were named.

(4) JOCKEY IRVING LARA - OFF

Jockey Irving Lara was excused from his mounts tonight and will be off until further notice, (Ref. 4-15-2023/4). Replacement riders were named.

(5) RACE DECLARED - NO CONTEST 8TH RACE

The eighth race this evening was declared NO CONTEST by the Stewards as it was run at an incorrect distance – 300 yards rather than the posted distance of 330 yards.

Just prior to post time, Starter Gary Brinson, as he does every race, radioed the Stewards to say that the gate was set at 330 yards. We responded, via radio, to confirm that the race was 330 yards. The field was small – five horses – and the loading procedure was quick. By the time the Stewards stepped outside and noticed that the gate was set incorrectly, the field was dispatched. We immediately posted the inquiry sign and instructed the announcer to communicate such fact to the public. After a short discussion, the decision was made to cancel the race and declare it as “no contest.” The rationale behind the decision was that the race was not run under the same conditions that horses were entered, and that the public had wagered on.

All same race wagers were refunded, while multiple race wagers received an automatic winner for the race in question.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #7 Bob's Sniper (Tr. J. Nunez) – Claimed by Tr. S. Perez
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race #1 American Cat (Tr. L. Ruiz) - Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$234.90
- 4th Race #9 Vinny The Coin – (M. Pineda) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$435.30
- 5th Race #4 Dorita's Lemon (Tr. J. Nunez) – Flipped in saddling paddock – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$2,910.05
- 6th Race #1 Hakunui (Tr. P. De Jesus) – Claimed by Tr. A. Aquino
#4 Water's For Fightn (Tr. C. Treece) – Claimed by Tr. R. Viramontes
- 7th Race #6 Corona Rose (Tr. J. Glenn, Jr.) – Claimed by E. Andrade
- 8th Race Declared No Contest. Refund: \$53,313.30
- 9th Race No Changes

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	638	\$71,025.10
Off track	1,009	\$161,622.20
Out of state	N/A	\$1,220,604.05
Total	1,647	\$1,453,251.35

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 16, 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: 3 for soundness, 5 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Three horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 04/15	Sun 04/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	1	1	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			2	4	6	48
Disqualifications	K			0	0	0	4
Inquiries		D		0	1	1	8
Refunds		A		6	4	10	98
Rulings		Y		1	3	4	37
Voided Claims		S		1	0	1	7

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

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward