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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 25, 2023, through April 30, 2023.

Tuesday

04/25/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer has morning responsibilities in addition to recording the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) COMPLAINT #23LA0016

An informal hearing was convened today to address the above complaint. Present were pony person Gumaro Mena, his wife Guillermina translating for Gumaro, safety steward Paul Atkinson, Investigator Halcromb presenting the case for the Board and Stewards Tom Ward, Ron Church, and James Dreyer.

Mr. Mena admitted to drinking a bottle of tequila the evening before the incident and four beers that morning. Investigator Halcromb was unable to get a test as Mr. Mena was unable to hold his breath long enough to get a breath alcohol level. He did, however, admit to having an alcohol problem and would agree to any recommendation the Stewards suggested.

This was Mr. Mena's third incident for the same problem going back more than a half dozen years. Today's testimony will be evaluated, and a ruling will be forthcoming.

(3) COMPLAINT #23LA0040

Steward Ward exhausted every number at his disposal in an attempt to contact owner Cal Becker of Halfmoon Thoroughbreds concerning the above complaint. Mr. Becker allegedly owes KC Horse Transport \$3,200.

Wednesday

04/26/2023

(1) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was divided. Both ends went open.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Ten races were drawn at 4:30 P.M. with seventy one horses having passed the entry box.

Thursday
04/27/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Two equipment changes completed Saturday's program adjustments.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was off with two.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Sixty three horses will vie for the winners' share of our ten race program Sunday evening.

Friday
04/28/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Sunday resulted in two rider changes.

Saturday
04/29/2023

(1) **RULING #39 (Refer – 4/25/2023 #2)**

Ruling # 39

OUTRIDER GUMARO MENA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION AS LONG AS HE HOLDS A CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD LICENSE FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT- INTOXICATION).

FURTHER, MR. MENA MUST BE EVALUATED BY THE WINNERS FOUNDATION AND PLACED ON A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

After reviewing the merits of this complaint, the foregoing ruling was issued.

(2) **RULING #40 (Refer – 4/25/2023 #3)**

Ruling # 40

OWNER CAL BECKER (DBA HALFMOON THOROUGHBREDS), HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO A WRITTEN NOTICE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 25, 2023, IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR) PENDING AN APPEARANCE AT A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS TO ANSWER TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CHRB RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON MAY 1, 2023.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF CAL BECKER ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), MR. BECKER IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

After due deliberation, the above ruling was issued.

(3) **RULINGS #41, #42, #43, #44**

Ruling # 41

JOCKEY ADRIAN LOZA 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 FIRST PRIZE SPIRIT IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 23, 2023.

Ruling # 42

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO, WHO RODE VULCAN IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 23, 2023, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 6TH, 7TH, AND 13TH, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP - STRIKING MOUNT WITH CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES. HOWEVER, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (f), RUBEN LOZANO IS NOT PERMITTED TO RIDE IN THE FINALS OF THE ROBERT ADAIR KINDERGARTEN FUTURITY, TO BE RUN ON MAY 14, 2023.

Ruling # 43

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (7) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) WHILE RIDING KISS MY WINE IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 23, 2023.

Ruling # 44

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* 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 FANCY POLLITICS IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 23, 2023.

The above rulings were issued after all of the individuals were found to be in violation of Rule #1688.

(4) FILMS

Francisco Orduna-Rojas was in to review last Saturday’s first race during which he was disqualified. After closer scrutiny, the films tend to exonerate him of some of the responsibility for the incident. He left with a warning.

(5) OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Cerapio Figueroa on #4 Restless Rambler (3rd) claimed a foul against #5 Two Bills (2nd – R. Ramirez) shortly after the break. Two Bills did drift in slightly, but the Stewards felt that the outcome of the race was not compromised, and no change was warranted.

(6) CLAIM VOIDED

The first race claim of Sai Phar by trainer Jorge Farias was voided after the filly was placed on the vet’s list as unsound by Dr. Beck. She was returned to trainer Sergio Morfin’s barn.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #3 Wetherly (J. Nunez) - Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$138.05
- 5th Race #1 Cheater (S. Willoughby) – Injured– Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$196.10
- #4 Roses Lucky Rock (P. Jones) – Entered Back– Stewards. Refund 75.45
- 9th Race #1 Provoking (J. Glenn, Jr.) - Entered Back– Stewards. Refund \$77.70
- #4 White Collar (H. Taylor) - Entered Back– Stewards. Refund \$64.85
- 10th Race #7 Jess Being A Friend (E. Andrade) – Stake – Stewards. Refund \$484.92

(8) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	935	\$111,028.90
Off track	1,227	\$288,531.50
Out of state	N/A	\$1,005,839.86
Total	2,162	\$1,405,400.26

(1) RULING #45

Ruling # 45

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT) RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 29, 2023.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Leon was again unable to get within the five pound overweight limit in Saturday's fourth race.

(2) RULING #46

Ruling # 46

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* 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 IM DELIGHTED IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 29, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Viramontes was guilty of violating Rule #1688.

(3) INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards hung the inquiry following the first race to review an incident entering the stretch. #5 B D R Baxter (2nd – R. Ramirez) drifted out entering the stretch packing #7 Mongolian Box (4th – E. Hernandez) to the middle of the track. At the wire, the margin between the two was a neck. The decision to disqualify B D R Baxter was unanimous.

Original Order 1-(5)-2-7-4-3-6-8
Official Order 1-2-7-(5)-4-3-6-8

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim of Tempting Fly out of the eighth race by trainer Sergio Morfin was voided after Dr. Beck placed the gelding on the vet's list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Juan Aleman.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

5th Race #5 Famous Wind (H. Taylor) – Sick– Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$203.80
6th Race #1 Willen Ta Fly (J. Nunez) - Sick– Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$49.90
10th Race #6 J Perfect Deal (M. Arrossa) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$396.50

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	594	\$76,146.20
Off track	1,029	\$184,464.50
Out of state	N/A	\$1,163,678.77
Total	1,623	\$1,424,289.47

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 30, 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, 4 for injury, 2 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

2023

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 04/29	Sun 04/30	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			3	0	3	52
Disqualification	K			0	1	1	7
Inquiries		D		1	1	2	12
Refunds		A		6	3	9	218
Rulings		Y		6	2	8	46
Voided Claims		S		1	1	2	10

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

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward