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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 May 2, 2023, through May 7, 2023.

Tuesday

05/02/2023

(1) CARL GREGOIRE – (CASE #23LA0061)

Stewards James Dreyer, Tom Ward, Ron Church and California Horse Racing Board Investigator Vito Racowski were in the Stewards office this morning to address a complaint filed against Owner Carl Gregoire for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1489 (a) (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation).

Mr. Gregoire was contacted via telephone at which time he informed us that he has retained the services of attorney Drew Couto, Mr. Couto was contacted, he requested a continuance for more time to review the case and his request was granted. The hearing has been rescheduled for May 16, 2023.

(2) CANDELARIO VILLAMAR – (CASE #23LA0068)

Trainer Candelario Villamar was noticed to appear today for a financial complaint filed against him by Equine Sports Medicine. The complaint alleges an overdue debt for Veterinarian services in the amount of \$1,005.00. Mr. Villamar contacted the Stewards telephonically and stated he would contact Equine Sports Medicine and resolve the matter. Mr. Villamar was given three days to resolve the matter. More to follow.

Wednesday

05/03/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday night.

Thursday
05/04/2023

(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Sunday night 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 was one entry designated as a hard watch but was not recommended as a panel scratch.

Friday
05/05/2023

(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 were no recommended panel scratches.

(3) FINANCIAL COMPLAINT (CASE #23LA0068) - (Ref: 05/02/23(2))

The financial complaint filed against trainer Candelario Villamar by Equine Sports Medicine has been dismissed as the Stewards were advised the debt (\$1,005.00) for Veterinarian services has been paid in full.

Saturday
05/06/2023

(1) RULING #47

Ruling # 47

JOCKEY RICARDO S. RAMIREZ, WHO RODE B D R BAXTER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 30, 2023, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 13TH, 14TH, AND 20TH, 2023) FOR PERMITTING HIS MOUNT TO DRIFT OUT IN THE FAR TURN, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO FOURTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Ramirez met with the Stewards along with trainer Jesus Nunez interpreting for Mr. Ramirez for a review of the first race from Sunday April 30, 2023. Mr. Ramirez acknowledged he erred in allowing his mount to drift out on the turn of the 1000 yard race but he felt it did not cost his rival a placing. As we did not agree with Mr. Ramirez's assessment, we issued the three day suspension. The decision was unanimous.

(2) CLAIM VOIDED – FIRST RACE

The claim deposited in the first race by trainer Robert Lucas for #1 Nap Time was voided after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported the horse was unsound and would be placed on the vet's list. The horse was returned to the barn of Jesus Nunez.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #5 Starship Sky (Tr. R. Saldana) - Claimed by Tr. A. Farias
#6 Ravenclaw (Tr. R. Rosales) – Claimed by Tr. A. Farias
2nd Race #5 Excessive Cat (Tr. J. Uranga) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$ 177.35
3rd Race #1 Pulpit Singer (Tr. P. De Jesus) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$78.60
4th Race No Changes
5th Race No Changes
6th Race #5 Cowgirl Upp (Tr. C. DeAlba) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$104.00
#6 Jessie GRL (Tr. M. Arrossa) – Entered Back – Stewards. Refund: \$173.45
7th Race #2 Gray Valiant (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$877.86
8th Race No Changes
9th Race #6 D Accountant (Tr. H. Taylor) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$395.43
10 Race #9 Suite Caroline (Tr. M. Arrossa) – Stake – Stewards. Refund: \$444.85

(4) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	722	\$112,002.50
Off track	1,334	\$321,227.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,265,715.21
Total	2,056	\$1,698,944.71

Sunday
05/07/2023

(1) RULING #48

Ruling # 48

JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY, WHO RODE DON'T GET ME WRONG IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 30, 2023, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 14TH, 20TH AND 21ST, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP - STRIKING MOUNT WITH THE CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Harvey and the Stewards reviewed the video of the second race from Sunday April 30, 2023. Mr. Harvey acknowledged he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed. The decision was unanimous.

(2) RULING #49

Ruling # 49

JOCKEY KEVIN JESUS CAMACHO 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 QUEEN VERRAZANO IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 6, 2023.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Camacho failed to meet with the Stewards, as directed, to review his use of the riding crop in the first race on Saturday May 6, 2023.

(3) RULING #50

Ruling # 50

JOCKEY ARMANDO CERVANTES 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 SHEZSOTEMPTING IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 6, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Cervantes contacted the Stewards, acknowledged he violated the crop rule in the eighth race on Saturday May 6, 2023, and accepted the penalty imposed.

(4) RULING #51

Ruling # 51

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 14TH, 20TH AND 21ST, 2023) 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 – FOURTH OFFENSE) WHILE RIDING JESS FIESTY IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 6, 2023.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Viramontes failed to meet with the Stewards, as directed, to review his use of the riding crop in the ninth race on Saturday May 6, 2023.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited in the first race by trainer Paul Jones for #4 Torrid Tommy was voided after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported the horse was unsound and would be placed on the vet's list. The horse was returned to the barn of Oscar Heredia.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #3 Jockey F.J. Rubio traffic issues, replaced by A. Jimenez
#5 Smokemonthecliff (Tr. J. Metz) vanning problems – Stewards. Refund: \$205.00
- 2nd Race #5 Facts Matter (Tr. L. Ruiz) – Claimed by Tr. J. Farias
#7 Rally Cat (Tr. A. Aquino) – Claimed by Tr. J. Farias
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race #6 Sheila’s Charlie (Tr. S. Morfin) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$36.60
- 7th Race #4 Twice Over (Tr. A. Farias) Flipped in saddling paddock – Stewards
Refund: \$3,146.22
#5 Verbosity – Jockey A. Loza off sick replaced by V. Salazar
- 8th Race #1 Alternative Jess-Jockey R. Aceves injured in the 7th race replaced by D. Herrera
- 9th Race No Changes
- 10th Race No Changes

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	758	\$103,631.90
Off track	1,010	\$272,333.40
Out of state	N/A	\$1,477,974.40
Total	1,768	\$1,853,939.70

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 7, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 3 for soundness, 3 for injury, 4 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 05/06	Sun 05/07	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			2	2	4	56
Disqualifications	K			0	0	0	7
Inquiries		D		0	0	0	12
Refunds		A		7	3	10	228
Rulings		Y		1	4	5	51
Voided Claims		S		1	1	2	12

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