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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 9, 2023, through May 14, 2023.

Tuesday

05/9/2023

(1) TUESDAY MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Genaro Vallejo was in the Stewards' office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him by the Board for an Out-of-Competition test taken following a work to be removed from the Veterinarian's List. The horse had been placed on the list as "injured"; however, Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald opted to have the horse work a half mile. The test sample showed the presence of 830 ng/ml of Phenylbutazone.

Mr. Vallejo acknowledged that the horse received an injection of the drug from his attending veterinarian thirty-six hours prior to the workout but thought the test would clear. He questioned why the horse was required to work when it was not on the list for a soundness issue and was told that Dr. Fitzgerald had the right to require any horse to work, regardless of the reason it was placed on the list. We will review testimony and issue a decision on Saturday.

Wednesday

05/10/2023

(1) MORNING DUTY

Tom Ward will be working the "early shift" this week and will also be writing minutes. Assistant Racing Secretary Jordan Castaneda will assume the Racing Secretary duties as Scott Craigmyle is not available.

Thursday

05/11/2023

(1) SUNDAY ENTRIES / SATURDAY PANEL AND SCRATCHES

The Saturday ten race card filled well, with entries being drawn in mid-afternoon. There was one rider change and one equipment change. The Los Alamitos panel discussed entries by phone with few concerns.

Friday
05/12/2023

(1) SUNDAY PANEL AND SCRATCHES

The panel met again this morning to review races for Sunday. There was one panel scratch due to concerns over lingering veterinary issues. In the first race, #1 Beautyinthebeast did not pass muster and was declared. The feature race of the evening will be the Robert Adair Kindergarten Futurity.

Saturday
05/13/2023

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #5 Can't Recall (entered back) Refund of \$100.65
8th Race #3 Fly From The Fire (Vet-injured) Refund of \$190.75

(2) RIDER NOT CLEARED

Jockey Irving Lara, who was involved in a serious spill some weeks ago when his mount bore out sharply after the finish, hit the outside rail and deposited him over the fence, was removed from his three mounts this evening as he called to report that his doctor had not cleared him to return to the saddle. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULING

Ruling # 52

TRAINER GENARO VALLEJO, WHO WORKED THE HORSE "ABERDEENS KNIGHT" AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 22, 2023, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND ASSESSED ½ POINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS (EXPIRES JANUARY 21, 2024) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1887 (a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND 1843.1 (b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES – PHENYLBUTAZONE – FIRST VIOLATION WITHIN THE PAST 365 DAYS).

The preceding ruling was issued to finalize the complaint against Mr. Vallejo (Ref. 5-9-2023-1).

(4) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #7 Dutton flipped during the loading procedure and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$34,142.53. The rider, Cesar Ortega, was not injured.

(5) VOIDED CLAIMS

There were two claims voided during the evening racing program. The first occurred following the second race, as #6 Restless Rambler, claimed by Jesus Uranga, was unsound during its time in the Detention Barn. Official Veterinarian Gary Beck recommended that the horse be returned to the barn of trainer Oscar Heredia. The second voided transaction took place after the fifth race as #3 Loud Fusaichi, originally haltered by Sally Rivera, was found to be unsound while in the test barn and was sent back to trainer Jorge Farias.

(6) STEWARDS INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted following the tenth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident at the start involving the fourth, fifth, and sixth place finishers - #6 Marcelo (E. Gasca), #4 Good Wagon (O. Peinado), and #5 Aint He Tempting (A. Cervantes). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Marcelo from fourth to sixth position. Video showed the horse breaking in sharply, making hard contact with Aint He Tempting and forcing that horse into Good Wagon. The contact forced both horses to lose their action and, in the Stewards' opinion, cost them the opportunity for a better placing. The two horses affected were beaten by a "head" for improved placings.

Jockey Gasca was held blameless as he reacted to the situation as soon as could be expected.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	677	\$107,661.40
Off track	1,273	\$298,860.20
Out of state	N/A	\$1,118,243.59
Total	1,950	\$1,524,765.19

Sunday
05/14/2023

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #1 Beautyinthebeast (Panel-issues) Refund of \$261.40
- 7th Race #7 Blossoming (Vet-sick) Refund of \$100.80
- 10th Race #1 Political Rivalry (Stakes) Refund of \$422.60

(2) SMOOTH TEN RACE PROGRAM

There were no incidents to report from the Sunday card – everything functioned properly and all participants competed well.

(3) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	630	\$108,562.50
Off track	993	\$250,636.70
Out of state	N/A	\$1,282,429.49
Total	1,623	\$1,641,628.69

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 14, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 5 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 2 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 1 for sickness. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 05/13	Sun 05/14	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			1	2	3	59
Disqualifications	K			1	0	1	8
Inquiries		D		1	0	1	13
Refunds		A		3	3	6	234
Rulings		Y		1	0	1	52
Voided Claims		S		2	0	2	14

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

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward