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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 23, 2023, through May 28, 2023.

Tuesday

05/23/2023

(1) PATRICIA VISSCHER HEARING-- (CASE #23LA0030)

A telephonic hearing was held for Trainer Patricia Visscher in a complaint filed against her by the California Horse Racing Board. The complaint alleges Ms. Visscher's horse "My Sweet Mary" was blood tested following a workout for removal from the Veterinarians list on February 17, 2023, at Los Alamitos Race Course and the sample tested positive for Phenylbutazone, a prohibited medication. Ms. Visscher accepted responsibility for the violation and the hearing was closed. Decision Forthcoming.

Wednesday

05/24/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

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

Thursday

05/25/2023

(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 were no recommended panel scratches.

Friday
05/26/2023

(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) PEREZ AND GONZALEZ HEARINGS (CASE #23LA0020 & 23LA0021)

A formal hearing was held this morning into the above referenced complaints for Trainer Santos Perez, who has been charged with alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a&d) (Medication Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances), #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations), #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Findings) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

Owner Enrique Gonzalez (DBA-EG High Desert Farms) was noticed to appear regarding CHRB rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Findings) and chose not to be present.

Present for the hearing, in addition to the Board of Stewards, was Mr. Perez, CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcomb who presented the cases for the California Horse Racing Board, and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings.

According to complaint #23LA0020, the official blood sample #LA52608 taken on January 28, 2023, at Los Alamitos Race Course from the horse "Crystal Prize" was reported by the Maddy EACL at Davis that it contained the prohibited drug substance Caffeine, a Class II violation. The horse "Crystal Prize" ran in the seventh race finishing second. A split analysis was requested and confirmed the violation.

Mr. Perez was advised of his rights to counsel and agreed to go forward without representation. The hearing was concluded after testimony and exhibits were accepted into the record. The Stewards will prepare a proposed decision for the California Horse Racing Board's consideration regarding complaint (#23LA0020) filed against Mr. Perez.

Saturday
05/27/2023

(1) RULING #55

Ruling # 55

JOCKEY KEVIN JESUS CAMACHO 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 SQUARE TOMATOES IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 21, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Camacho failed to meet with the Stewards, as directed, to review his use of the riding crop in the third race on Sunday May 21, 2023.

(2) RULING #56

Ruling # 56

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER PATRICIA VISSCHER, WHO WORKED THE HORSE "MY SWEET MARY" ON FEBRUARY 17, 2023 FOR REMOVAL FROM THE VETERINARIAN'S LIST, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND ASSESSED 1/2 POINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 (MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS - EXPIRES FEBRUARY 16, 2024) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES – PHENYLBUTAZONE), AND 1866 (h) (VETERINARIAN'S LIST).

The above ruling was issued after Ms. Visscher accepted responsibility for the listed violation and accepted the penalty imposed.

(3) RULING #57

Ruling # 57

ACTING ON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT BLOOD SAMPLE #LA52608, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "CRYSTAL PRIZE", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 28, 2023, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CAFFEINE (CLASS II), IT IS ORDERED THAT "CRYSTAL PRIZE" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$3,037.00) EARNED BY OWNER ENRIQUE GONZALEZ, TRAINER SANTOS PEREZ, AND JOCKEY IRVING LARA BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY JUNE 27, 2023, FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD). REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1st – SUZY DE CAPI
- 2nd –HITTERS COUNT
- 3rd – JESS ANOTHERCOMMANDO
- 4th – LA REINA DEL SUR 1
- 5th – MS KO
- 6TH – ALL PRETTIED UP
- 7TH – POWERLINE ROAD

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARIMUTUEL PAYOFFS.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards considered all the testimony and evidence presented during the formal hearing held on Friday May 26, 2023 (Ref: #3).

(4) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 6TH RACE

The Stewards conducted an inquiry following the running of the sixth race for a review of two incidents, both incidents involving the #6 Galenana (Ruben Lozano- sixth) and #5 SR Iacocca (Henry Lopez, who finished seventh). The first incident took place at the start when #6 Galenana broke in sharply and made contact with #5 SR Iacocca causing the latter to check and lose ground. The second incident taking place near the 1/16th pole of the 300 yard event, when #6 Galenana veered out sharply in front of #5 Sr Iacocca forcing the latter to take up, lose momentum and the opportunity of a better placing. The Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #6 Galenana from sixth to seventh.

Original order of finish 7-1-3-2-4-(6)-5
Official order of finish 7-1-3-2-4-5-(6)

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No Changes
- 2nd Race #5 Sharp Warning (Tr. J. Monascal) – Claimed by Tr. L. Ruiz
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race #7 In The Mode (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Flipped in Starting Gate – Stewards Refund: \$13,933.63
- 8th Race #5 Glib (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Claimed by E. Andrade
- 9th Race #6 El Favorito (Tr. A. Farias) -Identification – Stewards. Refund: \$189.20

#8 Tree Seven Checks (Tr. A. Farias) – Flipped in Starting Gate – Stewards
Refund: \$9,275.75

10th Race #5 Shy Guy (Tr. A. Farias) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$479.36

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	785	\$119,623.40
Off track	1,168	\$279,487.00
Out of state	N/A	\$952,465.90
Total	1,953	\$1,351,576.30

Sunday
05/28/2023

(1) RULING #58

Ruling # 58

APPRENTICE JOCKEY ARMANDO AGUILAR 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 SOMETHING NEFARIOUS IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 20, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Aguilar failed to meet with the Stewards, as directed, to review his use of the riding crop in the third race on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

(2) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Ruben Lozano met with the Stewards for a review of the sixth race from Saturday May 27, 2023. Mr. Lozano's mount was disqualified for interference during the running of the 300 yard event. The two year old first time starter was running erratically throughout the race, and the Stewards were satisfied with the rider's efforts to control his mount. Mr. Lozano was issued a warning.

(3) POST RACE ACCIDENT- 4TH RACE

Shortly after the horses crossed the finish line, #4 Thoughts To Remember fell unseating jockey Jesus Ayala. Thoughts To Remember was caught by the outrider and examined by Track Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald who reported the two year old filly appeared to be uninjured and vanned back to the barn of Scott Willoughby. Mr. Ayala was examined by the EMT's, and they recommended that he be removed from his remaining mounts, although his injuries are unknown at this time. Replacement riders were named. Accident report attached.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes
2nd Race No Changes
3rd Race #7 Corona Jewels – Jockey J. Leon (sick) replaced by I. Lara
4th Race No Changes
5th Race #1 Favorite City – Jockey J. Ayala – Replaced by A. Cervantes
#5 Connies Dynasty (Tr. Paul Jones) – Stake – Stewards. Refund: \$370.30
6th Race #1 Five Bar Supreme – Jockey J. Ayala – Replace by R. Lozano
7th Race #8 HRH Royal Cartel – Jockey J. Ayala – Replaced by V. Salazar
8th Race #5 Boardwalk – Jockey J. Ayala – Replaced by J. Roman
9th Race #5 Favorite Georgia MRL – Jockey J. Ayala – Replaced by H. Lopez
10th Race #5 Next Level Up – Jockey J. Ayala – Replaced by R. Lozano

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	709	\$117,164.20
Off track	1,089	\$260,434.30
Out of state	N/A	\$1,580,418.63
Total	1,798	\$1,958,017.13

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 28, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 2 for injury, 2 for sickness, 1 for EIPH. Seven 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 05/27	Sun 05/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	1	1	6
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			2	0	2	66
Disqualification	K			1	0	1	9
Inquiries		D		0	0	0	13
Refunds		A		4	1	5	248
Rulings		Y		3	1	4	58
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	14

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