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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

**Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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**Report for Tuesday, May 30, 2023, Through Sunday, June 4, 2023.**

**WEDNESDAY**

5/31/23<sup>1</sup>

**MINUTES**

The minutes for the week are being chronicled by Steward Rich Williams.

5/31/23<sup>2</sup>

**SCRATCHES**

Steward Luis Jauregui was in to oversee entries for Saturday 6/3/23 and scratches for Friday 06/02/23.

**THURSDAY**

6/1/23<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Luis Jauregui oversaw entries for Sunday 6/4/23 and scratches for Saturday 06/03/23.

6/1/23<sup>2</sup>

**HEARINGS**

A hearing was scheduled for a financial complaint #22SA02019 filed against Trainer RENE AMESCUA by Don Lockwood Horse Van Service, for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1876-Financial Responsibility in the amount of \$7,500.00.

At 9:30 AM, the time of the hearing, parties from both sides failed to appear. The Stewards, after waiting for approximately thirty minutes, dismissed the case for failure to appear.

Two additional complaints were filed, one each against Exercise Rider ANTONIO GUTIERREZ and Exercise Rider JUAN ESPINOZA case numbers 23SA0056 and 23SA0057 respectively. One hearing was held on both complaints, as this involved an altercation between both

licensees. Present at the hearing were Antonio Gutierrez, Juan Espinoza, witness for Juan Espinoza, Brianna DiPasquale and the Board of Stewards Kim Sawyer, Luis Jauregui, and Rich Williams. In hearing testimony of all involved and the temperature of the room, it became obvious that there was an altercation between Antonio Gutierrez and Juan Espinoza. This incident started on horseback and appeared to be over Juan Espinoza's girlfriend Brianna DiPasquale. Ruling to follow.

**LATS RULING #69 ANTONIO GUTIERREZ.**

Exercise Rider ANTONIO GUTIERREZ is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – physical and verbal altercation at Santa Anita Park on March 30, 2023).

Furthermore, ANTONIO GUTIERREZ must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

**LATS RULING #70 JUAN ESPINOZA**

Exercise Rider JUAN ESPINOZA is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – physical and verbal altercation at Santa Anita Park on March 30, 2023).

Furthermore, JUAN ESPINOZA must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

**FRIDAY**  
6/2/23<sup>1</sup>

**NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN COMPLAINT #22SA02019**

On Friday 6/3/2023 Don Lockwood contacted the Stewards and asked what the status of the complaint he filed against Rene Amescua for financial responsibility was. He was informed that neither he nor Rene Amescua appeared for the complaint and the complaint was dismissed. Mr. Lockwood stated that he had not been notified of the date. The Stewards directed him to Supervising Investigator Mike Barker who did the scheduling. Later on Friday morning Mike Barker came into the Stewards office and informed the Stewards that the Don Lockwood complaint against Rene Amescua hearing would need to be rescheduled as no one had been notified of the hearing date.

6/2/23<sup>2</sup>

**KELLIE MCDAID RULING**

A hearing was scheduled for a citation issued to Exercise Rider Kellie McDaid for galloping a horse while the emergency lights were on. Ms. McDaid testified that she did not see the lights, that the siren had stopped, she was behind the gates and that the people behind the gates said it was clear. Safety Steward David Nuesch testified by phone that the safety lights were on and that she was galloping at a fast clip. Several of the outriders who were present at the time were also contacted by phone and stated the lights were on and she was told to pull up. A ruling will follow.

**RULING #71**

Jockey KELLIE MCDAID is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – galloping a horse while emergency lights are on) at Santa Anita Park on May 26, 2023.

6/2/23<sup>3</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

In the 6<sup>th</sup> race #3 SOUL SWEET (trainer Ricky Agarie) had a claim entered but upon the advice of the Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio the claim was voided by the Stewards.

6/2/23<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

Race #1	No Changes Refunds \$0
Race #2	#3 Sheza Girly Girl (trainer George Papaprodromou) was claimed for new trainer Lorenzo Ruiz. #5 Indy's Star (trainer Vann Belvoir) was claimed for new trainer Leonard Powell.
Race #3	No Changes Refunds \$2.00

Race #4 No Changes Refunds \$0  
 Race #5 #2 Square Fun (trainer Doug O'Neil) was scratched (Stewards-panel).  
 Refunds \$17.44  
 Race #6 #1 Spoiled Rotten (trainer Lorenzo Ruiz) was claimed for new trainer Gary Stute  
 #3 Soul Sweet (trainer Ricky Agarie) a claim was submitted but upon the  
 advice of the official veterinarian the claim was voided.  
 #4 Charlotte Harbor (trainer Vladimir Cerin) was claimed for new trainer.  
 Bob Hess Jr.  
 #6 Everlys Girl (trainer Victor Garcia) was claimed for new trainer Milton Pineda.  
 Refunds \$9.50  
 Race #7 No Changes Refunds \$85.50  
 Race #8 #5 Whoa Buddy (trainer Salvador Naranjo) was scratched (vet-unsound)  
 #7 J T's Watch (trainer Jeff Bonde) was scratched (vet-sick) Refunds \$539.34  
 Race #9 No Changes Refunds \$0

6/2/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,433	\$379,519.57
SCOTWinc	2,448	\$951,285.39
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,853,125.86
Total	4,881	\$6,183,930.82

**SATURDAY**

6/3/23<sup>1</sup>

**HEARING**

Jockeys RAMON VAZQUEZ and DIEGO HERRERA were in to discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> race on Friday 06/03/2023 where in tight quarters Jockey Diego Herrera was looking for room to move between horses when the lead horse, ridden by Kyle Frey, moved in and the #3, ridden by Ramon Vazquez, moved out creating an opening for Mr. Herrera. Mr. Herrera moved into the opening and Ramon Vazquez moved his horse back in, contacting Mr. Herrera's mount. Jockey Ramon Vazquez stated he was receiving pressure from the horse on his outside #7 ridden by Kent Desormeaux. The video evidence showed that any pressure applied by the #7 was after the incident. Jockey Ramon Vazquez was instructed to be more aware and help to make things safer for his competitors. In addition, Jockey Diego Herrera was instructed to not ride so tight.

6/3/23<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes Refunds \$0  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes Refunds \$0  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 Mucho Del Oro (Vladimir Cerin) was claimed for new trainer Doug O'Neil.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Miss Joannie (trainer Dean Pederson) was claimed for new trainer Jorge Periban. Refunds \$0  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes Refunds \$0  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Suzie Qzz Brother (trainer Mark Glatt) had a claim submitted. On the advice of the Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio the Stewards voided the claim.  
 #3 Giant's Brite Eye (Charles Treece) was claimed for new trainer Jesus Uranga.  
 #5 Mitico (trainer Paula Capestro) was claimed for new trainer Jonathan Wong.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refunds \$0  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refunds \$0  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Moody Jim (trainer Jeff Mullins) was claimed for new trainer Robert Hess Jr.

6/3/23<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,621	\$855,463.95
SCOTWinc	3,969	\$1,698,346.44
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,958,498.26
Total	11,590	\$9,512,308.65

**SUNDAY**  
6/4/23<sup>1</sup>

**INQUIRY/OBJECTION**

In the 5<sup>th</sup> race the Stewards caused the inquiry sign to be posted for an incident around the 3/16<sup>th</sup> pole where the #5 horse ANNIE'S HOPE ridden by Antonio Fresu ducked in sharply causing the #4 CHERRY CHAOS ridden by Ramon Vazquez to check. In a unanimous decision by the stewards the action did not cost the #4 CHERRY CHAOS a placing, negating a need for any disqualification. Jockey Antonio Fresu was notified to see the Stewards on Friday 06/09/2023 to review the incident.

6/4/23<sup>2</sup>

**FLAVIEN PRAT RULINGS**

**LATS RULING #72**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS Ruling #52 (April 21, 2023) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 16, 17, and 18, 2023).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

6/4/23<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Anmer Hall (trainer Peter Miller) was claimed for new trainer Steve Knapp. Refunds \$451.95  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes. Refunds \$246.41  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 Over Attracted (trainer Cesar De Alba) was scratched (vet-sick) Refunds \$1,706.81  
4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refunds \$139.50  
5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refunds \$1,408.83  
6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refunds \$233.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Respect The Code (trainer George Papaprodromou) was scratched (vet-injured) Refunds \$1,859.03  
8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Skinner (trainer John Shirreffs) was scratched (vet-injured). Refunds \$10,108.11  
9<sup>th</sup> Race #11 Kreacher (trainer Ryan Hanson) was scratched (vet-injured) Refunds \$820.60

6/4/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,644	\$815,634.74
SCOTWinc	3,407	\$1,400,133.14
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,764,066.51
Total	10,051	\$8,979,834.39

**SUMMARY**

	Fri 6/2	Sat 6/3	Sun 6/4	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	0	2	4	121
<b>Claims</b>	5	5	1	11	211
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	1	1	18
<b>Refunds</b>	5	0	9	14	452
<b>Rulings</b>	3	0	1	4	72
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	1	0	2	30

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 5/22/23 TO 6/4/23**

Horses on Vet List	13
Horses off Vet List	13
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Respectfully submitted,

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Rich Williams, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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