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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 June 6, 2023, through June 11, 2023.

Tuesday

06/06/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer will be in the office this week to handle morning chores and will author the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) COMPLAINT #23LA0081

An informal hearing was convened today to address the above complaint. Sally Rivera won a race and between the winner's circle and the test barn, the horse was transferred to an unlicensed individual. Ms. Rivera testified that she was not at the test barn and was therefore unaware this had occurred. We will weigh the testimony and a decision will be rendered.

(3) COMPLAINT #23LA0082

Exercise rider Mario Olivarez was in today concerning the above complaint. At the time of the incident, Mr. Olivarez's license had been terminated. He was in possession of a visitor's pass which had been issued by Racing Secretary Scott Craigmyle. It was his assumption that it authorized him to do anything a CHRB license permitted. He therefore assumed he was doing nothing wrong when he took the Sally Rivera trained Organized Chaos into the test barn. A decision will be forth coming.

(4) COMPLAINT #23LA0048

The above complaint was heard today again concerning Organized Chaos. Owner Ricardo Mendez, assisted by Amador Villanueva translating, testified that he had possession of Organized Chaos through the receiving barn, through the saddling paddock and into the winner's circle following the race. After the winner's circle formalities, Ricardo had a winning ticket he wanted to cash so he handed the horse off to Olivarez to take to the test barn. He was aware Mario Olivarez had no license as he testified of his intention to pay for Mario's renewal. A decision will be rendered.

Wednesday
06/07/2023

(1) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was used open. 4 Cal-Breds.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Fifty Eight horses elected to compete in our nine race program Saturday evening.

Thursday
06/08/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time was completed at 9:00 a.m. with no changes on Saturday's program.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was another failed attempt to fill a Cal-Bred race.

(3) **THE DRAW**

The emphasis Sunday evening will be on the Vessels Maturity Trials followed by the \$100,000 Abigail Kawanakoa Stakes for fillies and mares. The third Stake of the night will be the Check Her Twice also for fillies and mares.

Friday
06/09/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Sunday's program resulted in three rider changes.

Saturday
06/10/2023

(1) **COMPLAINT #23LA0081 (Refer 06/06/2023- #2)**

After evaluating the circumstances concerning this complaint, the Stewards elected to dismiss it.

(2) **RULING #64 (Refer 06/06/2023- #3)**

Ruling # 64

EXERCISE RIDER MARIO OLIVAREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1481 (OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES AND FEES) (WORKING WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE).

After due consideration, the foregoing ruling was issued.

(3) **RULING #65 (Refer 06/06/2023- #4)**

Ruling # 65

OWNER RICARDO MENDEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1482 (EMPLOYMENT OF UNLICENSED PERSON).

Having heard Owner Mendez's testimony in this matter, the above ruling was issued.

(4) **PAUL ATKINSON TAKES A BREAK**

Los Alamitos was sans a safety Steward this evening after Paul Atkinson took the weekend off.

(5) **TECHNICAL PROBLEMS**

Following the seventh race, the placing judges notified us they were unable to post the order of finish on the tote board. We contacted the mutuels and were told the entire infield tote board was frozen. The in house monitors were functioning properly, however. After mutuels worked for ten or fifteen minutes and were unable to resolve the problem, the decision was made to notify the patrons of the situation and to disregard the infield tote board altogether and rely solely on the in house monitors. The rest of the evening went smoothly.

(6) OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the eighth race, Jockey Armando Cervantes on #2 Land of Nod (4th) claimed an inquiry against #4 Connies Dynasty (1st – H. Lopez). Connies Dynasty did drift in and cross the path of Land of Nod but in the opinion of the Stewards, the outcome of the race was not compromised and therefore no change was justified.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #6 Rocky's Show (S. Rivera) – Panel – Stewards. Refund \$154.10
3rd Race #2 Flag Salute (G. Vallejo) - Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$136.40
#3 Your Ringer (R. Saldana) - Injured– Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$436.85

(8) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 940 | \$107,974.50 |
| Off track | 1,439 | \$331,365.90 |
| Out of state | N/A | \$1,146,886.00 |
| Total | 2,379 | \$1,586,226.40 |

Sunday
06/11/2023

(1) RULING #66

Ruling # 66

JOCKEY ADRIAN ESCOBEDO, WHO RODE AWSOME DONNA IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 4, 2023, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JUNE 18TH, 24TH AND 25TH, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (3) (USE OF RIDING CROP - STRIKING MOUNT WITH THE CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION).

The foregoing ruling was issued after apprentice Escobedo was observed violating Rule #1688 on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Steward Ward dissented.

(2) PAUL ATKINSON REPLACEMENT

Safety Steward George Yniguez will be replacing Paul Atkinson this evening.

(3) RULINGS #67 AND #68

Ruling # 67

OUTRIDER GUMARO MENA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT- FIGHTING).

Ruling # 68

OWNER EMIGDIO JIMENEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT- FIGHTING).

The above rulings were issued after owner Jimenez and outrider Mena admitted to having a brief altercation and assured us it would not happen again.

(4) FILMS

Jockey Gasca was represented during the review of last Sunday's tenth race. Slews Fortune ridden by Victor Salazar clipped the heels of Mr. Gasca's mount Walk To The Top and fell. After a closer review of the incident, the Stewards felt that Slews Fortune had contributed to the accident. Slews Fortune drifted out just enough to catch Walk To The Top's heels who had drifted in just about as much as Slews Fortune had drifted out. Mr. Gasca was held blameless.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

The third race claim of Conch Daddy by trainer Milton Pineda was voided after the gelding was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck. He was returned to trainer Rafael De Leon.

(6) NO PROBLEMS

Sunday evening went much better than Saturday with nothing of significance to note.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #6 Abadon (J. Uranga) - Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$219.00.
2nd Race #4 Vegas Dream (A. Aquino) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$244.85.
6th Race #3 Hitters Count (S. Willoughby) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$62.60

(8) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 684 | \$78,561.00 |
| Off track | 941 | \$190,896.70 |
| Out of state | N/A | \$1,247,930.25 |
| Total | 1,625 | \$1,517,387.95 |

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 11, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 7 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 2 for soundness, 3 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. Two horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

SUMMARY

| | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat 06/10 | Sun 06/11 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|-----|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| Accidents | D | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Cal-Bred Races | A | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Claims | R | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 73 |
| Disqualifications | K | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Inquiries | | D | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 17 |
| Refunds | | A | | 3 | 3 | 6 | 262 |
| Rulings | | Y | | 2 | 3 | 5 | 68 |
| Voided Claims | | S | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 15 |

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

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

George Yniguez, Safety Steward