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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 20, 2023, through June 25, 2023.

Tuesday

06/20/2023

(1) TUESDAY HEARINGS

The Stewards met this morning to hear two complaints. The first was a financial complaint filed by Mr. Zenon Escamilla, DBA Z&J Horse Transportation, against owner Joel Hunsburger in the amount of \$3,400.00, for shipping three horses from Los Alamitos to Mr. Hunsburger's ranch in Tipton, Missouri.

Prior to the hearing, Daniel Alameda, a former licensee who apparently still functions as a bloodstock agent, called the Stewards in an attempt to inject his thoughts and opinions in the case. He was told that his opinion did not matter as he had no standing in the case.

Mr. Hunsburger did not originally respond, but when finally contacted said that when his horses were dropped off, three days late, he was told that \$3,200.00 was the charge. He gave Mr. Escamilla that amount in cash, thinking that the transaction was complete. Mr. Hunsburger said that he wanted to make things right and would comply with whatever the Stewards determined was fair.

After discussing the case, we found Mr. Hunsburger's testimony plausible and that an additional payment of \$1,000.00 would settle the matter. Case closed.

The second hearing in the matter involved a ranch boarding bill. Bradbury Farms, represented by Mr. Jason Baker, filed the complaint against trainer Ruben Alvarado for boarding and exercising two horses for a two week period earlier in the year. Mr. Alvarado claimed that the horses were not his; he was only the interim trainer. He did say, however, that he would contact Mr. Baker tomorrow and settle the matter.

Wednesday

06/21/2023

(1) **DUTY STEWARD/ SATURDAY ENTRIES**

Tom Ward is in the office this week for entries, scratches, changes and panel duties. An eight race card – one Thoroughbred, seven Quarter Horse – was finalized around 6:00 PM.

Thursday
06/22/2023

(1) **SUNDAY ENTRIES / SATURDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Entries for Sunday were accepted this morning, with an eight race card comprised of three thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races being offered. The card was difficult to fill, as it was not finalized until just before 7:00 PM. Scratch time came and went, with no scratches and one rider change. The panel met via telephone, with not one horse scratched or placed on the “hard watch” list.

Friday
06/23/2023

(1) **SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

There were no scratch cards submitted for the Sunday card and just one blinker change. The panel met briefly this morning, with two horses making the “hard watch” list.

Saturday
06/24/2023

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st Race #2 Hot Pursuit (Vet-injured)
#6 Neah Bay (Vet-injured) Refund of \$917.62
4th Race #2 Tree Seven Check (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$77.16
8th Race #6 DK Double A (Stakes) Refund of \$111.46

(2) **OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN OFF**

The Stewards were alerted that Official Veterinarian Gary Beck will be taking an extended leave of absence. Jocelyn Lorbiecki, DVM will be filling in during his time off.

(3) **RULINGS**

Ruling # 71

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 TRENDING RIGHT IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 18, 2023.

Ruling # 72

JOCKEY ARMANDO CERVANTES 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 SEPERATE HEART IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 18, 2023.

These rulings were issued after the rider had viewed two videos from last Sunday night. He readily admitted to the violations, stating that it will not happen again.

(4) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Diego Herrera was excused from his engagements this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

(5) **RULING**

Ruling # 73

JOCKEY KEVIN JESUS CAMACHO IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1532 (PAYMENT OF FINES – RULINGS LAQHRA #53 & LAQHRA #55). DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF KEVIN JESUS CAMACHO ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), KEVIN JESUS CAMACHO IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Camacho, who was given two extensions on the payment of two fines for crop violations, arriving at the Jockeys' Room without the funds to cover the fines. He was well aware of the consequences if he failed to make good on the delinquencies. Replacement riders were named.

(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the second race to review an incident at the start involving the second and sixth place finishers, #2 Separatist for Money (H. Lopez) and #3 Fustio (I. Lara). After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Separatist For Money from second to sixth position. Video showed the horse breaking out sharply, causing a chain reaction which affected three horses to its outside. Jockey Lopez was not held responsible as he made a good effort to prevent interference.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	783	\$111,035.50
Off track	1,136	\$280,074.80
Out of state	N/A	\$931,787.19
Total	1,919	\$1,322,897.49

Sunday
06/25/2023

(1) RIDERS EXCUSED

Jockeys Francisco Orduna Rojas and Juan Pablo Leon were excused from their mounts this evening due to illness, while Diego Herrera had to take off because of soreness from a spill during the afternoon card. Replacement riders were announced.

Kevin Jesus Camacho was again taken off as he is still under suspension for non-payment of fines.

Rodrigo Aceves did not arrive at the Jockeys' Room in order to fulfill his obligation in the second race. A replacement rider was named.

(2) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident at the start involving the fifth and seventh place finishers - #4 JD Cowboy (R. Lozano) and #3 JP Cobalto (Y. Machado). After reviewing video of the start, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify JD Cowboy from fifth to seventh position. Video review showed the horse breaking in sharply, virtually eliminating the horse to its inside. Jockey Lozano was held blameless.

(3) ACCIDENT/ INQUIRY/ DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards determined the cause of a spill midway in the 110 yard event. The horses involved were #4 Special Leapofaith (O. Peinado) and #3 Fire Stel (Y. Machado). After reviewing video, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #4 Leapofaith from fourth position to unplaced. Video showed the horse, which had been attempting to lug in from the start, stepping in and into the path of Fire Stel, causing that horse to clip a heel and fall.

Jockey Machado was transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital for observation. Unfortunately, Fire Stel had to be euthanized. Refer to accident report.

(4) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	581	\$98,315.10
Off track	922	\$232,594.20
Out of state	N/A	\$1,159,894.35
Total	1,503	\$1,490,803.65

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 25, 2023. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 3 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 1 for soundness and 2 for injury. Four horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 06/24	Sun 06/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	1	1	8
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			0	4	4	79
Disqualifications	K			1	2	3	14
Inquiries		D		1	2	3	21
Refunds		A		3	0	3	278
Rulings		Y		3	0	3	73
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	15

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