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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 July 12, 2023, through July 16, 2023.

Wednesday

07/12/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Ron Church will be filling in for Tom Ward who is taking a few personal days (Wednesday through Friday).

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was used open. 3 Cal-Breds.

(3) THE DRAW

Forty nine horses passed the entry box to compile our eight race program.

Thursday

07/13/2023

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in one rider, one gelding, one distance correction and four weight changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was used open. 3 Cal-Breds.

(3) THE DRAW

It took until 6:30 P.M. to squeeze forty eight horses out of the barn area to make Sunday's eight race program.

Friday

07/14/2023

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Sunday resulted in one rider change.

Saturday
07/15/2023

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

4th Race #1 Kerrygold Lady (Vet-sick)
#3 Quiet Forest (Vet-sick)
#6 Night Party (Vet-injured) Refund of \$787.10
6th Race #1 Mindshare (Panel-vet history) Refund of \$228.10

(2) JOCKEYS EXCUSED/OFF

Apprentice jockey Juan Pinson, who was scheduled to make his debut under silks this evening, was not allowed to ride as he did not have a baseline concussion test on file. A replacement rider was named.

Apprentice jockey Armando Aguilar was excused from his mount as he was never alerted to the fact that he was named on a horse at this venue this evening. A substitute rider picked up the mount.

(3) RULINGS

Ruling # 82

GROOM EDGAR GIRON, HAVING BEEN DULY NOTICED, IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON JULY 17, 2023.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Giron did not appear for his hearing.

Ruling # 83

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(3) (USE OF RIDING CROP – STRUCK HIS MOUNT DURING THE POST PARADE/WARM UP PERIOD) PRIOR TO THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 9, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards reviewed video of the warm-up period for the fourth race on July 9th, during which Mr. Lozano struck his mount with the riding crop on more than one occasion. He gave no acceptable excuse for his actions. He was fined earlier in the year for the same offense. Mr. Church dissented as he felt that a suspension was in order

(4) ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the second race to ascertain the reason #3 Tough To Catch stumbled and lost its rider, Adrian Escobedo, shortly after the start. After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify #4 Bold Talker from fourth to unplaced. Video showed that the incident was caused when Bold Talker stepped inward in the second jump, forcing Tough To Catch onto the heels of #2 Wiley's Wonder, which had stepped out slightly at the start of the race. Unfortunately, Tough To Catch, running riderless, blew the turn and went over the outside rail in the upper stretch. Miraculously, the horse did not appear to suffer any serious injuries and was vanned back to its barn. A claim for the horse was voided.

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,381	\$158,674.70
Off track	1,184	\$368,384.70
Out of state	N/A	\$856,931.16
Total	7,565	\$1,383,990.56

Sunday
07/16/2023

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

8th Race #3 Flash of Sass (Vet-injured) Refund of \$147.50

(2) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Cerapio Figueroa was excused after riding in the second race as he had to attend to a family emergency. A replacement rider was named.

(3) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Henry Lopez was in the office to review the second race from Saturday evening, in which his mount was disqualified for an incident at the start. After a review and discussion, Mr. Lopez was exonerated as he made a good effort to correct his mount.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited by trainer Jesus Nunez in the first race for #6 Half Hoping was voided as Official Veterinarian Jocelyn Lorbiecki reported that the horse was "off" in both forelegs during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to trainer Brian Cunningham.

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #4 J La Sultana flipped while awaiting the start and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$29,098.70. The rider, Oscar Peinado, was not injured.

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	545	\$74,778.10
Off track	1,014	\$213,996.60
Out of state	N/A	\$1,011,838.93
Total	1,559	\$1,300,613.63

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 16, 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: 1 for soundness, 5 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Three 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 07/15	Sun 07/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			1	0	1	9
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	8
Claims	R			1	0	1	84
Disqualifications	K			1	0	1	15
Inquiries		D		1	0	1	23
Refunds		A		2	2	4	294
Rulings		Y		2	0	2	83
Voided Claims		S		1	1	2	19

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