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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 25, 2023, through July 30, 2023.

Tuesday

07/25/2023

(1) STEWARD ABSENT

Steward Tom Ward was absent today for personal reasons and replaced by Safety Steward Paul Atkinson.

(2) COMPLAINTS #23LA0061 AND #23LA0064 – CARL GREGOIRE

A Microsoft Teams hearing was held this morning to address two complaints filed against owner Carl Gregoire. The first case (#23LA0061) was alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1489 (a)(8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation), and the second case (#23LA0064) was alleging violation of CHRB Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), and #1889 (Entry to Area Assigned to Trainer).

Present at the hearing in addition to the Board of Stewards (James Dreyer, Paul Atkinson, and Ron Church), attending via Microsoft Teams were California Horse Racing Board Chief Counsel Robert Brodnik, who presented the case, CHRB Investigator Kevin Kitashima, Mr. Gregoire and Attorneys Drew Couto and Leif Kleven representing Mr. Gregoire. Court Reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. Opening statements were given and documentary evidence and witness testimony were entered into the record and the hearing was concluded. Decision forthcoming.

Wednesday

07/26/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward is in the office this week for entries, scratches, and panel duties. The racing office crew put together a ten-race program for Saturday evening, consisting of one mixed breed race and nine Quarter Horse events. Hopefully, the racing program will be under way around 7:30 PM, but that time is dependent on what time the eleven race card at Del Mar concludes.

Thursday
07/27/2023

(1) HEARING DAY/ ENTRIES/ PANEL

The Board of Stewards convened this morning to hear two cases scheduled by the Board. The first case was a complaint filed against trainer Scott Willoughby for failure to register his horse Chivalry as a bleeder at the proper time. Mr. Willoughby was very forthright, stating that the horse had bled in a race from July of 2022, and he gave the horse some time off. On the day of entries he received a call from the racing office to see if he had a horse for a "light" race. He entered Chivalry and forgot to put the horse on the Lasix list. His veterinarian, Dr. Overly, submitted the slip the next morning.

The Stewards will review the case and render a decision this coming weekend.

(2) SUNDAY DRAW

The draw for Sunday's nine race card went well, as things were completed by mid-afternoon. One mixed breed race and eight Quarter Horse events are on tap.

(3) FINANCIAL HEARING

Trainer Pablo DeJesus was in the office in response to a complaint filed by groom Edgar Giron for back wages. The case was dismissed for two reasons: Mr. Giron, who was suspended last weekend for failure to appear, did not attend the hearing and Mr. DeJesus submitted evidence that Giron had been paid for his work.

(4) LOS ALAMITOS ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met via telephone to discuss entries for Saturday. The meeting was brief, as half of the races on Saturday are stakes. There was one "hard watch" horse in the first event.

Friday
07/28/2023

(1) SUNDAY CHANGES AND PANEL

As far as changes go, there were no scratches and two weight corrections. The Los Alamitos panel met once again, with one horse placed on the "hard watch" list.

Saturday
07/29/2023

(1) RULING #88

Ruling #88

TRAINER SCOTT WILLOUGHBY IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER THE HORSE CHIVALRY AS A BLEEDER PRIOR TO ENTRY. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1845 (b)(2) (BLEEDER LIST-LATE REGISTRATION).

The foregoing ruling was issued when trainer Scott Willoughby failed to have the horse Chivalry properly registered for Lasix at the time of entries.

(2) OWNER CARL GREGOIRE - DISMISSAL

The two complaints (Case numbers #23LA0061 and #23LA0064) filed against owner Carl Gregoire by the California Horse Racing Board were dismissed after the Stewards reviewed the documentary and oral evidence presented at the hearing held on July 25, 2023. The decision was unanimous.

(3) TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – 2ND RACE

Following the running of the second race, trainer Clemente Hurtado (fifth place finisher #1 Fancy Like LiLi) lodged a claim of foul against (#2 Cartel Looks Hot) who finished fourth for interference mid race of the 300- yard event. The video shows the two horses make slight contact but there was no evidence of interference. The objection was disallowed, and the race was made official. The decision was unanimous

(4) INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 4TH RACE

The inquiry sign was posted to examine the start of #2 Chef Bobby, who reared at the break. The video revealed that when the starting gate doors opened #2 Chef Bobby reared and unseated his rider (Victor Salazar) who was uninjured. After speaking with the starter, we voted to make no change to the order of finish and declared #2 Chef Bobby a starter. The decision was unanimous.

(5) STEWARDS REVIEW – DISQUALIFICATION – 10TH RACE

The Stewards conducted a video review of the tenth race for a review of an incident nearing the finish involving #3 Optical Illusion (Jockey Victor Salazar) who finished sixth and #2 Delightful Again (Jockey Jesus Ayala) who finished seventh.

After reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #3 Optical Illusion from sixth to seventh. The video shows #3 Optical Illusion drift in nearing the finish making contact with #2 Delightful Again forcing Jockey Jesus Ayala to take up sharply costing that rival the opportunity of a better placing. The Futurity purse is distributed to all qualifiers receiving a percentage of the total purse with sixth receiving 4% and seventh receiving 3%.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Perfecto Amor (Jockey C. Figueroa) – Replaced by R. Aceves
#2 Awesome Heights (Tr. A. Vuocolo) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$137.70
2nd Race No Changes
3rd Race No Changes
4th Race No Changes
5th Race No Changes
6th Race No Changes
7th Race No Changes
8th Race No Changes
9th Race No Changes
10th Race No Changes

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	826	\$94,661.90
Off track	1,322	\$286,764.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,086,617.31
Total	2,148	\$1,468,043.21

Sunday
07/30/2023

(1) RULING #89

Ruling # 89

APPRENTICE JOCKEY YORDAN MACHADO, WHO RODE LAMPY IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 23, 2023, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 5TH, 6TH, AND 12TH, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (d)(3) (USE OF RIDING CROP - STRIKING MOUNT WITH THE CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Machado and the Stewards reviewed the video of the third race from Sunday July 23, 2023. Mr. Machado acknowledged he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed. The decision was unanimous.

(2) RULING #90

Ruling # 90

JOCKEY DIEGO HERRERA 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 WILDE THING IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 29, 2023.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Herrera failed to meet with the Stewards, as directed, to review his use of the riding crop in the tenth race on Saturday July 29, 2023.

(3) ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION 1ST RACE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the first race to review an incident shortly after the start involving #4 Circle Your Bet (Jockey Ricardo Ramirez) who finished second and #6 Barbacoa.

After reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #4 Circle Your Bet from second to unplaced. The video shows #4 Circle Your Bet drifts out soon after the start and crosses – over in front of #6 Barbacoa (Jockey Eduard Rojas) causing that rival to clip heels fall unseating his rider. #6 Barbacoa was caught and returned to his barn, Mr. Rojas was transported to Long Beach Memorial for examination. Accident report attached.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race #1 Oh Summer (Jockey E. Hernandez) Sick – Replaced by C. Mendez
 #8 Amazing Flyer (Tr. S. Rivera) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$202.10
 2nd Race No Changes
 3rd Race #1 Mister Bigg (Tr. H. Botello, Jr.) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$471.80
 4th Race No Change
 5th Race No Change
 6th Race No Change
 7th Race #7 First Prize Spirit (Tr. J. Aleman) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$276.70
 8th Race No Changes
 9th Race No Changes

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	784	\$89,607.70
Off track	776	\$188,533.40
Out of state	N/A	\$981,906.35
Total	1,560	\$1,260,047.45

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 30, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 1 for soundness, 2 for injury, 2 for sickness, and 5 for EIPH. Four 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 07/29	Sun 07/30	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	1	1	10
Cal-Bred Races	A			5	3	8	16
Claims	R			0	0	0	85
Disqualification	K			1	1	2	17
Inquiries		D		3	1	4	28
Refunds		A		1	3	4	308
Rulings		Y		1	2	3	90
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	19

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