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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 August 16, 2023, through August 20, 2023.**Wednesday**

08/16/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, August 19, 2023, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

Thursday

08/17/2023

(1) OWNER ELADIN FLORES (#23LA0139) AND MIA FAMILIA RACING STABLES (#23LA0140) – FINANCIALS WITHDRAWN

After the Stewards were notified by CHRB Supervising Investigator Kevin Kitashima that owner Eladin Flores (#23LA0139) and Mia Familia Racing Stables (#23LA0140) had paid their alleged debts in full, the complaints were withdrawn.

(2) FINANCIAL COMPLAINT (#23LA0158)

We held an informal hearing into a financial complaint between jockey agent April Ward and jockey Kevin Camacho. The complaint was filed by Ms. Ward alleging unpaid jockey agent fees. After both sides had the opportunity to testify, Mr. Camacho acknowledged that he owed Ms. Ward, but disputed the amount. We gave the parties time to come to an amicable settlement and will revisit the complaint next week.

(3) TRAINER GENARO VALLEJO (CASE #23LA0153)

Trainer Genaro Vallejo appeared before the Board of Stewards for a tape recorded hearing to address a complaint filed against him by the California Horse Racing Board for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances), #1843(a)(b)&(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), 1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations) and #1887

(Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

Mr. Vallejo was advised of his rights to counsel and agreed to go forward without representation. According to the complaint, Mr. Vallejo's horse "Think Of Anita" who finished second in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 2, 2023, was tested following the race and the Maddy EACL Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood test result contained Dexamethasone, a prohibited drug substance.

Mr. Vallejo testified that he doesn't use Dexamethasone, doesn't have any at his barn, and was at a loss to explain the findings as neither he nor his attending veterinarian administered Dexamethasone to Think Of Anita. We will review the testimony and render a decision.

(4) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Sunday night's program and changes to Saturday's program.

(5) ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were three horses that made the hard watch list.

Friday
08/18/2023

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee scratches for Sunday's program.

(2) ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were no changes.

Saturday
08/19/2023

(1) RULING #100

Ruling #100

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ, WHO RODE HES CHICKLESS IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 13, 2023, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 26TH, 27TH AND SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2023) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE LEAVING THE STARTING GATE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIFTH TO EIGHTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Cruz Mendez and the Stewards reviewed the tenth race from Sunday August 13, 2023. Mr. Mendez's horse was disqualified when he broke inward at the start and made contact with his inside rival causing that rider to check his mount and lose the opportunity for a better placing. Mr. Mendez acknowledged that contact was made but felt he made the best effort he could in the moment to control his mount's inward momentum before the interference occurred. While we agree that Mr. Mendez made an effort to correct his mount, it didn't happen until after the contact occurred. The decision was unanimous.

(2) RULING #101

Ruling #101

TRAINER GENARO VALLEJO, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "THINK OF ANITA", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 2, 2023, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* AND ASSESSED 1/2 POINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS (EXPIRES JULY 1, 2024) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), FOR VIOLATION OF

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES – DEXAMETHASONE- SECOND CLASS 4C VIOLATION WITHIN THE PAST 365 DAYS).

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards considered all of the testimony presented during the informal hearing held on Thursday August 17, 2023. The decision was unanimous.

(3) OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Official Veterinarian Gary Beck returned to the helm of the receiving/test barn this evening after taking some personal time off.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED – 1st RACE

The claim submitted by trainer Pablo De Jesus for #2 Liar Liar was voided after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported the horse was unsound and placed on the vet’s list. Liar Liar was returned to the barn of trainer Jorge Farias.

(5) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 4TH RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the fourth race for a review of the start involving #7 “HEZ APOLLITICAL” (Irving Lara) fourth and #6 “BLOWNBUBBLES” (Armando Cervantes) who finished seventh. After reviewing the video and interviewing the riders involved, the Stewards in a unanimous decision disqualified #7 Hez Apollitical from fourth to seventh (last). The video shows #7 breaking in sharply at the start making hard contact with #6 Blownbubbles, costing that rival the opportunity for a better placing.

Original Order of Finish 8-3-1-(7)-4-2-6

Official Order of Finish 8-3-1-4-2-6-(7)

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #4 Majestic Wind (tr. G. Stute) – Claimed by tr. J. Nunez
- #6 BDR Dragster (tr. A. Farias) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$137.20
- #8 Time Is Gone (tr. J. Uranga) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$164.40
- 2nd Race #4 Excessive Cat (tr. J. Uranga) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$298.90
- 3rd Race #5 Carving A Legacy (tr. J. Nunez) – Ineligible – Stewards. Refund: \$78.40
- 4th Race #5 Tree Seven Check (tr. A. Farias) – Gate Scratch (Flipped) Stewards Refund: \$5,316.41
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race #1 VF Bonafide (tr. J. Flores) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$126.00
- 9th Race #5 Apollitical Premier – Jockey A. Belloc excused replace by M. Jasso

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	747	\$93,721.20
Off track	1,174	\$283,765.20
Out of state	N/A	\$876,691.88
Total	1,921	\$1,254,178.28

Sunday
08/20/2023

(1) RACING CANCELED – (HURRICANE HILARY)

After forecast of high winds and heavy rains due to arrive in the evening hours, management made the decision to cancel racing for the evening.

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 20, 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: 5 for soundness and 5 for injury. Two 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 08/19	Sun 08/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	C	0	11
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	A	0	16
Claims	R			1	N	1	97
Disqualifications	K			1	C	1	22
Inquiries		D		1	E	1	35
Refunds		A		6	L	6	337
Rulings		Y		2	E	2	101
Voided Claims		S		1	D	1	22

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