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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 9, 2023, through August 13, 2023.

Wednesday

08/09/2023

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer has morning responsibilities which will include recording the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was used open. 1 Cal-Bred.

(3) THE DRAW

Sixty seven horses passed the entry box to shape our ten races Saturday night.

Thursday

08/10/2023

(1) SCRATCHES

One rider change completed Saturday's program changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was used open. 2 Cal-Breds.

(3) THE DRAW

Sunday's feature will be the \$206,200 Golden State Derby.

(4) COMPLAINT #23LA0016

Attending today's formal hearing were Gal Ruffu, Guillermina Mena, investigator Barrett Halcromb, and the Board of Stewards - Tom Ward, Ron Church and James Dreyer. Court reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. Ms. Ruffu arrived very well prepared and organized. She presented her arguments quite well.

Mrs. Mena was not nearly as meticulous. She tended to wander away from the point of the hearing to subjects that were not pertinent to the case.

After listening to an hour of testimony, the Stewards felt that this case would be better suited for small claims court. Both parties will be made aware of our decision.

Friday
08/11/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Sunday resulted in three rider changes.

Saturday
08/12/2023

(1) **RULING #97**

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JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY, WHO RODE CAL IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 6, 2023, IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 19TH, 20TH, 26TH, 27TH AND SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2023) FOR PERMITTING HIS MOUNT TO DRIFT IN ON THE FAR TURN, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO UNPLACED. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

Jockey Barrington Harvey met with the Stewards this afternoon to review his disqualification in Sunday's second race. Mr. Harvey was apologetic, but did not feel he was at fault. Unfortunately, the Stewards disagreed with him. Breaking from the seven post, he angled in throughout the run down the backstretch. At no time did he look back to check the position of the horses trailing him. Approaching the turn he had #4 Run Auntie T Run in a very precarious position causing him to clip heels and unseat Jockey Jesse Gonzalez. Cal was disqualified and deemed unplaced. Fortunately both horse and rider appeared uninjured.

(2) **INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the first race to review an incident entering the stretch. Barrington Harvey on #5 Siege The Day (3rd) drifted out entering the stretch causing #3 Not Gonna Last (3rd Cesar Ortega) to clip heels. Harvey's excuse was again "I didn't know he was there". After review of the film and getting the rider's input, the vote was unanimous to disqualify Siege The Day.

(3) **OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

Following the fifth race, Jockey Diego Herrera on #6 Proud Veteran (2nd) claimed a foul against #5 Sigur Ros (1st – R. Ramirez) in the turn. After reviewing the race, the Stewards felt the contact was initiated by Proud Veteran and no change was warranted.

(4) **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry was hung following the tenth to review the break. Both #1 Chosen One and #6 Attacked stumbled at the start unseating their riders. Both were declared starters as there was no outside interference.

(5) **LATE DECLARATIONS**

1st Race #6 Clubhouse Cat (A. Aquino) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$166.00
2nd Race #5 Wesleys Boy (S. Naranjo) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$131.20
4th Race #1 Smokin Hot Bobbie (A. Williams) – Entered Back – Stewards. Refund \$41.70
#3 Rain Diva (B. Cunningham) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$108.20
#8 Queen Of The Track (S. Rivera) – Unsounds – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$99.90
5th Race #3 Equipo A (S. Rivera) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$195.80
7th Race #4 Carving a Legacy (J. Nunez) – Flipped – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$1,827.22
9th Race #3 One Famous Commando (J. Flores) - Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$168.10
10th Race #7 Wicked Cowgirl Smart (H. Taylor) – Flipped in Gate – Stewards. Refund \$17,682.93

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	850	\$102,426.60
Off track	1,233	\$225,181.70
Out of state	N/A	\$1,119,391.02
Total	2,083	\$1,446,999.32

Sunday
08/13/2023

(1) RULING #98 (Refer 08/12/23 - #2)

Ruling # 98

JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY, WHO RODE SEIGE THE DAY IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 12, 2023, IS SUSPENDED FOR SIX (6) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 3RD, 9TH, 10TH, 16TH, 17TH, AND 23RD, 2023) FOR PERMITTING HIS MOUNT TO DRIFT OUT IN THE STRETCH, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO FOURTH. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (f)(2) (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

Barrington Harvey was in for the second consecutive race day for essentially the same thing, resulting in the foregoing ruling.

(2) RULING #99

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HAVING VIOLATED THE HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY AUTHORITY RULE #2280 (USE OF RIDING CROP) AND PURSUANT TO HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY AUTHORITY RULE #2282 (RIDING CROP VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES – CLASS 3), JOCKEY ERICK GARCIA, WHO RODE LADY RANGER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 5, 2023, IS SUSPENDED FOR (1) DAY (AUGUST 20, 2023), AND FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* FOR ONE (1) STRIKE OVER THE LIMIT.

FURTHERMORE, JOCKEY ERICK GARCIA IS ASSIGNED THREE (3) VIOLATION POINTS THAT WILL BE EXPUNGED ON FEBRUARY 5, 2024, SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF FINAL ADJUDICATION PURSUANT TO HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY AUTHORITY RULE #2282 (RIDING CROP VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES) – FIRST OFFENSE. JOCKEY ERICK GARCIA HAS ACCRUED A TOTAL OF THREE (3) POINTS. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES); THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Eric Garcia was found to be in violation of HISA Rule #2282.

(3) VOIDED CLAIM

The eighth race claim of The Best by trainer Jorge Farias was voided after the gelding was placed on the vet's list for bleeding. He was returned to trainer Scott Willoughby.

(4) INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry was posted following the tenth race to examine the start. #6 Hes Chickless (5th – C. Mendez) broke in sharply making hard contact with #5 Budder Off Friends (8th – R. Aceves) which initiated a chain reaction that eliminated everything down to the one horse. Those horses were all denied an opportunity at a fair placing. The vote was unanimous to place Hes Chickless last.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #2 Tangledupingrey (S. Naranjo) – Unsound – Dr. Lorbiecki. Refund \$371.00
6th Race #7 Glitter Lake (A. Aquino) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$750.35
10th Race #3 Mahomes Magic (S. Morfin) – Stake – Stewards. Refund \$1,266.56

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	636	\$89,538.20
Off track	808	\$208,731.20
Out of state	N/A	\$1,252,893.06
Total	1,444	\$1,551,162.46

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 13, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 2 for soundness, 4 for injury, 4 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. One horse 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 08/12	Sun 08/13	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	11
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			2	3	5	96
Disqualification	K			1	1	2	21
Inquiries		D		2	1	3	34
Refunds		A		9	3	12	331
Rulings		Y		1	2	3	99
Voided Claims		S		0	1	1	21

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

James Dreyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward