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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

### **Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association**

Cypress, California

#### TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of September 27, 2023, through October 1, 2023.**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

9/27/23<sup>1</sup>

#### **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, September 30, 2023, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

#### **THURSDAY**

9/28/23<sup>1</sup>

#### **ALEMAN HEARING – (Case #23LA0065)**

A formal Microsoft Teams hearing was held this morning to address a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board against trainer Juan Aleman for alleged violation of CHRB rules #1843 (a&b) (Medication, Drugs and other Substances), #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances), #1843.4 (Multiple Medications Violations) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

According to the complaint, the official urine sample (#LA52449) taken on March 26, 2023, from the horse "PARTY POLITICS", was reported by the Kenneth L. Maddy EACL at UC Davis, to contain three (NSAIDs) Flunixin, Ketoprofen and Phenylbutazone. Party Politics finished second in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 26, 2023. A split sample test was requested in accordance with CHRB rule #1859.25. Mr. Aleman selected the CHRB Independent Laboratory at Industrial Laboratories (Colorado). Due to errors in shipping and the condition of the sample, the test could not be completed.

Present, in addition to the Board of Stewards James Dreyer, Tom Ward and Ron Church, were Mr. Aleman and CHRB Investigator Stuart Ida, who read the complaint into the record. Attending by Microsoft Teams were California Horse Racing Board General Counsel Robert Brodnik representing the CHRB, and Attorney Darrell J. Vienna representing Mr. Aleman. Court Reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. There were no witnesses called by either side and Mr. Brodnik and Mr. Vienna gave closing statements and documentary evidence was entered into the

record and the hearing was concluded. After deliberating the testimony and the documentary evidence presented, we decided in a unanimous decision to dismiss the complaint.

9/28/23<sup>2</sup>

**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

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

9/28/23<sup>3</sup>

**ENTRY PANEL**

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

**FRIDAY**

9/29/23<sup>1</sup>

**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

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

9/29/23<sup>2</sup>

**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one recommended panel scratch in the sixth race.

**SATURDAY**

9/30/23<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #122**

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Jockey Cruz Mendez 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 Dasha Dynasty in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 24, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Cruz met with the Stewards and acknowledged he violated the crop rule.

9/30/23<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #7 C'mon Lets Switch (Tr. R. Lucas) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$93.60  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 BDR Top The Moon (Tr. A. Farias) – Gate Scratch – (Unsound) –  
Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$5,756.99  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Bronn (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – Claimed by Tr. S. Morfin  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Try Harder (Tr. L. Diaz) – Identifier – Stewards. Refund: \$228.49  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #3 She Hits (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Claimed – by Tr. S. Rivera  
8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
9<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Ima Sixy Man – Jockey R. Sanchez off sick, replaced by I. Lara  
#10 Escalated (Tr. M. Casselman) – Gate Scratch – (Flipped) –  
Stewards. Refund: \$33,674.59

9/30/23<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	897	\$95,158.20
Off track	1,290	\$277,469.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$932,451.21
Total	2,187	\$1,305,079.31

**SUNDAY**

10/01/23<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Island Life (Tr. R. DeLeon) – Claimed by tr. J. Nunez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Run Auntie T Run (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – Claimed by tr. J. Nunez

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 Thunderheart (Tr. K. Craigmyle) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$129.79  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Glitter Lake (Jockey J. Valenzuela)– sick replaced by J. Gonzalez  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Lillie Langtry (Tr. J. Aleman) – Panel – Stewards. Refund: \$434.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Coronas With One S (Tr. C. DeAlba) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$261.40  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

10/01/23<sup>2</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	736	\$80,248.20
Off track	867	\$244,181.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,173,054.19
Total	1,603	\$1,497,483.69

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 1, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 6 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 2 for soundness, 2 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. 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 9/30	Sun 10/01	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	11
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	16
<b>Claims</b>	R			2	1	3	115
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			0	0	0	26
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		0	0	0	39
<b>Refunds</b>		A		4	3	7	383
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		1	0	1	122
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	0	0	26

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

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Ron Church, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward