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

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

Cypress, California

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### **Report of the Board of Stewards for November 8, 2023, through November 12, 2023.**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

11/08/23<sup>1</sup>

##### **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, November 11, 2023, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

#### **THURSDAY**

11/09/23<sup>1</sup>

##### **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, November 12, 2023 and changes to Saturday's program.

11/09/23<sup>2</sup>

##### **ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one recommended panel scratch and one entry listed as a hard watch.

11/09/23<sup>3</sup>

##### **SALLY RIVERA (CASE #23LA0192)**

Trainer Sally Rivera appeared before the Board of Stewards in response to the complaint filed against her by the California Horse Racing Board alleging violation of rule #1878 (Workouts). Ms. Rivera chose to have an informal tape recorded hearing and was not represented by counsel. According to the complaint, Ms. Rivera's horse "Divine Sixth Secret" worked out on October 10, 2023, without having the horse examined by her attending veterinarian during the seventy – two hours immediately preceding the workout.

Ms. Rivera testified that her owner vanned the horse in on the morning of the workout and understood the horse was to receive a pre-workout exam and be checked for Vesicular Stomatitis Virus prior to the scheduled workout. Ms. Rivera's

attending veterinarian DVM Anita Yacoub testified telephonically that she did check Divine Sixth Secret for Vesicular Stomatitis and that she was dealing with the owner and did not understand that the horse would be performing a workout and did not conduct a pre-workout exam. As there were no other witnesses, the hearing was concluded. After considering all the testimony in a majority decision, Steward Church dissenting, the case was dismissed.

**FRIDAY**

11/10/23<sup>1</sup>

**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

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

11/10/23<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 and one entry listed as a hard watch.

**SATURDAY**

11/11/23<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #136**

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Trainer Guillermo Morales, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$2,416.37 to Equine Sports Medicine), is restored to good standing. Ruling LAQL #187, issued at Los Alamitos Racing Association on July 19, 2019, is set aside.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards received written notification that Mr. Morales has satisfied his debt to Equine Sports Medicine in the amount of \$2,416.37.

11/11/23<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #137**

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Jockey Jesus Rios Ayala is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* 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 Party Politics in the tenth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on November 5, 2023.

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

11/11/23<sup>3</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIMS – 2<sup>ND</sup> RACE**

Two claims were voided by the Stewards after they were notified by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck that both mares were unsound and placed on the vet's list.

#3 Trouble N Paradise was claimed by Trainer Martin Valenzuela, Jr. and returned to the barn of Trainer Sergio Morfin.

#5 Careless Star was claimed by Trainer Luke Lindsey and returned to the barn of Trainer Brian Cunningham.

11/11/23<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM – 6<sup>th</sup> RACE**

The claim submitted by Trainer Santos Perez for #6 Fervents Spirit (Trainer Juan Aleman) was voided by the Stewards after they were notified by Official Veterinarian

Gary Beck that the filly was unsound and placed on the vet's list. Fervents Spirit was returned to the barn of Juan Aleman.

11/11/23<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #3 Giant's Brite Eye (Tr. James Crotts) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$43.20  
#7 Catbernay (Tr. S. Naranjo) – Panel – Stewards. Refund: \$129.90

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 After Sundown (Jockey A. Escobedo – Traffic) Replaced by B. Harvey

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes

4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Stormy Joe (Tr. C. Treece) – Claimed by S. Rivera

5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 JM The Spaniard (Tr. P. Jones) – Questionable X-rays - Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$138.55

6<sup>th</sup> Race No Change

7<sup>th</sup> Race No Change

8<sup>th</sup> Race No Show Wagering  
#3 Asymptomatic (Tr. E. Andrade) Unsound Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: 396.00

9<sup>th</sup> Race #5 AJS Little Champ (Tr. H. Taylor) Sick Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$254.35

10<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Go Go Po Po Go (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$362.03

11/11/23<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,093	\$103,921.70
Off track	1,203	\$258,750.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$944,781.26
Total	2,296	\$1,307,453.56

**SUNDAY**

11/12/23<sup>1</sup>

**STEWARD ABSENT**

Steward James Dreyer was absent today for personal reasons and replaced by Safety Steward Paul Atkinson.

11/12/23<sup>2</sup>

**STEWARDS' REVIEW 6<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards conducted a review of the start as #3 “Embers Of Gold” failed to break. The video clearly shows #3 Embers Of Gold, ridden by jockey Jesse Gonzalez, dwelt when the starting gate doors opened and was off to a poor start. Embers Of Gold caused his own problems and was declared a starter.

11/12/23<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Molto Vivace (Tr. B. Cunningham) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$1,081.59

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 Arousing Lover (Jockey J. De La Torre – Sick) Replaced by J. Gonzalez  
#5 Chedoodle Rylee (Tr. H. Lawrence) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$214.93

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #7 Awsome Donna (Tr. C. Stutts) Unsound Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$167.40  
#8 Aspirational (Tr. S. Stevens) – Unsound Gate Scratch – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$13,232.22

4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Erebus (Tr. G. Lopez) Injured Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$1,046.23  
#6 Arrest (Jockey A. Ayuso – Traffic) – Replaced by D. Herrera

5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Jay Boy (Jockey J. Pasion – Sick) – Replaced by J. Gonzalez  
#4 Equipo A (Jockey J. Lopez – Personal) – Replaced by A. Escobedo

6<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Make Me Another (Tr. A. Aquino) Injured Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$275.71

7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

8<sup>th</sup> Race No Place or Show Wagering – Three Starters  
 #1 CB Ivyasilver (Tr. V. Zamudio) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
 Refund: \$143.80  
 #2 CM Apollitical Dandy (Tr. L. Lindsey) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald  
 Refund: \$113.05  
 #3 Fly Special Gold (Tr. V. Zamudio) – Panel – Stewards. Refund: \$51.15  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Dasha Dynasty (Tr. J. Flores) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$545.31  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

11/12/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	648	\$109,483.30
Off track	956	\$219,730.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,145,193.19
Total	1,604	\$1,474,406.89

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 12, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report. During this reporting period, 17 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 7 for soundness, 6 for injury, 3 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. Four horses previously on the Veterinarian’s List was examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 11/11	Sun 11/12	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	11
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	16
<b>Claims</b>	R			1	0	1	125
<b>Disqualification</b>	K			0	0	0	30
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		0	0	0	45
<b>Refunds</b>		A		6	10	16	441
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		2	0	2	137
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		3	0	3	35

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