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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 November 29 through December 3, 2023.**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

11/29/23<sup>1</sup>

#### **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, December 2, 2023, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

#### **THURSDAY**

11/30/23<sup>1</sup>

#### **FINANCIAL COMPLAINT – (CASE #23LA0191)**

Owner Silva Soto was scheduled to appear today in response to a financial complaint filed against her by Nicola Hardgrove, DVM alleging a debt in the amount of (\$3,925.50) for veterinarian services rendered.

Dr. Hardgrove was present at the hearing and Ms. Soto was contacted by phone. Ms. Soto testified that she had not received a copy of the complaint and a lengthy discussion ensued, Ms. Soto requested a copy of the alleged billings and an opportunity to review the charges. Ms. Soto's request was granted, and she was given until Saturday December 2, 2023, to respond. More to follow.

11/30/23<sup>2</sup>

#### **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, December 3, 2023 and changes to Saturday's program.

11/30/23<sup>3</sup>

#### **ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were no recommended panel scratches and two entries listed as a hard watch.

#### **FRIDAY**

12/01/23<sup>1</sup> **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**  
Steward Ron Church was present to oversee scratches and changes for Sunday's program.

12/01/23<sup>2</sup> **ENTRY PANEL**  
The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were no recommended panel scratches and two entries listed as a hard watch.

**SATURDAY**

12/02/23<sup>1</sup> **RULING #148**

**Ruling #148**

Jockey Armando Viramontes is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than two times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond) while riding Heather Denise in the tenth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on November 26, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Viramontes failed to meet with the Stewards, as directed, to review his use of the crop in the tenth race on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

12/02/23<sup>2</sup> **SECURITY VIOLATIONS – (#6772 - #6773)**  
Trainer Satchell Stevens and Owner Sean Perry met with the Stewards this evening for a tape-recorded hearing regarding Security Notices indicating a verbal altercation that took place at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 8, 2023. Both individuals acknowledged an incident occurred, with each blaming the other for instigating the dispute. After hearing testimony from both parties, the hearing was concluded. Decision to follow.

12/02/23<sup>3</sup> **OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN ABSENT**  
CHRB Official Veterinarian Gary Beck was absent this evening for personal reasons and replaced by DVM Jocelyn Lorbiecki.

12/02/23<sup>4</sup> **OBJECTION - NO CHANGE – 1<sup>st</sup> RACE**  
The Stewards posted the objection sign following the first race at the request of Jockey Ricardo Ramirez who finished second on #1 WHISKY MY GOD (ARG). Mr. Ramirez lodged a claim of foul against #2 PERFECT D (Barrington Harvey) who finished first.  
After reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official. The video shows both horses contributed to the minor contact approaching the finish of the 1000 yard event.

12/02/23<sup>5</sup> **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 8<sup>TH</sup> RACE**  
The Stewards conducted an inquiry following the running of the eighth race for a review of the start. After a thorough review of the video, the Stewards unanimously decided to disqualify #5 BELLA HUNTING (Jockey Henry Lopez) from third to unplaced for interference at the start.  
The video shows #5 Bella Hunting stumbles and breaks in at the start and makes hard contact with #3 First Prize Spirit (Jockey Jesus Ayala) fourth who in turn bumps #2 Val Parras (Jockey Gabriel Lara) who was unseated from his mount. Mr. Lara

was examined by the EMT's who recommended he be excused from the remainder of his mounts. Replacements riders were named.

12/02/23<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Hector's Hostage (Tr. R. Guillen) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$113.25  
4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Higher Heat (Tr. M. Fales) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$1,581.52  
#5 Bella Hunting (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – Claimed by Tr. S. Rivera  
9<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Luffytaro (Jockey Gabriel Lara) – Replaced by O. Peinado  
10<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Crystal Prize (Jockey Gabriel Lara) – Replaced by J. Leon

12/02/23<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	777	\$91,120.70
Off track	1,248	\$319,296.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$853,416.76
Total	2,025	\$1,263,834.26

**SUNDAY**

12/03/23<sup>1</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Oscar Peinado met with the Stewards for a review of the sixth race from Sunday November 26, 2023. Mr. Peinado's mount, Freddy Fender, was disqualified from first to sixth (last) for interference at the start. The Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Peinado made a solid effort to correct his mount and was not penalized.

12/03/23<sup>2</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Henry Lopez met with the Stewards for a review of the eighth race from December 2, 2023. Mr. Lopez's mount Bella Hunting was disqualified from third to unplaced for interference at the start. The Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Lopez made an acceptable effort to correct his mount and a suspension was not warranted.

12/03/23<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #149**

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Jockey Jesse P. Gonzalez 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 Ivory Spirit in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 2, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Gonzalez met with the Stewards and acknowledged he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

12/03/23<sup>4</sup>

**RULINGS #150 AND #151**

**Ruling #150**

Owner Sean Perry, having violated California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (2) (Disorderly Conduct – threatening, abusive or aggressive behavior toward another person), is ordered to contact the Winners Foundation for evaluation regarding anger management issues. Contact must be made prior to January 1, 2024.

**Ruling #151**

Trainer Satchell Stevens, having violated California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (2) (Disorderly Conduct – threatening, abusive or aggressive behavior toward another person), is ordered to contact the Winners Foundation for evaluation regarding anger management issues. Contact must be made prior to January 1, 2024.

The foregoing rulings were issued after the Stewards considered the testimony presented during the hearing held yesterday.

12/03/23<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Daisy Dancer (Tr. C. DeLima) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$151.94
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race #10 Code Charlie (Tr. G. Vallejo) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. \$425.08

12/03/23<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	586	\$75,344.80
Off track	1,029	\$156,285.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,150,468.63
Total	1,615	\$1,382,098.93

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 3, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report. During this reporting period, 4 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 2 for injury and 2 for sickness. Six 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 12/02	Sun 12/03	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	12
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	16
<b>Claims</b>	R			1	0	1	133
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			1	0	1	32
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		2	0	2	51
<b>Refunds</b>		A		2	2	4	458
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		1	3	4	151
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	0	0	37

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