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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, March 19, 2024 through Sunday, March 24, 2024.**

**TUESDAY**03/19/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Rod Newhart** was present for entries for Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. One hundred fifty-seven (157) horses were entered with one fifty-two (152) drawing in. There are ten (10) races scheduled for Friday with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM and eleven (11) for Sunday with a scheduled post time of 5:35 PM.

Entries were also taken for qualifiers to be held prior to the races on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Two (2) races were drawn with a scheduled post time of 4:45 PM.

**WEDNESDAY**03/20/24<sup>1</sup>**CHANGES**

Steward **Rod Newhart** was present to take changes for Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> with some driver changes and no declarations.

**THURSDAY**03/21/24<sup>1</sup>**CHANGES**

Steward **Rod Newhart** was once again present to take changes for Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. There were several driver changes and no declarations.

03/21/24<sup>2</sup>**SCHEDULED HEARING**

A hearing was scheduled for Compliant #24SW0004 against Licensee Jose Herrera. Mr. Herrera was in and signed a Waiver of Appearance. Ruling to follow.

03/21/24<sup>3</sup>**VIDEO REVIEW**

Driver JAMES KENNEDY who drove #3 EDITORIAL- Trainer Jessie Pacheco- in the second race on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> was in to review his actions regarding violations of the California

Horse Racing board Whipping Rule #1734 (b)-(restriction of use of the whip to more than wrist and elbow action). After review, Mr. Kennedy agreed to the violation. Ruling to follow.

03/21/24<sup>4</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Driver JESSIE PACHECO who drove #6 MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE- Trainer Jessie Pacheco- in the 7<sup>th</sup> race on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> was in to review his actions regarding violation of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734 (b) (8)- (use of the whip more than six times during the race). Mr. Pacheco was aware of his infraction. Ruling to follow.

Mr. Pacheco was also in the office for not wearing a safety vest to drive in the last couple races on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pacheco said he had removed his vest after driving in the earlier races because it was hot and bulky, and he had horses to attend. He said he just forgot to put it back on. Ruling to follow.

**FRIDAY**  
03/22/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULINGS WRITTEN**

**CE Ruling # 34**

Cal Expo Licensee Jose Herrera is hereby fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officer). On Saturday, February 10, 2024 after the second race, Mr. Herrera did allow his warm-up horse BRO HUG to obstruct the post parade of the third race after being instructed by Outrider Billy Don Wainscott that it was not permitted.

**CE RULING # 35**

Cal Expo Driver JAMES KENNEDY, who drove #3 EDITORIAL in the second race on Friday, March 15, 2024 at Cal Expo is hereby fined the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734 (b) (Whipping shall be restricted to elbow and wrist only).

**CE RULING #36**

Cal Expo Driver JESSIE PACHECO, who drove #6 MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE in the seventh race on Sunday, March 17, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule #1734 (b)(8) (Use of the whip more than six times during a race, excluding showing or waving the whip). Second offense within the Cal Expo racing season.

**CE Ruling # 37**

Cal Expo Driver JESSIE PACHECO, who drove #5 LOVE TO FLIRT in the twelfth race on Sunday, March 17, 2024 is hereby fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1689.1 (b) (No driver shall be riding on a sulky unless wearing a safety vest)

03/22/24<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS - Trainer Marco Rios-Scratched-Sick-Dr. Lane Schloeder. REFUND: 160.76

- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 MAUI- Trainer- Jessie Pacheco- Scratched- Sick- Dr. Eduardo De La Cruz. REFUND: \$220.94
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 FIERY CONCLUSION- Trainer Gerald Longo- Scratched- Injured-Dr. Lane Schloeder. REFUND: \$829.06

03/22/24<sup>3</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Eleven (11) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager banner with a scheduled post time of 6:45 PM over a track rated “Fast”.

All Races-The timer once again was not working properly. Watch and Wager Management is trying to address the timer problem. They were able to get the quarter pole sensor to work, but Placing Judge and Timer Tina Waters had to manually trigger the start, the half and the finish.

5<sup>th</sup> Race Stewards List- #1 HOWL AT THE MOON– Trainer Quentin Schneider- was placed on the Steward’s List for a “Break off a Qualifier”.

03/22/24<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	120	\$16,659.50
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$237,812.50
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$378,745.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	120	\$633,517.93

**SATURDAY**

03/23/24<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SUNDAY**

03/24/24<sup>1</sup>

**QUALIFIERS**

Two (2) races went postward over track rated “Fast” with all five (5) participants meeting the qualifying standards.

03/24/24<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 DAYTONA DREAMIN- Trainer Kathleen Plested and #5 SERENE HALL- should be programmed with “Trotting Hopples”.

03/24/24<sup>3</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Eleven (11) races were scheduled under the Watch and Wager banner with an amended post time of 5:10 PM over a track rated “Fast”.

All Races- The timer once again was not working properly and Placing Judge and Timer Tina Waters had to continue to manually trigger the start, the half and the finish.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Sire Stakes-The 3<sup>rd</sup> race was a California Sire Stakes race for Four Year Old Pacing Colts and Geldings. Four (4) horses went postward for a purse of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). These horses were required to report to the detention barn by Noon.

5<sup>th</sup> Race Sire Stakes-The 5<sup>th</sup> race was a California Sire Stakes race for Four Year Old Pacing Mares. Seven (7) females went postward for a purse of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). These horses were required to report to the detention barn by Noon.

9<sup>th</sup> Race Photo Finish- The Photo finish lights were not turned on at the finish of the race, therefore compromising the quality of the photo. It was a tight finish for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and the

stewards were unable to determine the exact finish from the photo they were presented resulting in the decision to declare a dead heat for the two positions.

03/24/24<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	125	\$15,503.30
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$151,178.00
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$549,170.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	125	\$715,852.13

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 3/22</b>	<b>Sat 3/23</b>	<b>Sun 3/24</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Refunds</b>	3	0	0	3	34
<b>Rulings</b>	4	0	0	4	37
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0

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Rod Newhart, Steward

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Steve Carpenito, Steward

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John Yinger, Steward

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