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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 December 8, 2020 through December 13, 2020.

Tuesday

12/08/2020

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer will have morning responsibilities in addition to authoring the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

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

(3) THE DRAW

Fifty-three entrants will comprise our three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse program Friday evening.

Wednesday

12/09/2020

(1) SCRATCHES

One ineligible horse was scratched completing Friday's program changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was off with three. 1 Cal- Bred.

(3) THE DRAW

Saturday night's feature will be the \$600,000 Champion of Champions for three year olds and up.

Thursday

12/10/2020

(1) SCRATCHES

Three rider switches completed Saturday's program changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book, maidens two years old, was called off failing to attract an entry.

(3) THE DRAW

This evening's highlight will be the Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity with an actual purse of \$1,977,250.

Friday
12/11/2020

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Sunday's program resulted in no changes.

(2) RULING #298

Ruling #298

OWNER RUEBEN SANDOVAL, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - \$5,140.00 TO SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE, INC.), IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #BMTM#19, ISSUED AT BAY MEADOWS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2000, IS SET ASIDE.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Sandoval finally decided to satisfy a debt to San Francisco Equine, Inc. which he had generated in 2000.

(3) RULING #299 and #300

Ruling #299

JOCKEY IRVING LARA IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) DAYS (DECEMBER 18TH, 19TH, AND 20TH, 2020) 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) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 6, 2020.

Ruling #300

JOCKEY ARMANDO CERVANTES IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) DAYS (DECEMBER 18TH, 19TH, AND 20TH, 2020) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (C)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP – CROPPING WITH THE CROP IN A COCKED POSITION) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 6, 2020.

The foregoing rulings were issued after both riders violated various sections of Rule #1688.

(4) COMPLAINT #20LA0214

In an attempt to minimize exposure, today's complaint was conducted telephonically. Trainer O'Dell testified that the problem is that Powerful Favorite has a liver condition and this is the second time he has been in here concerning the same horse. He admitted giving the Bute and said he had reduced the dosage significantly and the test was still high. This factor will be taken into consideration when assessing a penalty.

(5) GOOD EVENING

Friday evening's program was conducted with nothing of consequence to comment on.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #10 Sarah's Smirk (R. Lucas) – Entered Back – Stewards'. Refund \$211.70
- 2nd Race #4 Expensive Devon (T. Limon) – Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$282.06
- 3rd Race #5 Forest Wildflower (S. Rivera) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$277.00
- 4th Race #6 Dave's Gift (O. Heredia) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$94.06
- 7th Race #1 Sepertist Dash (F. Gonzalez) – Panel - Stewards'. Refund \$70.56
- #3 Coronas Bar (D. Montes) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$134.80

(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$5,546.30
Off track	118	\$25,479.30
Out of state	N/A	\$852,240.32
Total	118	\$883,265.92

(1) RULING #301 (Refer 12/11/20-#4)

Ruling # 301

TRAINER CHRIS O'DELL, WHO WORKED THE HORSE "POWERFUL FAVORITE", AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 16, 2020, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B, & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND 1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES – PHENYLBUTAZONE – THIRD VIOLATION WITHIN THE PAST 365 DAYS).

After due consideration, the foregoing ruling was issued.

(2) RULINGS #302, #303

Ruling #302

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B)(3) (USE OF RIDING CROP –USE OF THE CROP IN THE POST PARADE) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 6, 2020.

Ruling #303

JOCKEY RAUL VALENZUELA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP –MORE THAN SIX TIMES) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 11, 2020.

The above rulings were issued after both riders were guilty of violating Rule #1688.

(3) RULING #304

Ruling #304

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER JESUS MENDOZA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "PRECIOUS CORONA" THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 31, 2020, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B, & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (D)(5) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-PHENYLBUTAZONE).

Today's complaint will also be adjudicated by phone to limit possible exposure to the Corona Virus. Trainer Mendoza testified that he had no idea how Precious Corona tested positive for Phenylbutazone. His vet, Dr. Yacoub, administered Bute Seventy-two hours prior to the race and she is the only one that gives any medication to his horses. He stated that he does not train on any medications whatsoever.

(4) NO PROBLEMS

With the exception of an abundance of crop violations in the Champion of Champions, it was a very pleasant evening of racing at Los Alamitos.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1 st Race	#4 Run Manny Run (J. Nunez) – Got loose and ran off track – Stewards' Refund \$3171.64
	#7 Naughty Child (J. Nunez) – Injured – Dr. Beck. Refund \$59.60
2 nd Race	#2 Captain Fury (L. Ruiz) – Injured- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$858.00
4 th Race	#2 Clean Living (A. Williams) –Unsound- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$398.30

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$7,451.70
Off track	164	\$31,639.90
Out of state	N/A	\$1,082,006.95
Total	164	\$1,121,098.55

Sunday
12/13/2020

(1) RULINGS #305, #306, #307, #308, #309, #310

Ruling #305

JOCKEY FRANCISCO ORDUNA ROJAS IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7) (USE OF RIDING CROP –TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) DURING THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2020.

Ruling # 306

JOCKEY BRANDON BOULANGER IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 20TH, 26TH AND 27TH, 2020) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE) DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2020.

Ruling # 307

JOCKEY BRANDON BOULANGER IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2020.

Ruling #308

JOCKEY MARK JASSO IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) DAYS (DECEMBER 20TH, 26TH AND 27TH, 2020) 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), RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE), AND RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2020.

Ruling #309

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE, JR. IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) DAYS (DECEMBER 20TH, 26TH AND 27TH, 2020) 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) AND RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2020.

Ruling #310

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* AND IS SUSPENDED FOR TEN (10) DAYS (DECEMBER 20TH, 26TH AND 27TH, 2020 AND JANUARY 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH, AND 15TH, 2021) FOR A BLATANT DISREGARD 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), RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE), AND RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2020.

The foregoing rulings were generated after the riders violated Rule #1688 in varying degrees from moderate to blatant.

(2) GOOD RACING

The Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity was run incident free as were the other races this evening.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #5 Yes I'm Wild (A. Aquino) – Sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$345.78
- 2nd Race #3 Warm It Up (O. Heredia) - Sick- Dr. Beck. Refund \$326.00
- 5th Race #2 Sister Jolene (P. Visscher) –Injured- Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$38.56
- #3 Firebrand (R. Zamora) – Panel – Stewards'. Refund \$218.90

(4) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$7,413.60
Off track	157	\$41,521.80
Out of state	N/A	\$1,028,664.56
Total	157	\$1,077,599.96

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 13, 2020. There were no equine deaths to report. During this reporting period, 17 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 5 for injury, 5 for sickness, and 2 for bleeding. Eight horses 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 12/11	Sat 12/12	Sun 12/13	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	6
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	8
Claims	R		8	2	2	12	284
Disqualifications	K		0	0	0	0	34
Inquiries		D	0	0	0	0	40
Refunds		A	6	4	4	14	481
Rulings		Y	3	4	6	13	310
Voided Claims		S	0	0	0	0	44

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards James Dreyer, Richard Williams, David Nuesch and Safety Steward Luis Jauregui were in attendance during this reporting period.

James Dreyer, Steward

Richard Williams, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward