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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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Report for the Week of Monday, May 17, 2021, Through Sunday, May 23, 2021**MONDAY**

5/17/21¹

HERRICK FORMAL HEARING CASE #20SR0045

A formal hearing was held to adjudicate a financial complaint (CHRB #1876) filed by groom Alberto Aguero against trainer JOSEPH HERRICK pertaining to alleged wages owed in the amount of \$2,155.00 for 41 work days. The complaint was originally heard at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 17, 2020, without a tape-recording device due to COVID (Investigators; unavailable). As trainer Herrick appealed the decision of that hearing, the complaint was remanded back to the Stewards to attain an official record.

Present at the hearing were, groom Alberto Aguero, certified translator Caesar Arevalo, Santa Anita Security Sergeant Mark Mattick, Court Reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings and participating via Microsoft Teams was CHRB Investigator Mike Barker. Investigator Barker testified, Mr. Herrick was repeatedly notified of the date and time of the hearing and was informed he could appear in person or by Microsoft Teams (set up via email by Investigator Barker) he did not appear by either option. After hearing all of Mr. Aguero's testimony and entering all the exhibits into the record, the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

WEDNESDAY

5/19/21¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Steward Ron Church was available to oversee entries for Saturday, approve scratches and program changes for Friday. Also to adjudicate issues that may arise during these procedures. The overnight obtained nine races.

THURSDAY5/20/21¹**ENTRIES**

Again, Steward Church was available to make decisions pertaining to entries for Sunday's nine races and approve declarations and program changes for Saturday.

FRIDAY5/21/21¹**FINANCIAL WITHDRAWN CASE 21SA0054**

After the Stewards were made aware prior to the scheduled hearing date that Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc. was paid in full (\$700.00) by Hal Snowden, the complaint was withdrawn.

5/21/21²**GOOD RACING**

The eight race card was performed without incident, any changes made are listed below.

5/21/21³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #2 UNION BLISS (Tr. H. Palma) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
#4 SILVER MOON ROAD (Tr. T. Yakteen) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$3,983.33; Minus Pool \$655.40

2nd race No Changes; Refund \$68.50

3rd race #5 BEST OF SHOW (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
#6 GALLANTLYSTREAMING (IRE) (Tr. S. Nichols) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$1,130.39

4th race No Changes; Refund \$190.50

5th race #4 TRUE MISCHIEF (Tr. R. Baltas) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
#6 SO MUCH HAPPY (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt
Refund \$770.30

6th race NO SHOW WAGERING
#3 FLOYD MONEYMAKER (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
#4 LOVESICK BLUES (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
#7 PRESS BRIEFING (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed by Tr. R. Saldana
Refund \$1,836.40; \$11,204.27

7th race No Changes; Refund \$530.00

8th race #6 NOBU (Tr. S. Callaghan) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
#7 PERFECTLY JULIE (Tr. M. Stortz) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$4,533.13

5/21/18⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,685	\$261,525.88
SCOTWinc	2,149	\$888,353.44
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,807,506.17
Total	3,834	\$5,957,385.49

SATURDAY5/22/21¹**MACE RULING**

The following ruling was issued after owner Leigh "Ed" Mace failed to appear for a scheduled hearing pertaining to a financial complaint.

LATS RULING #095

Owner LEIGH "ED" MACE, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on May 21, 2021 to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$1,203.00- K C Horse Transport) is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on May 28, 2021.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of LEIGH "ED" MACE are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine). Subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

5/22/21²

INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE/ SIXTH RACE 3/4s DIRT

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of #1 QUEEN'S CODE (J. Hernandez 7th) leaving the starting gate. The available video indicated the horse stumble to its knees as it left the starting gate and veered inward as it regained its footing causing the Jockey to lose his balance for a few strides. There was no equipment or mechanical malfunction nor was any other horse involved. In a unanimous decision the original order of finish was made official.

5/22/21³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$10.50
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$186.00; Minus Pool \$2,406.53
 3rd race #2 NIMBOSTRATUS (FR) (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. L. Powell
 Refund \$133.00
 4th race #1 OUTLAW (Tr. V. Belvoir) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 #2 SACHEL DE RITCHES (Tr. M. Ortiz, Sr.) claimed by Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr.
 #4 OCTOPUS (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. P. Eurtan
 #5 BLACK STORM (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
 Refund \$1,395.3; Minus Pool \$4,111.52
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$241.00
 6th race #6 HEAD FOR BUSINESS (Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr.) Stewards-entered back
 Refund \$1,314.36
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 8th race #8 BARZEL FORCE (Tr. D. Dunham) G. Franco replaced H. Figueroa (sick)
 Veterinarian-injured paddock-Dr. Stead Refund \$7,509.30
 9th race #4 Go Smiley Go (O.J. Jauregui) DNF-walked off
 #6 Vella (Tr. L. Wicker) E. Flores replaced H. Figueroa (sick)

5/22/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,644	\$690,140.01
SCOTWinc	3,354	\$1,558,583.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,738,710.27
Total	6,998	\$9,987,434.18

SUNDAY

5/23/21¹

HERRICK RULING ref 05-17-21¹

The following ruling was issued after a decision was made following the formal hearing held on Monday, May 17, 2021.

LATS RULING #096

Following a formal hearing held at Santa Anita Park on May 17, 2021, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – groom wages), it is ordered that Trainer JOSEPH HERRICK pay Groom Alberto Aguero the amount of \$1,227.00 by June 21, 2021. Failure to do so will result in an immediate suspension of all licenses held by JOSEPH HERRICK.

5/23/21²

SECURITY VIOLATIONS

The following two rulings were issued after both licensees met with the Stewards and discussed their violations. Both were issued security violation notices for not pulling up during a morning workout while the lights and siren were on due to a loose horse. They were not working together. Both were informed this rule is necessary for the safety of everyone on the race track.

LATS RULING #098

Exercise Rider CESAR SALCEDO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – working while emergency lights are on) at Santa Anita Park on May 21, 2021.

LATS RULING #099

Exercise Rider JUAN ESPINOZA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – working while emergency lights are on) at Santa Anita Park on May 21, 2021.

5/23/21³

DESORMEAUX RULING

After conversation with Mr. Desormeaux post second race yesterday, he acknowledged he violated the crop rule, and the ruling was issued today.

LATS RULING #097

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX is fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – second offense within the last sixty days) during the second race at Santa Anita Park on May 22, 2021.

5/23/21⁴

INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE / FIFTH RACE 1 MILE-TURF

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the wire. Involved were #4 ORDER AND LAW (K. Desormeaux 1st) and #5 RIP CITY (M. Gutierrez 2nd). After a review of the race, conversation with the Patrol Judge and both jockeys involved the original order of finish was made official. In majority opinion, #4 drifted out, made slight contact to his outside with #5 and this incident did not affect the final placing. Steward Jauregui voted for a disqualification.

5/23/21⁵

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /SEVENTH RACE 1 1/8-TURF

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident leaving the starting gate. Involved were #3 JIMMY IRISH (V. Espinoza 4th), #4 HUBRIS (F. Pratt DNF) and #5 HUDSON RIDGE (A. Cedillo 1st). After the start as the field reached the dirt to turf transition #3 shifted out impeding #4 and #5. As #5 beat #3 and #4 did not finish, there was no change to the original order of finish.

5/23/21⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race NO SHOW WAGERING
#5 CASTLE (Tr. M. Glatt) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead. Refund \$3,260.80

2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$59.50; Minus Pool \$1,500.80

4th race #2 UNO TROUBLE MAKER (R. Gomez) claimed by Tr. P. Eurton
#3 CHOLLIMA (Tr. J. Metz) claimed by Tr. A. Lerner. Refund \$453.67

5th race NO SHOW WAGERING
#1 PROUD PEDRO (FR) (Tr. L. Powell) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
Refund \$1,519.56

6th race NO SHOW WAGERING
#2 NEXT REVOLT (Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr.) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
#4 LEPRINO (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) claimed by Tr. S. Miyadi. Refund \$1,851.58

7th race #4 HUBRIS (Tr. R. Baltas) DNF. Refund \$165.00

8th race #6 B'ESAME ME MUCHO (Tr. R. Ellis) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$1,007.98

9th race No Changes; Refund \$0

5/23/21⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,284	\$1,171,734.19
SCOTWinc	2,750	\$602,327.27
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,112,517.31
Total	6,034	\$6,886,578.77

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 05/17/21 TO 05/23/21

Horses on Vet List 24
Horses off Vet List 8
Shock Wave Therapy 3
Fatalities 0
Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Fri 5/21	Sat 5/22	Sun 5/23	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	1	5	112
Claims	2	5	3	10	196
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	15
Inquiries	0	1	2	3	30
Refunds	8	7	7	22	398
Rulings	0	1	4	5	99
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	15

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward