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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Monday, June 14, 2021, Through Sunday, June 20, 2021**WEDNESDAY**6/16/21¹**ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer came into the office to monitor entries for Saturday and Friday's scratches. The Racing Office carded eleven (11) races for Saturday.

THURSDAY6/17/21¹**ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES**

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6/17/21²**BALTAS HEARING (case #21SA0050)**

Trainer RICHARD BALTAS was in our office to answer to a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board for violations of rules #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substance), #1843.4 (Multiple Medications Violations), #1866 (e) (Veterinarian List), and #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). Mr. Baltas' horse "Gallovie" tested positive for the drug "Phenylbutazone" in post-workout sample (#NC51099) on April 22, 2021 for removal from the veterinarian List. Present in the hearing was Trainer Richard Baltas and CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen. Mr. Baltas stated that he and his barn staff could not figure out how the positive had occurred. After entering all the exhibits into the record, the hearing came to a close. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY6/18/21¹**DISQUALIFICATION HEARING (case#20SA0238)**

A formal hearing was held this morning when the California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against the parties for the horse "Flagstaff", alleging that the horse tested positive in a post-race sample for the substance "Clodronic Acid" (Osphos) on September 27, 2020, when the horse finished second in the 8th race at Santa Anita Park. The parties listed in the complaint were Trainer JOHN SADLER, Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA, Owner MICHEAL CLINE (Lane's End Racing), and Owners KOSTA HRONIS and PETE HRONIS (Hronis Racing LLC). None of those parties were present for the hearing. Present in the hearing were CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. After reading and entering the complaint into the record, the hearing came to an end. The ruling will be issued tomorrow morning.

6/18/21²

BALTAS RULING

The following ruling was issued after considering all the facts from yesterday's medication hearing:

LATS Ruling #104

Trainer RICHARD BALTAS, who worked the horse GALLOVIE for removal from the Veterinarian's List on April 22, 2021, at Santa Anita Race Track, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rules #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1866(e) (Veterinarian's List) and Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone [Class 4]).

6/18/21³

STEWARDS' REVIEW

We conducted a Stewards' Review after the running of the second race to examine the start of the #5 SUMMER ROSE (R. Gonzalez). In our opinion, after reviewing all available angles of #5, we determined that the starting gate doors opened simultaneously as the #5 had already started to break, giving him some momentum as the gates were opening. This is the racetrack term called "He caught a flyer". Therefore, no inquiry was conducted.

6/18/21⁴

TRAINER'S OBJECTION

We posted the objection sign when Trainer Phil D'Amato lodged a claim of foul to review the stretch run involving the winner #5 "Cider Apples" (GB) (J. Hernandez), the second-place horse #3 "Norma Jean B." (K. Desormeaux), and Mr. D'Amato's horse #4 "Lookintogeteven" (F. Prat), who finished in fourth place. After reviewing the video and speaking to all the parties involved, we made no change to the order of finish. We unanimously agreed that Mr. D'Amato's horse (#4) who was traveling in between the #5 and the #3, shied away from the #5 who was on the outside into the hind quarters of the #3, causing him to be tipped outwards. Therefore, we unanimously voted to make no change.

6/18/21⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#9 AGADOR SPARTACUS- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured Refund \$1,833.60
2 nd Race	#1 CLASS CODE- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick #2 MAMAS GOT CASH- J. Valdivia replaces E. Flores, sick Refund \$902.57
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$14.50
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$69.67
5 th Race	#1 LITTLE BIRD (IRE)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured #2 A NEW PEACE – VOIDED claim, returns to S. Knapp #4 LOUD LOUD MUSIC- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer #5 LAVENDER (IRE)- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer Refund \$940.77
6 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
7 th Race	#4 BRITTLE AND YOO- Claimed by R. Ellis, trainer Refund \$0
8 th Race	No changes; Refund \$132.16
9 th Race	No changes; Refund \$626.48
10 th Race	#2 AX MAN- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$3,658.18

11th Race No changes; Refund \$0

6/18/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,371	\$445,368.09
SCOTWinc	2,407	\$1,025,497.77
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,930,243.59
Total	4,778	\$8,401,109.45

SATURDAY

6/19/21¹

DISQUALIFICATION RULING (case #20SA0238)

The following ruling was issued in reference to yesterday's disqualification hearing involving the horse "Flagstaff" trained by John Sadler:

LATS Ruling #105

Acting on a report from the University of California, Maddy Analytical Laboratory, the official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #SA32049, obtained from the horse "FLAGSTAFF", the second place finisher in the eighth race at Santa Anita Race Track on September 27, 2020, contained "Clodronate" (Class 1) is a prohibited substance, it is ordered that "Flagstaff" be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$40,000.00) earned or awarded to Owners Lane's End Racing or Hronis Racing LLC, (\$1,855.00) Jockey Victor Espinoza and (\$3,690.00) Trainer John Sadler be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park on or before July 19, 2021, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 st C Z Rocket | 2 nd Collusion Illusion |
| 3 rd Desert Law | 4 th Giant Expectations |

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California horse Racing Board rule 1956 (Race Declared Official) this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

6/19/21²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ DISQUALIFICATION

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the second race involving the unofficial winner #6 "Ko Olina" (J. Hernandez) and the second-place horse #5 "Eda" (A. Cedillo) for an incident in the stretch. After speaking to the patrol judges, riders involved and reviewing the video, we disqualified the #6 and placed him second behind #5 for interference. In a unanimous opinion, we felt that the #6 floated out two paths making contact with #5 costing him the opportunity of a better placing, who was beaten a nose for the win.

6/19/21³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #2 APPLAUD THE BENCH- Stewards' scratch- Lost rider in post parade
#13 SPANISH CHANNEL- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
#14 UNUSUAL RIDE- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible Refund \$12,977.91
- 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$100.00
- 4th Race No changes; Refund \$78.00; Minus Pool \$59.49
- 5th Race #8 CIRCUMVENT – Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured
#11 INSTANBUL- Late Stewards' scratch- Gelding
#13 JEDI MASTER- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
#14 GONE ROGUE - Stewards' scratch- Also eligible Refund \$5,523.25
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$184.32
- 7th Race #2 BEDROCK- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick Refund \$1,301.06
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 9th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 10th Race No changes; Refund \$50,106.07
- 11th Race No changes; Refund \$0

6/19/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	11,191	\$1,036,691.41
SCOTWinc	3,649	\$1,705,829.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$10,862,565.55
Total	14,840	\$13,605,086.06

SUNDAY

6/20/21¹

ESFANIARI RULING (case#21SA0064)

The following ruling was issued when Owner OZRA ESFANDIARI (Knockanally LLC) failed to appear for yesterday’s financial hearing. Veterinarian John Araujo filed a complaint for unpaid veterinarian services for the amount of \$1,962.00.

LATS Ruling #106

Owner OZRA ESFANDIARI (DBA KNOCKANALLY, LLC) having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on June 19, 2021, to answer a complaint regarding case #21SA0064 alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Veterinarian John Araujo - \$1,962.00) is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on June 28, 2021.

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of OZRA ESFANDIARI (DBA KNOCKANALLY, LLC) 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.

6/20/21²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEWS

Jockey JOE BRAVO came in to review yesterday’s ninth race in which he possibly violated the riding crop rule when he used his crop three times in succession. Mr. Bravo flagged once in between each time he used the crop, but we warned him that he needed to flag twice or do something different. Ms. Sawyer voted for a penalty as she believed he used the crop four times consecutively.

Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ was in to look at yesterday’s second race in which he was involved in a steward’s inquiry and was disqualified from first to second place for an incident in the stretch. Mr. Hernandez stated that he tried to correct his horse. We agreed that he made an effort, therefore he was issued a warning.

Jockey KAYLA STRA was in our office to review yesterday’s first race where she possibly violated the riding crop rule, when she used her crop in the uncocked position. She stated that she had trouble switching sticks and it wasn’t her intention to use it. After reviewing the video several times, we issued Ms. Stra a suspension. She used the crop in the under hand position three times, which constitutes an automatic suspension.

LATS Ruling #107

Jockey KAYLA STRA, who rode BANGO ISHERNAYMO in the first race at Santa Anita Park on June 19, 2021, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days, (June 27; July 1 and 2, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (c)(2) (Use of Riding Crop – not in the underhand position – first offense in the last 60 days).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races) the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

6/20/21³

STEWARDS’ INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE (4thrace)

We posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident on the backside involving the winner #3 BIG CITY LIGHTS (J. Hernandez) and the fourth-place horse #1 STREET ART (K. Desormeaux) who steadied. After reviewing the video and speaking to the riders involved, we unanimously voted to make no change to the order of the finish. In our opinion the #1 was attempting to drive into a hole just inside the #3, where there was insufficient space to go into. Therefore, no change was made to the results.

6/20/21⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$706.31
 2nd Race #1 MISS ALEGRIA- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured
 #5 Paid Informant- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer Refund \$2,342.08
 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$29.50
 4th Race No changes; Refund \$115.06
 5th Race #13 AHIMAAZ- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 #14 Silent Muskietier- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible Refund \$708.93
 6th Race #2 Worldly Sermon- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick Refund \$1,132.13
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$100.28
 9th Race No changes; Refund \$375.38
 10th Race #1 PORTUGUESEPRINCESS- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick
 #6 SHELL SHOCK- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured
 #7 WITH OPEN EYES- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick
 #9 HIGH CON- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick Refund \$3,266.79
 11th Race #7 GYPSY BLU- Claimed by R. B. Hess Jr., trainer Refund \$0

6/20/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	9,880	\$1,142,153.38
SCOTWinc	3,219	\$1,354,671.37
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$11,901,372.49
Total	13,099	\$14,398,197.24

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 06/3/21 TO 6/20/21

Horses on Vet List 15
 Horses off Vet List 11
 Shock Wave Therapy 2
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Fri 6/18	Sat 6/19	Sun 6/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	1	5	136
Claims	3	0	2	5	228
Disqualifications	0	1	0	1	16
Inquiries	1	1	1	3	34
Refunds	8	7	9	24	485
Rulings	1	1	2	4	107
Voided Claims	1	0	0	1	18

Respectfully submitted,

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

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