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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of August 17, 2021, through August 22, 2021.

Thursday

08/20/2021

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office this week for entries, scratches, changes and panel discussions. The abbreviated race week cards were difficult to fill, but the Racing Office staff managed to card nine races for Saturday and ten wagering puzzles for Sunday. Changes to the original programs were few. Ward will be writing minutes for the week.

Saturday

08/21/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

| | | |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|
| 2 nd Race | #2 Lucky Cause (Vet-injured) | |
| | #4 Mesa Star (Vet-injured) | Refund of \$279.46 |
| 5 th Race | #2 Pretty Devon Lady (Panel-Not on grounds 7 days prior) | Refund of \$95.36 |
| 6 th Race | #6 Stel Chancey (Vet-injured) | Refund of \$124.46 |
| 9 th Race | #3 Apollitical B Beast (Entered back) | Refund of \$208.20 |

(2) RIDER OFF

Juan Pablo Leon was removed from his mounts this evening as he informed Assistant Clerk of Scales Ramiro Castillo that he was delayed returning from parts unknown and would not be able to fulfill his engagements. Replacement riders were named.

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited by trainer Arturo Williams in the fifth race for #6 Calendar Girl Cartel was voided after the Stewards were informed by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck that the horse was "off" in the left foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Ricardo Guillen.

As an aside, trainers were unusually active at the claim box this evening. A total of seven horses found new homes during the course of the racing program.

(4) REFUND

There was a refund ordered in the eighth race as two horses were late declarations. #1 Argumentative lived up to his name and flipped while awaiting the start, prompting Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. Unfortunately, #2 Red Rosy Cartel was stepped on by the unruly #1 horse and suffered an injury which prevented it from starting. The combined refund amounted to \$20,356.84. Argumentative ran off into the barn area, but remained loose until it was captured in the parking lot.

Neither rider was hurt, but the ambulance crew said quick work by the assistant starters likely saved Victor Salazar, who was aboard the #1 horse, from possible serious injury.

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 815 | \$133,167.30 |
| Off track | 985 | \$296,579.00 |
| Out of state | N/A | \$1,078,066.08 |
| Total | 1,800 | \$1,507,812.38 |

Sunday
08/22/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 3rd Race #6 No Malice (Vet-injured) Refund of \$104.96
- 4th Race #1 Commissioness (Stewards)
#3 Naomi Fraley (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$827.96
- 5th Race #6 Castle Gate (Vet-injured) Refund of \$337.98
- 7th Race #7 I Getit (Vet-injured) Refund of \$485.26
- 9th Race #6 Famous Shining Star (Vet-injured) Refund of \$153.76
- 10th Race #3 Off and On (Vet-sick) Refund of \$771.26

(2) RULING #165

Ruling # 165

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 21, 2021.

This ruling was issued as the rider once again failed to fulfill his engagements. We sympathize with his plight fighting weight, but the time is coming when Mr. Leon is going to have to make a decision-either get his weight under control or hang up his tack. Additionally, he is being removed from his mount in the ninth race this evening as he cannot come within the seven pound maximum overweight limit.

(3) CROP RULINGS

Ruling # 166

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 29TH. AND SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 21, 2021.

Ruling # 167

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES, WHO RODE CANELITO IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 21, 2021, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 29TH, AND SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2021) 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).

Ruling # 168

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* 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) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 21, 2021.

These rulings were issued for crop violations on Saturday evening. None of the riders had an acceptable excuse.

(4) RULING #169

Ruling # 169

OWNER LUIS R. GARCIA, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$1,010.00 TO DR. NICOLA HARDGROVE) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #265, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON OCTOBER 12, 2019, IS SET ASIDE.

The foregoing ruling was issued after it was learned that Mr. Garcia had paid off a delinquent veterinarian bill.

(5) RIDERS EXCUSED

Jockey Erik Garcia was excused this evening for personal reasons, while Jairo Rangel could not pay an overdue fine after being given an extension. Replacement riders were announced.

(6) ACTIVE CLAIM BOX

Los Alamitos trainers were once again storming the claim box. This evening, seven horses changed hands, with 35 claims being dropped for four horses in the tenth race- a \$12,500 claiming stakes.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 653 | \$113,139.60 |
| Off track | 877 | \$248,105.30 |
| Out of state | N/A | \$1,192,426.33 |
| Total | 1,530 | \$1,553,671.23 |

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 22, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 3 for soundness, 9 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Twelve horses previously on the Veterinarian’s list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

| | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat 8/21 | Sun 8/22 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------------|-------------|------|------|
| Accidents | D | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Cal-Bred Races | A | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Claims | R | | | 7 | 7 | 14 | 157 |
| Disqualifications | K | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Inquiries | | D | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 |

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|----------------------|--|---|--|---|---|----|-----|
| Refunds | | A | | 5 | 6 | 11 | 348 |
| Rulings | | Y | | 0 | 5 | 5 | 169 |
| Voided Claims | | S | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 23 |

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, Richard Williams, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Richard Williams, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward