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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Los Angeles County Fair Meet at Los Alamitos
Los Alamitos Racing Association****TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report for the Week of Monday, September 20, 2021, Through Sunday, September 26, 2021.**WEDNESDAY**9/22/21¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open accepting entries for Saturday September 23, 2021. Nine races were drawn. Sixty-seven horses are scheduled to start. Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty.

THURSDAY9/23/21¹**ENTRIES/SCRATCHS/ STEWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Racing Secretary Bob Moreno and his staff were on duty today accepting entries for races on the closing day of this meet Sunday September 26, 2021. Steward Luis Jauregui is on duty for the CHRB overseeing entries and scratches. Ten (10) races were drawn today for the closing day card to be held on Sunday September 26, 2021. Seventy-nine (79) horses are scheduled to go post ward.

Stewards Baker and Ward were also on hand as all three (3) Stewards participated in a CHRB Stewards Committee meeting that was held on the 'Microsoft Teams format.

FRIDAY9/24/21¹**GEOVANNI FRANCO RULING**

On Friday September 17, Jockey Geovanni Franco called the Stewards office to inform us that he would not be fulfilling his three (3) riding engagements on Sunday, September 19. Jockey Franco called from Mexico City and informed us that he had 'picked up' some horses over the weekend there. Two (2) of the three (3) mounts he was scheduled to ride today at Los Alamitos

were late program scratches. The ruling below was for missing his assignment in the seventh race on #5 COVER VERSION who finished third on September 19.

LAFI RULING #13

Jockey GIOVANNI FRANCO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 19, 2021.

9/24/21²

CHRISTIAN ARAGON RULING

Jockey Christian Aragon was observed using his riding crop nine (9) times in the second race on Sunday September 18. Jockey Aragon was aboard #4 Luca's Ride who finished sixth in this 5 1/2 furlong event. He also used his riding crop three (3) consecutive times in this race. He did not appear for an informal film review yesterday September 23 as ordered.

LAFI RULING #14

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of a race – first offense in the last sixty days) while riding in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 18, 2021.

9/24/21³

AGUSTINE LARA COMPLAINT (CASE #21DM0016)

RAFAEL CASTANEDA COMPLAINT (CASE # 21DM0017)

A combined hearing was conducted this morning in the Stewards Office for Valet Augustine Lara and Valet Rafael Castaneda. These two (2) individuals were involved in a fist fight in the Del Mar Jockey's Room following the races on August 21, 2021. CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcomb investigated the alleged incident. He prepared separate ten (10) page complaints against these individuals for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). CHRB Investigator Stuart Ida presented the complaints at today's informal hearing.

Also present was Darin Scharer from the Winners Foundation. Along with drug and alcohol treatment/counseling, his organization addresses issues regarding anger management. Valets Lara and Castaneda, who work in close quarters on a daily basis, testified at today's informal hearing. Decisions will be issued tomorrow.

9/24/21⁴

GOOD RACING

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

9/24/21⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2nd Race Declaration #1 SHARDIAL (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

6th Race Declaration #5 FULL DRAW (Tr. R. Saldana) claimed, M. Pineda, trainer-**VOIDED**-
Nolton Pattio VMD

8th Race Declaration #2 SEASON TO REMEMBER (Tr. C. Lewis) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$1,162.23

9/24/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 709 | \$220,638.50 |
| SCOTWinc | 1,979 | \$847,155.22 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | \$3,473,246.54 |
| Total | 2,688 | \$4,541,040.26 |

SATURDAY

9/25/21¹

AUGUSTINE LARA (CASE #21DM0016) & RAFAEL CASTANEDA (CASE#21DM0017) DECISIONS

The rulings below were issued following an informal hearing (REF: 09/24/21³) that was held in our office yesterday. Valet LARA and Valet CASTANEDA were involved in a fist fight following

the races in the Del Mar Jockeys Room on August 21, 2021. The only thing agreed on by these two (2) individuals is that they have had a 'long standing dispute'. Both men blamed the start of the fight on each other. The CHRB (Investigator Barrett Halcromb) and Del Mar Racetrack Security submitted investigative reports following this incident. Darrin Scharer (Winners Foundation) will keep Southern California Stewards updated regarding the anticipated participation in anger management classes for both pugilists.

LAFL RULING #15

Valet AUGUSTINE S. LARA is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*; ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board; ordered to complete an anger management program acceptable to the Winners' Foundation and placed on probation for as long as he holds a California Horse Racing Board license for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – fighting in the Jockeys' Room at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on August 21, 2021).

LAFL RULING #16

Valet RAFAEL D. CASTANEDA is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*; ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board; ordered to complete an anger management program acceptable to the Winners' Foundation and placed on probation for as long as he holds a California Horse Racing Board license for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – fighting in the Jockeys' Room at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on August 21, 2021).

9/25/21²

SMOOTH CARD

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Stewards inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

9/25/21³

HOT JOCKEY

Jockey Abel Cedillo had an excellent afternoon riding eight (8) horses and winning four (4) races. Today's 'four-bagger' gives leading rider Cedillo eighteen (18) winners going into tomorrow's closing day card. Tomorrow is Day 9 for this meet.

9/25/21⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race Declaration #3 GORDY'S BOY (Tr. S. Miyadi) Sick-Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$928.86
2nd Race #4 BORKAN (Tr. D. O'Neil) claimed, A. Sherman, trainer
3rd Race #5 LOOKOUT POINT (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
4th Race Declarations #7 CASTLE GATE (Tr. S. Morfin) Enter Back-Stewards
8 AROUND THE DIAL (Tr. A. Aquino) Enter Back-Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$809.11
5th Race Declarations #3 MAN ON THE MOON (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD
#5 NORTHERN GEM (Tr. L. Barocio) Enter Back- Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$783.20. NO SHOW WAGERING
7th Race Declaration #4 LOOKINFORMISCHIEF (Tr. J. Metz) Late scratch on track-Dana
Stead DVM. REFUND: \$32,114.40
9th Race Program Change #4 Liberty Liberty races on Lasix

9/25/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 1,420 | \$420,617.70 |
| SCOTWinc | 2,870 | \$1,437,924.60 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | \$5,176,565.51 |
| Total | 4,290 | \$7,035,107.81 |

SUNDAY

9/26/21¹

EARL BAZE RULING

Trainer EARL BAZE failed to complete his paperwork regarding Lasix medication in a timely manner (prior to entry). Trainer Baze was notified of the following penalty that was issued in a majority decision. Steward Ward dissenting.

LAFI RULING #17

Trainer EARL T. BAZE is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Bleeder List – late registration of LIBERTY LIBERTY in the ninth race on September 26, 2021).

9/26/21²

EDUARD ROJAS FERNANDEZ RULING

Jockey EDUARD ROJAS FERNANDEZ appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride aboard #3 CAPTURE THE SEA, who finished second in yesterday's (September 25) fourth race which was contested at 5 ½ furlongs. Today's film review shows Jockey Rojas Fernandez use his riding crop seven (7) times during the entire race. This is his second violation of CHRB Rule #1688 in the last sixty (60) days.

LAFI RULING #18

Jockey EDUARD ROJAS FERNANDEZ is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the race – second offense in the past sixty days) while riding in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 25, 2021.

9/26/21³

MINOR ARANA RULING

Jockey MINOR ARANA appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride aboard #2 Prince Ali who finished sixth in yesterday's fourth race. Jockey Arana used his riding crop eleven (11) times in this race, which is well over the limit. He also finished 'well back' in this seven (7) horse event. Jockey Arana told us he was only aware of a portion of CHRB Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) and didn't realize he violated the rule yesterday. In lieu of a monetary penalty the Stewards issued suspension days for excessive use of the riding crop.

LAFI RULING #19

Jockey MINOR ARANA is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (October 3, 8 and 9, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the race – first offense in the last sixty (60) days) while riding in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 25, 2021.

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

9/26/21⁴

ALEXIS CENTENO RULING

Jockey ALEXIS CENTENO appeared in our office to explain why he was late reporting to the jockey's room yesterday, September 25. Jockey Centeno arrived in the Jockey's Room after yesterday's sixth race. He was scheduled to ride in the seventh and ninth races. Jockey Centeno told the Stewards he didn't know that he was scheduled to ride in the seventh race. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LAFI RULING #20

Jockey ALEXIS CENTENO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 25, 2021.

9/26/21⁵

FIRST RACE INQUIRY/ACCIDENT

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing #6 PALACE PRINCE unseat Jockey Abel Cedillo. In this one (1) mile event PALACE PRINCE stumbles his third stride and unseats Jockey Cedillo. He was examined and cleared to ride the remainder of his engagements of the afternoon. PALACE PRINCE ran around the track most of the mile, before being picked up by a track outrider. He was in good condition. After reviewing this incident, the Stewards removed the Inquiry sign and made the race official.

9/26/21⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

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| 2nd Race Declaration | #3 La V. (Tr. L. Powell) Injured-Dana Stead DVM REFUND: \$754.80. NO SHOW WAGERING |
| 3rd Race Jockey Change | #8 Trumper B. Harvey for F. Orduna-Rojas Personal-Stewards |
| 4th Race Declaration | #5 Restoring Dreams (Tr. J. Wallace II) Panel-Stewards |

4th Race REFUND: \$600.92
 #2 Captain N. Barron (Tr. J. Uranga) claimed, R. Trela, trainer
 #3 Whiskey My God (ARG) claimed, S. Morfin, trainer
 #8 Reedley (Tr. S. Gonzalez) claimed, J. Metz, trainer-VOIDED-
 Nolton Pattio VMD

6th Race Declaration #2 Delta Wind (Tr. J. Sadler) Injured- Dana Stead DVM
 REFUND: \$2,286.91

8th Race Declaration #1 Mary Margaret (Tr. S. Miyadi) Sick-Dana Stead DVM
 REFUND: \$593.65

9th Race Declarations #1 Gates of Heaven (Tr. P. Miller) Reared in Starting Gate-Dana Stead DVM
 #2 Tribal War Chant (Tr. J. Bonde) Inured- Nolton Pattio VMD
 REFUND: \$76,302.76

9th Race #6 Teton Valley (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

9/26//21⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE ¹⁵

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| On track | 1,156 | \$362,077.92 |
| SCOTWinc | 2,479 | \$1,100,036.19 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | \$4,535,589.08 |
| Total | 3,635 | \$5,997,703.19 |

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/20/21 TO 9/26/21

Horses on Vet List 16
 Horses off Vet List 6
 Shock Wave Therapy 2
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

SUMMARY

| | Fri 9/24 | Sat 9/25 | Sun 9/26 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 14 |
| Claims | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 17 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Inquiries | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Refunds | 1 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 28 |
| Rulings | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 20 |
| Voided Claims | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |

Respectfully submitted,

 Grant Baker, Steward

 Tom Ward, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Steward

 Paul Atkinson, Steward

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