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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 September 21, 2021, through September 26, 2021.

**Tuesday**

09/21/2021

**(1) HEARINGS**

A hearing was conducted for licensee Matthew Fales concerning complaint #21LA0130 for post-race sample #LA49250 that tested positive for Phenylbutazone and Dexamethasone. In the hearing, Matthew Fales determined and testified that the positive was a result of giving the medications too close to race day to clear. A ruling as needed will be issued on Saturday 9/25/2021.

**Wednesday**

09/22/2021

**(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Richard Williams will be in attendance for the morning activities.

**(2) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, for California Bred Maiden 2 year-olds going 300 yards, attracted 7 entries, however only 3 were California Bred. The race was used as an open race.

**(3) THE DRAW FOR SATURDAY 9/25/2021**

A ten race card with 72 horses making up 2 Thoroughbred, 2 Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred, and 6 Quarter Horse races.

**Thursday**

09/23/2021

**(1) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The 1<sup>st</sup> race in the condition book, for California Bred Maiden 2 year-olds going 300 yards, attracted 3 entries.

**(2) SCRATCH TIME**

At scratch time for Saturday 9/25/2021, there were two scratches and one rider change.

**(3) PANEL MEETING**

The Los Alamitos Panel met to review and discuss the entries for the Saturday 09/25/2021 races.

**(4) THE DRAW**

67 horses made up 10 races comprised of 1 Thoroughbred, 3 Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred, and 6 Quarter Horse races- including 3 divisions of Wild West Futurity Trials for 2 year olds.

**Friday**

09/24/2021

**(1) SCRATCH TIME**

At scratch time, there were 3 rider changes.

**(2) PANEL MEETING**

The panel at Los Alamitos met to discuss the entries for Sunday 9/26/2021.

**Saturday**

09/25/2021

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Me (trainer Santos Perez) was scratched (vet-injured) Refund \$67.50

4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Proud Veteran (trainer Brian Pitnick) was scratched (vet-sick)  
Refund \$206.60

5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Thinking Guy (trainer James Glenn, Jr.) was scratched (vet-sick)  
Refund \$380.00

**(2) CLAIMS**

2<sup>nd</sup> race #4 Bandslammer (trainer Jesus Uranga) was claimed for \$5,000.00 by Jorge Farias.

2<sup>nd</sup> race #5 Bob's Sniper (trainer Jonathan Wong) was claimed for \$5,000.00 by Milton Pineda.

3<sup>rd</sup> race #4 La Croix (trainer Jesus Mendoza) was claimed for \$3,200.00 by Rene Amescua.

**(3) CLAIMS VOIDED**

None

**(4) RULINGS**

**Ruling # 184**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER MATTHEW FALES, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "CAPTURE THE SEA", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 15, 2021, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* AND ASSESSED ONE POINT (1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 (MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS- EXPIRES 8-15-2022) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES- DEXAMETHASONE- CLASS IV AND PHENYLBUTAZONE- CLASS IV).

**(5) OBJECTION/INQUIRY**

In the 9<sup>th</sup> race, the Stewards posted an inquiry involving #2 Mighty Five T (trainer Valentin Zamudio)(Jockey Ruben Lozano) for failing to leave the gate at the start. After review, the #2 Mighty Five T had no excuse- she just stood in the gate and refused to race. There was no violation of the rules and the horse was afforded a fair start. Mighty Five T was declared a starter and no changes were made.

**(6) HEARINGS**

Jockey Armando Cervantes was in to address his violation of the crop rule in the 10<sup>th</sup> race on

Sunday 9/19/2021. Although very remorseful, his violation was too egregious to help his case. A Ruling will be issued when the Stewards reach a decision.

Jockey Jesus Ayala was in to address his violation of the crop rule in the 10<sup>th</sup> race on 9/19/2021. He admitted to the violation. A ruling will be issued when the Stewards reach a decision.

Jockey Henry Lopez was in to address his violation of the crop rule in the 9<sup>th</sup> race on 9/19/2021. A ruling will be issued when the Stewards reach a decision.

**(7) INCIDENTS**

At the start of the 5<sup>th</sup> race, Jockey Ramon Sanchez struck his ankle on the side of the starting gate. Pulling up after the race, Mr. Sanchez dismounted and limped to the Ambulance. Mr. Sanchez requested to be relieved of his duties on his only other mount for the evening in the 10<sup>th</sup> race. The request was granted and a replacement Jockey was named.

**(8) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	661	\$124,921.80
Off track	974	\$295,568.60
Out of state	N/A	\$1,085,507.43
Total	1,635	\$1,505,997.83

**Sunday**  
09/26/2021

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Sea Glass (trainer Santos Perez) was scratched (vet-injured) Refund \$32.10  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Namgis Kissinmischka (trainer Mike Robbins) as scratched (vet-injured) Refund \$423.14  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Val Bank (trainer Jorge Farias) was scratched (vet- sick) Refund \$123.80  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Apollitical B Julia (trainer Adan Farias) was scratched (stewards-refused to load in the starting gate) Refund \$15,794.05

**(2) CLAIMS**

None

**(3) VOIDED CLAIMS**

1<sup>st</sup> race #5 Elite Motion (trainer Kathy Walsh (sub Patricia Harrington)). A claim was entered and voided for unsoundness left front.

**(4) RULINGS**

**Ruling # 185**

JOCKEY RAUL VALENZUELA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT) IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2021, RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE.

**Ruling # 186**

JOCKEY HENRY REYNOSO LOPEZ 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 RACE) DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2021.

**Ruling # 187**

JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA 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 RACE) DURING THE ELEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2021.

**Ruling # 188**

JOCKEY ARMANDO CERVANTES IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* AND IS SUSPENDED FOR TEN (10) RACING DAYS (OCTOBER, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>, AND 31<sup>ST</sup>, 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 ELEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2020.

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

**Ruling # 189**

APPRENTICE JOCKEY VICTOR SALAZAR, WHO RODE PLEASURE SEEKER IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2021, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2021) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

**(5) OBJECTIONS/INQUIRIES**

None

**(6) INCIDENTS**

In the 7<sup>th</sup> race, #7 Apollitical B Julia (trainer Adan Farias) (Jockey Rodrigo Aceves) refused to load into the starting gate. Kicking and risking injury to starting gate personnel after many attempts, Starter Gary Brinson contacted the Stewards advising the horse would not load and posed a danger. The Stewards ordered the horse scratched.

**(7) HEARINGS**

None

**(8) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	543	\$113,493.80
Off track	790	\$214,014.90
Out of state	N/A	\$1,008,306.81
Total	1,333	\$1,335,815.51

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 26, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 2 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Richard Williams.

**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 09/25	Sun 09/26	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	19
<b>Claims</b>	R			3	0	3	177
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			0	0	0	24
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		1	0	1	57
<b>Refunds</b>		A		3	4	7	390
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		1	5	6	188
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		1	0	1	25

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

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Richard Williams, Steward

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George Yniguez, Safety Steward