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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 October 19, 2021, through October 24, 2021.

**Monday**

10/18/2021

**(1) FINANCIAL HEARING**

The Board of Stewards was in session on this "dark" day to adjudicate a financial complaint filed by Cheri Willet of Chett Marketing against trainer Jorge Rosales for a delinquent tack bill in the amount of \$3,656.61. Mr. Rosales, who is currently racing at Grants Pass Downs in Oregon, testified by telephone. He stated that a check for the full amount was overnighted to Ms. Willett yesterday. Consequently, we will put the matter "on hold" for a couple of days to see if the U.S. Postal Service comes through with the delivery.

**Friday**

10/22/2021

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this week for entries, scratches and other assorted matters. The entry process was surprisingly smooth this week, with mostly full fields for both nights drawn by mid-afternoon. Changes were limited to a few rider switches. Ward will be documenting the happenings for the week. As an aside, the entry panel met yesterday morning and today.

**(2) A MINOR UPDATE**

Jockey Minor Arana, who went down in a spine chilling spill last Sunday, is reportedly doing well, with no broken bones that we know of. It is an absolute miracle that he escaped with no major injuries.

**Saturday**

10/23/2021

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Love and Hold (Vet-unsound)

	#8 Sizzling Indian (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$263.14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#2 Circle of Honor (Vet-injured) Refund of \$217.80
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Stay Happy (Vet-injured) Refund of \$288.77
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 MG Preita Girl (Vet-sick) Refund of \$77.24
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Kiss For Eagle (Vet-sick) Refund of \$86.77

**(2) RULING**

**Ruling # 208**

APPRENTICE JOCKEY DIEGO HERRERA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 17, 2021.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Herrera missed his first mount at this venue on Sunday after opting to ride the final race at Santa Anita. His agent was contacted and, after a discussion, Mr. Herrera will not be named on horses in the first and second races here if he rides late races across town. We felt that it was unfair to our players to be forced to accept a late rider change. Herrera's record indicates that he is a "live" bug boy at this venue. We will monitor this new arrangement.

**(3) SECURITY HEARING-PARKING LOT ALTERCATION**

Jockey Julio De La Torre and Exercise Rider Miguel Hernandez were in the office this afternoon in response to a security report which named them as participants in a parking lot altercation yesterday morning. The two men, who are peripherally related due to the fact that Hernandez is in a relationship with De La Torre's sister, admitted there have been ill feelings between them for some time. Hernandez said that De La Torre disrespected his Guatemalan heritage, while De La Torre felt Hernandez made disparaging comments about his mother. These, obviously, were fighting words. De La Torre's fine was double that of Hernandez as he admitted to being the aggressor. The following rulings were issued:

**Ruling # 209**

JOCKEY JULIO DE LA TORRE IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00\*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (1) (DISORDERLY CONDUCT- AGGRESSOR IN A PHYSICAL ALTERCATION) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE.

**Ruling # 210**

EXERCISE RIDER MIGUEL A HERNANDEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00\*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (1) (DISORDERLY CONDUCT- PHYSICAL ALTERCATION) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE.

**(4) RIDER INJURED- LATE RIDER CHANGE**

Jockey Ricardo Ramirez was relieved of his duties in the eighth race as he suffered an injury to his arm in the prior race and could not complete his engagement. Guillermo Suarez accepted the open mount.

**(5) STARTING GATE INCIDENT- LATE DECLARATION**

There was a refund in the final (10<sup>th</sup>) race of the evening as #1 Tracey's Gold became extremely fractious after being loaded and injured itself, prompting Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. Her advice was heeded, with the resulting refund amounting to \$27,127.91. The rider, Jimmy Dean Brooks, was not injured.

**(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	567	\$120,372.70
Off track	1,059	\$316,361.70
Out of state	N/A	\$979,888.53
Total	1,626	\$1,416,622.93

**Sunday**  
10/24/2021

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Nip Nap (Vet-injured)  
#8 I'm All The Jedi (Vet-injured) Refund of \$85.81  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 CA Dreamer (Panel) Refund of \$308.10  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Soul Owner (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$158.10

**(2) RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Armando Viramontes was excused from his only mount of the evening due to illness. Jockey Cesar Franco picked up the open spot and guided the horse to a second place finish.

**(3) NOTHING TO REPORT**

The ten race program at this venue was conducted without any notable incidents.

**(4) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	571	\$107,288.30
Off track	880	\$199,780.50
Out of state	N/A	\$1,184,547.50
Total	1,451	\$1,491,616.30

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 24, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Three 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 10/23	Sun 10/24	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	4
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	19
<b>Claims</b>	R			3	1	4	196
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			0	0	0	25
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		0	0	0	63
<b>Refunds</b>		A		6	3	9	419
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		3	0	3	212
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	0	0	27

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

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Richard Williams, Steward

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