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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, February 27, 2017 through Sunday, March 5, 2017. Steward Wayne Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

02/27/17 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

02/28/17 (1) **Entry Day**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for cards to be raced Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th.

02/28/17 (2) **Weekly Reports and Paperwork**

The usual array of paperwork was processed. As well as updates to the Steward's and Veterinarian's List.

02/28/17 (3) **Draw for Friday's Program**

At the draw for Friday's card ninety one (91) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) overnight events. Additionally, five (5) horses were drawn to compete in an early non-betting event for four (4) year old California Sire Trotters, with a post time of 5:45PM. Scratch time is Wednesday at 9:00AM.

02/28/17 (4) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

03/01/17 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday's Card**

At scratch time for Friday's card there were numerous driver corrections and one (1) injury scratch.

03/01/17 (2) **Draw for Saturday's Card**

At the draw for Saturday's card ninety one (91) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) races. On Saturday's card race #1 is a California Sire Stake race for

four (4) year old colts and gelding pacers with five (5) entrants competing for a sixty five hundred (\$6,500.00) dollars purse.

Similarly, race #3 is a California Sire Stake race for four (4) year old pacing mares with a five (5) horse field competing for a sixty five hundred (\$6,500.00) dollar purse. Scratch time is Thursday at 9:00AM.

03/01/17 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

03/02/17 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday's Card**

At scratch time for Sunday's card there were numerous driver corrections and one (1) injury scratch.

03/02/17 (2) **Hearing Day**

Two (2) hearings were scheduled for today, the first involving a financial complaint against Owner Robert Lyons, Case#: 17SW0006.

The record was opened and CHRB Investigator Carol Nolan testified to the effect that the financial obligation had been satisfied. Upon receiving this information the Board of Stewards dismissed the complaint and closed the record and the hearing.

The second, a complaint against Driver Mike Jarvis Complaint #17SW0005 involved a violation of CHRB Rule 1498 "Physical Examination" (Methamphetamine Positive). The hearing was opened, testimony taken and exhibits entered and the hearing was closed. Respondent Jarvis was instructed to meet with the Stewards on Saturday, March 4th to discuss a potential ruling. More to follow.

03/02/17 (3) **Dark Day**

Friday

03/03/17 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifying races to be conducted this evening. The resultant qualifying sheet showed thirteen (13) horses participating in three (3) qualifying races.

03/03/17 (2) **Driver In**

Driver Steve Wiseman attended film review as requested in order to review his drive on #5 "Mikeleh" (first) in the twelfth race on Saturday, February 25, 2017. At issue was Wiseman's use of the whip during the stretch drive. Driver Wiseman took full responsibility for the rule violation. More to follow.

03/03/17 (3) **Second Race/ Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit in order to review the actions of #7 "Rhi's Western Star" "Mike Jarvis" (third) who was observed to be "off stride" prior to the start. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #7 was in compliance with the "breaking rule." Thus no change.

03/03/17 (4) **Driver to Film Review**

Driver Luke Plano #2 “Becky B Skipalong” (first) was ordered to film review in order to examine a possible violation of the driving rules (Foot Out of Stirrup). More to follow.

03/03/17 (5) **Eleventh Race/ Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was lit following the finish in order to review the actions of #2 “Outlawsecretweapon” (Steve Wiseman) (fourth) in the stretch. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #2 had impeded the progress of #5 “Dontdoubthelakers” (fifth). Thus #2 was disqualified and placed fifth. Driver Steve Wiseman was ordered to film review. More to follow.

Original order of finish: 1-4-3-2-5-6

Official order of finish: 1-4-3-5-2-6

03/03/17 (6) **Program Changes**

None

03/03/17 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	202
Live Handle (On Track)	\$39,697
Handle (In State)	\$295,509
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$505,121</u>
Total Handle	\$840,327

Saturday03/04/17 (1) **Ruling Issued [Ref: 03/03/17 (2)]**

Driver Steve Wiseman having taken responsibility for his actions in this matter the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 13

DRIVER STEVE WISEMAN, WHO DROVE #5 “MIKELEH” IN THE TWELFTH RACE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017 IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1734 (DRIVERS MAY NOT USE THE WHIP MORE THAN THREE (3) TIMES IN SUCCESSION

WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND). FIRST OFFENSE IN THE LAST SIXTY (60) DAYS.

03/04/17 (2) **Driver In [Ref: 03/03/17 (5)]**

Driver Steve Wiseman met with the Stewards in order to review his drive in last evening’s eleventh race. Driver Wiseman concurred with the Steward’s assessment of the incident and the following ruling was issued.

RULING #15

DRIVER STEVE WISEMAN, WHO DROVE “OUTLAWSECRETWEAPON” IN THE ELEVENTH RACE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017 IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1721 (J) (DRIVING RULES – CHANGE COURSE AFTER SELECTING A POSITION IN THE HOMESTRETCH, OR BEAR IN OR OUT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO INTERFERE WITH ANOTHER HORSE OR CAUSE HIM TO CHANGE STRIDE OR BREAK). INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE STRETCH – RESULTING IN A DISQUALIFICATION.

03/04/17 (3) **Driver to Film Review [Ref: 03/03/17 (4)]**

Driver Luke Plano appeared as requested in order to review his drive in last evening's fourth race. Relative to a violation of the driving rules (Failure to Keep Feet in the Stirrups) while driving #2 "Becky B Skipalong" (first). Unfortunately, the video of the race was not available due to a technical problem. Driver Plano was dismissed with a warning.

03/04/17 (4) **Jarvis Ruling [Ref: 03/03/17 (3)]**

Driver Mike Jarvis met with the Stewards in order to be notified of the Stewards decision relative to Complaint #17SW0005. Jarvis while reluctant to accept the decision agreed to the following ruling.

RULING # 14

DRIVER **MIKE JARVIS**, IS HEREBY SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS (DRIVING ONLY), COMMENCING MARCH 6, 2017 THROUGH AND INCLUDING APRIL 4, 2017. FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1498 (b) (1) – (PHYSICAL EXAMINATION) RULE #1500.1 (DRUG TEST – METHAMPHETAMINE).

IT IS ORDERED THAT **MIKE JARVIS** ATTEND TWO (2) MEETINGS A WEEK OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AND/OR NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS THROUGH MAY 7, 2017.

MIKE JARVIS SHALL BE ON A SIGNED TESTING AGREEMENT FOR THE TERM OF ALL LICENSES.

FURTHER, **MIKE JARVIS** IS ORDERED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS TO REVIEW VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF EVERY MONTH.

03/04/17 (5) **Qualifying Races**

Three (3) qualifying races were conducted this evening with ten (10) of thirteen (13) participants successful in their qualifying effort.

03/04/17 (6) **First Race/ Inquiry/ No Change**

At the conclusion of Race #1 the inquiry sign was lit in order to review the actions of #5 "Rock of Ages" (fourth) who was observed "off stride" before the start. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #5 complied with the breaking rule. Thus no change.

03/04/17 (7) **Ninth Race/ Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit in order to review an incident which occurred as the field approached the ¼ mile marker. #3 “Twomickeytrip” (Gerry Longo), #4 “FF Bigshow” (David Siegel) and #7 “Oh Yeah” (Tony Succarotte) were observed to be in very close quarters. Video proved inconclusive as to the cause of the incident. Thus no change.

03/04/17 (8) **Eleventh Race/ Driver Change**

Driver Mike Jarvis called the Stewards and asked to be excused from his drive on #1 “Smiling Major” in this race. The Stewards excused Driver Jarvis and he was replaced by Driver Mark Kennedy.

03/04/17 (9) **Track Condition**

The track was listed as “fast” for races one (1) through seven (7), but a sudden down pour caused races eight (8) thru twelve (12) to be raced on a surface listed “sloppy.”

03/04/17 (10) **Program Changes**

12th Race Declarations: #3 “Directing Traffic” – Trainer James Wilkinson

Track Condition – Stewards

#7 “Smash” – Trainer James Wilkinson

Total Refunds:\$2,205.90

Track Condition -- Stewards

03/04/17 (11) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	246
Live Handle (On Track)	\$49,907
Handle (In State)	\$290,883
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$537,685</u>
Total Handle	\$878,475

Sunday03/05/17 (1) **Dark Day****W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y**

ATTENDANCE REPORT The full Board of Stewards were in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
4-Mar	12	3	DIRECTING TRAFFIC	WILKINSON	Track Condition	Stewards	\$ 2,205.90
4-Mar	12	7	SMASH	WILKINSON	Track Condition	Stewards	

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SUMMARY
2017**

	Mon 02/27	Tues 02/28	Wed 03/01	Thurs 03/02	Fri 03/03	Sat 03/04	Sun 03/05	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	D	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	A	0	1
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	0	R	0	5
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	1	0	K	1	12
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	2	2	D	4	22
Refunds	A	A	A	A	0	1	A	1	55
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	3	Y	3	15

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, Sheward and Tommila were in attendance.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Renee Sheward, Steward

Peter Tommila, Steward