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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 21, 2016 through Sunday, March 27, 2016. Steward Renee Sheward was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

03/21/16 (1) Entries and Draw

Our schedule this week calls for Friday March 25th and Saturday March 26th racing in order to avoid conflict with "Easter Sunday."

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Friday and Saturday. At the draw for Friday in ninety one (91) head were drawn to compete in twelve (12) pari-mutuel events. Additionally, three (3) California Sired three (3) year old pacing fillies were drawn to compete in an early non-betting event with post time set for 5:45PM purse of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). California sired three (3) year old pacing colts and geldings were drawn to compete in a five (5) horse field on Friday's third race for a purse of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

03/21/16 (2) Dark Day

Tuesday

03/22/16 (1) Scratches & Changes for Friday

At scratch time for Friday's card there were numerous driver corrections and no scratches.

03/22/16 (2) Draw for Saturday

At the draw for Saturday's card eighty one (81) head drawn to compete in eleven (11) overnight events.

03/22/16 (3) Dark Day

Wednesday**03/23/16 (1) Scratches & Changes for Saturday**

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were numerous driver corrections and no scratches.

03/23/16 (3) Dark Day**Thursday****03/24/16 (1) Dark Day****Friday****03/25/16 (1) Driver Edward Hernandez [Ref: 03/20/16 (4)]**

Driver Edward Hernandez appeared as requested in order to review his drive in the tenth race on Sunday, March 20th. After video review and hearing Driver Hernandez assessment, Steward Arlt and Sheward concluded that the driver left the course and drove down inside the pylons to avoid trouble on the course. #2 "KC Cody" (Edward Hernandez) finished fifth and was placed tenth for violation of the pylon rule. Steward Oke felt a sanction was warranted.

Original order of finish: 9-5-3-10-2-8-6-7-1

Official order of finish: 9-5-3-10-8-6-4-7-1-2

03/25/16 (2) Qualifiers

There were two (2) qualifying races held prior to this evening's twelve (12) race pari-mutuel card. Of the thirteen (13) participants ten (10) made the grade.

03/25/16 (3) Seventh Race/ Driver to Film Review

At conclusion of the seventh race Driver David Siegel, #5 "SF Law" the second place finisher was summoned to film review. At issue was a potential violation of the 'house whipping rule.' More to follow.

03/25/16 (4) Eighth Race/ Driver to Film Review

At conclusion of the eighth race Driver Mike Jarvis, #5 "Whata Bizness" the second place finisher was summoned to film review. At issue was a potential violation of the 'house whipping rule.' More to follow.

03/25/16 (5) Ninth Race/ Driver to Film Review

At conclusion of the ninth race Driver Paul Welence, #5 "HiHo Legacy" the first place finisher was summoned to film review. At issue was a potential violation of the 'house whipping rule.' More to follow.

03/25/16 (6) Program Changes

None

03/25/16 (5) Attendance and Handle

Attendance	162
Live Handle (On Track)	\$32,685
Handle (In State)	\$260,601
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$549,455</u>
Total Handle	\$842,741

Saturday**03/26/16 (1) Driver In [Ref: 03/25/16 (4)]**

Driver Mike Jarvis appeared as requested in order to review his drive in Friday's eighth race. At issue was Driver Jarvis use of the whip in the stretch drive. After discussing the situations and reviewing video Driver Jarvis accepted the Stewards opinion and the following ruling was issued.

RULING #47

DRIVER **MIKE JARVIS**, WHO DROVE "**WHATA BIZNESS**" IN THE EIGHTH RACE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016 AT CAL EXPO, CA IS HEREBY FINED ONE HUNDRED **(\$100.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE **#1530** (CASES NOT COVERED – VIOLATION OF 'CAL-EXPO HOUSE WHIPPING RULE' – (4) (A) ANY BLATANT OR EXAGGERATED MOVEMENTS OF THE WHIPPING ARM WHICH WILL RESULT FROM RAISING THE ELBOW ABOVE THE DRIVER'S SHOULDER HEIGHT AND/OR ALLOWING THE HAND HOLDING THE WHIP TO REACH BEHIND THE DRIVER DURING THE USE OF THE WHIP).

THIS RULING ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE BOARD OF STEWARDS UNDER CHRB RULE **#1870** "CONDITIONS OF MEETING BINDING UPON LICENSEES."

03/26/16 (2) Driver In [Ref: 03/25/16 (5)]

Driver Paul Welence appeared as requested in order to review his drive in Friday's ninth race. At issue was Driver Welence use of the whip in the stretch drive. After discussing the situations and reviewing video Driver Welence accepted the Stewards opinion and the following ruling was issued.

RULING #48

DRIVER **PAUL WELENCE**, WHO DROVE #5 "**HIHO LEGACY**" IN THE NINTH RACE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016 IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED **(\$100.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF WATCH AND WAGER LLC HOUSE WHIPPING RULE (DRIVERS MAY NOT USE THE WHIP MORE THAN THREE (3) TIMES IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) AND CHRB RULE **#1530** (CASES NOT COVERED). FIRST OFFENSE IN THE LAST SIXTY (60) DAYS.

THIS RULING ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE BOARD OF STEWARDS UNDER CHRB RULE **#1870** "CONDITIONS OF MEETING BINDING UPON LICENSEES."

03/26/16 (3) Driver In [Ref: 03/25/16 (3)]

Driver David Siegel appeared in order to review his drive in Friday's seventh race. The issue was a potential violation of the house whipping rule (drivers may not use the whip more than three (3) times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond). After reviewing video Driver Siegel took complete responsibility for his actions. The following ruling was issued.

RULING #49

DRIVER **DAVID SIEGEL**, WHO DROVE #5 “**SF LAW**” IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016 IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED **(\$200.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF WATCH AND WAGER LLC HOUSE WHIPPING RULE (DRIVERS MAY NOT USE THE WHIP MORE THAN THREE (3) TIMES IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) AND CHRB RULE **#1530** (CASES NOT COVERED). SECOND OFFENSE IN THE LAST SIXTY (60) DAYS.

THIS RULING ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE BOARD OF STEWARDS UNDER CHRB RULE **#1870** “CONDITIONS OF MEETING BINDING UPON LICENSEES.”

03/26/16 (4) **Photo Finish Failure**

The photo finish camera failed for the first and third races. In the first race finish the horses were well separated and establishing a correct order of finished was not an issue. In the third race there were two (2) horses on the wire and the Board of Stewards were unable to separate them. Thus according to CHRB Rule #1956 Declared a Dead Heat for Win.

03/26/16 (5) **Second Race/ Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was flashed in order to examine the actions of #5 “Six Stringsandapick” the unofficial fifth place finisher who was observed “offstride” after the start. After reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #5 complied with the ‘breaking rule’ thus no change. Additionally, #5 interfered with #4 “Kiss the Boys” (Steve Desomer) while offstride. #4 finished ahead of #5 in the official order of finish thus no change.

03/26/16 (6) **Fifth Race/ Driver to Film Review**

After the fifth race Driver James Kennedy was requested to attend film review. At issue is a possible violation of the ‘house whipping rule.’ More to follow.

03/26/16 (7) **Program Changes**

None

03/26/16 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	250
Live Handle (On Track)	\$34,026
Handle (In State)	\$211,238
Handle (Out of State)	\$426,028
Total Handle	\$671,292

Sunday

03/27/16 (1) **Dark Day**
Easter Sunday

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
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None

WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO SUMMARY 2016

	Mon 03/21	Tues 03/22	Wed 03/23	Thurs 03/24	Fri 03/25	Sat 03/26	Sun 03/27	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	16
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	0	R	0	6
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	0	K	0	11
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	0	1	D	1	25
Refunds	A	A	A	A	0	0	A	0	79
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	3	Y	3	49

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

Renee Sheward, Steward

Jim Arlt, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward