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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, October 26, 2015 through Sunday, November 1, 2015. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

10/26/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

10/27/15 (1) **Entry & Draw for 10/31/15**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for the program to be conducted on Saturday, October 31, 2015. At the 2:30PM draw one hundred twenty five (125) were drawn to compete in fourteen (14) overnight events. Scratch time is tomorrow, (Wednesday) at 9:00AM.

10/27/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

10/28/15 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday's Card**

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were four (4) injured scratches and one (1) (sick) scratch and numerous driver corrections. One (1) horse drew in off the also eligible list.

10/28/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

10/28/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Friday

10/30/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Saturday

10/31/15 (1)

Qualifying Entries

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifiers to be contested today at 4:15PM.

10/31/15 (2)

Seventh Race – Film Review 10/24/15

Driver Lemoyne Svendsen #4 “Cuttingtothechase” appeared as requested in order to review his drive in the aforementioned race. Svendsen mount was erratic in the stretch and he commented that the filly was very “green” and hard to control.

Driver Svendsen was issued a warning and told to be very careful or sanctions would follow.

10/31/15 (3)

Eighth Race Inquiry – Film Review 10/24/15

Driver Craig Fletcher #9 “Ten Yard Penalty” who was disqualified subsequent to the running of race #8 appeared as requested to review video of the race. #9 finished fourth and was placed tenth by the Stewards for interference in the first turn.

After reviewing the video, driver Fletcher who had initially been skeptical of the validity of the call recognized his error in the situation and accepted the following ruling:

RULING # 01

DRIVER CRAIG FLETCHER, WHO DROVE “TEN YARD PENALTY” IN THE EIGHTH RACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1721(A) (DRIVING RULES – CHANGE EITHER TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT DURING ANY PART OF THE RACE WHEN ANOTHER HORSE IS SO NEAR THAT IN ALTERING THE POSITION OF HIS HORSE HE COMPELS THE HORSE BEHIND HIM TO SHORTEN STRIDE, OR CAUSES THE DRIVER OF SUCH OTHER HORSE TO PULL SUCH HORSE OUT OF HIS STRIDE.) HORSE DISQUALIFIED FROM FOURTH TO TENTH. INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE FIRST TURN.

10/31/15 (4)

Ninth Race – Film Review 10/24/15

Driver Williams Hernandez #6 “Laissez Moi Picoler” appeared as requested in order to review his drive in the ninth race on October 24th. Driver Hernandez was observed by the Stewards “pulling late” at the 3/8 mile marker forcing #1 “Dark Prince” (Luke Plano) three (3) wide at that point, and after reviewing video and speaking with the driver involved disqualified #6 placing him fourth behind #1.

Driver Hernandez after reviewing video agreed with the Stewards assessment and the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 02

DRIVER **WILLIAMS HERNANDEZ**, WHO DROVE “**LAISSEZ MOI PICOLER**” IN THE NINTH RACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED **(\$200.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1721 (F) (DRIVING RULES – CARRY A HORSE OUT RESULTING IN A DISQUALIFICATION FROM SECOND TO FOURTH). INCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR THE QUARTER MILE MARKER.

10/31/15 (5) **Qualifying Races**

Five (5) qualifying races were conducted this evening with first post at 4:15PM. In these events twenty three (23) of twenty four (24) participants were successful in their qualifying effort.

10/31/15 (6) **Eighth Race Recall/Declaration**

As the field approached the starting gate #2 “Cheryls Surprise” (James Kennedy) reared and fell. The recall lights were flashed and the field turned. #2 was unhitched and got on her feet; she appeared uninjured except for some cuts and abrasions on her knee. She walked off the track on her own. Driver James Kennedy was uninjured, #2 “Cheryls Surprise” was scratched by the Stewards. A second attempt at the start went off without incident (accident report attached).

10/31/15 (7) **Eighth Race Inquiry/No Change**

During the running of the eighth race the eventual race winner #6 “Windsun T Bird” (Luke Plano) was observed “off stride” at the 3/8 mile marker. The “inquiry” sign was posted; after reviewing video the Stewards unanimously concluded that #6 had complied with the breaking rule thus no change.

10/31/15 (8) **Startup Issues**

The opening of the meet has been complicated by various start up issues:

- The Stewards Secretary does not have the tools necessary to do her job. A lack of properly functioning computer equipment make the publishing of minutes and rulings very difficult.
- No video or audio on the backstretch makes it very difficult for racing officials and horsepersons to function. The trainers having a very difficult time keeping to the paddock schedule.

10/31/15 (9) **Program Changes**

4th Race Declaration: #8 “Snoops Electric” – Trainer Richard Dunneback
 Refund: \$ N/A Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
 10th Race Declaration: #5 “Strong Like Bull” – Trainer Craig Fletcher
 Refund: \$ N/A Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

10/31/15 (10) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	264
Live Handle (On Track)	\$46,445
Handle (In State)	\$248,639
Handle (Out of State)	\$563,670
Total Handle	\$858,754

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SUMMARY
2015**

	Mon 10/26	Tues 10/27	Wed 10/28	Thurs 10/29	Fri 10/30	Sat 10/31	Sun 11/01	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	D	1	D	1	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	A	0	A	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	R	0	R	0	0
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	K	0	K	0	2
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	D	1	D	1	4
Refunds	A	A	A	A	A	2	A	2	3
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2	Y	2	2

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, Meyers and Baker were in attendance.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward