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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, February 2, 2015 through Sunday, February 8, 2015. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

02/02/15 (1) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

02/03/15 (1) **Entry Day**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, February 7th and Sunday, February 8th. Thirteen (13) races will be carded for Saturday, February 7th. One hundred eight (108) horses are scheduled to start.

02/03/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

02/04/15 (1) **Scratch/ Entry/ Draw Day**

Scratches and changes for Saturday, February 7th were made today in the racing office. One (1) scratch and thirty four (34) changes/ selections were submitted. All changes were activated after the 9:00AM deadline. Entries were accepted today for Sunday, February 8th. Eleven (11) races were drawn with eighty eight (88) horses scheduled to start.

02/04/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

02/05/15 (1) **Scratch Day**

The racing office was open today accepting scratches and changes for racing to be held on Sunday, February 8th. There were no request for horses to be

scratched. Thirty six (36) driver changes/ selections were made. All changes were activated after today's 9:00AM deadline.

02/05/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Friday

02/06/15 (1) **James Wilkinson Hearing (Case: 14SW0050)**

A formal hearing was held today for Trainer James Wilkinson who started the horse 'Tony Cheesecake' who finished second in the sixth race on November 29, 2014 at Cal Expo. The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against Trainer Wilkinson for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1843 (a & d) (Medication, Drugs and Substances), Rule #1844 (f) (q) (Authorized Medication) and Rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse). Dr. Scott Stanley (UC David Laboratories) reported to the CHRB that the post race sample taken from 'Tony Cheesecake' contained 'Methocarbomal' with a reported level of (8.5ng/ml). As of September 22, 2014 a test sample (blood) of this drug substance may not exceed a level of 1 (one) nanogram per CHRB rules and regulations. Present at today's hearing were Stewards Will Meyers (Chair), Grant Baker and Wayne Oke. Along with Trainer Wilkinson also present were CHRB Investigator Duane Tadlock and CHRB Veterinarian Clifford Zucco. CSR Wendy Frazier (Frazier Reporting) transcribed the proceeding. Decision to follow.

02/06/15 (2) **Dark Day**

Saturday

02/07/15 (1) **Meeting with Director of Racing [Ref: 01/31/15 (2)]**

Director of Racing Robin Schadt appeared in the Stewards' office per our request in order to review racing office procedures and protocol. The Stewards have been concerned this meet about the number of errors involving the draw, eligibility and the official program. The work ethic of the office is vigorous, however the Stewards want to encourage a much better attention to detail.

The first topic was about the late scratch of #6 'AJ's Little One' from the eighth race on Saturday, January 31, 2015. The Stewards scratched this horse during the race card after a telephone inquiry as to the eligibility of this horse. It was determined that indeed this Pierre Girard entrant was not eligible for this race and was a late scratch that led to a significant refund throughout the wagering network.

Several topics were covered including:

1. Closer reading of the final program proof
2. Late condition changes
3. Closing nominations at proper time
4. Stewards involvement with racing office
5. New United States Trotting Association electronic draw system

Per CHRB Rule #1580 (Control over Entries and Declarations) the Stewards supervise all entries and declarations. The Stewards emphasized this and told Director of Racing Schadt the Stewards will assist the racing office as much as

possible while we do our best to see that rules in CHRB Division 4, Article 6 (Entries and Declarations) are adhered to.

02/07/15 (2) **Williams Hernandez Meeting**

Driver Williams Hernandez met with the Stewards before tonight's race in order to discuss his drive aboard #5 'Alligator Falls' who finished third in the seventh race on Saturday January 31st. 'Alligator Falls' raced inside one (1) track pylon after the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile marker. Driver Hernandez was told to make every effort to stay on the racetrack proper Warning issued.

02/07/15 (3) **Pierre Girard Meeting [Ref: 01/31/15 (2) & 02/07/15 (1)]**

Driver/Trainer Pierre Girard appeared in the racing office to respectfully discuss his disappointment over the handling of the entry of his trainee 'AJ's Little One' who was a Steward's scratch due to an eligibility problem on January 31st. The Stewards, with little solace to Trainer Girard, spoke of the meeting they held with Director of Racing Robin Schadt earlier this afternoon. Trainer Girard, while unhappy with not being able to race last week, carried himself very professionally while talking about his trainee who was scratched by the Stewards last week.

02/07/15 (4) **James Wilkinson Ruling [Ref: 02/06/15 (1)]**

RULING # 25

TRAINER JAMES WILKINSON, WHO STARTED "TONY CHEESECAKE" IN THE SECOND RACE ON NOVEMBER 29, 2014 AT CAL EXPO (SACRAMENTO, CA) IS FINED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES), RULE #1844 (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – METHOCARBONAL IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL 8.5NG/ML) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE).

The Stewards contacted Trainer James Wilkinson and informed him of the penalty in the ruling above. This decision follows the formal hearing (Case No: 14SW0050) that was held here yesterday February 6, 2015 at Cal Expo.

02/07/15 (5) **Qualifying Races**

Two (2) qualifying races were held prior to this evenings thirteen (13) race pari-mutuel card. Of the eight (8) participants six (6) made the grade.

02/07/15 (6) **Track Rating**

Due to intermittent rains throughout the day the Stewards rated the track 'good' for tonight's qualifying races and the first pari-mutuel race. For race Two (2) thru Thirteen (13) the track was upgraded to a 'Fast' rating.

02/07/15 (7) **Second Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following this race in order to review an incident after the start. This incident involved fifth place finisher #8 'Intended Gold' (James Kennedy) and seventh place finisher #7 'Sounion' (Tim Maier).

Race replays show #7 'Sounion' bolt while entering the first turn and causing aforementioned rival #8 'Intended Gold' to make a break in stride after being interfered with. After the foul #8 'Intended Gold' went on to beat #7 'Sounion' therefore the Stewards made no change in the original placings. #7 'Sounion' was placed on the Steward's list 'and must' qualify before his next start.

02/07/15 (8) **Eighth Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing first place finisher #2 'Flight of the Kiwi' (Steve Wiseman) 'go off' (break) his trotting gait before the start. After film review the Stewards determined that #2 'Flight of the Kiwi' complied with CHRB Rule #1722 (Breaking). No change was made in the order of finish.

02/07/15 (9) **Program Changes**

1st Race Declaration: #3 "Shotgun Rider" – Trainer Bob Johnson
 Refund:\$23.00 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
 5th Race Declaration: #10 "First Notable Chip" – Trainer Tim Clevenger
 Refund:\$50.30 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

02/07/15 (10) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	212
Live Handle (On Track)	\$69,989
Handle (In State)	\$564,757
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$590,365</u>
Total Handle	\$1,225,111

Sunday

02/08/15 (1) **Derick Takahashi Hearing (Case No: 15SW007)**

The Stewards held an informal hearing today in the Steward's office. The CHRB filed a complaint against Owner Derick Takahashi for alleged violation of Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Along with the Stewards present today were Owner Derick Takahashi, Trainer Gerald Longo and Safety Steward Tom McCarthy.

Testimony at this hearing indicated that Trainer Longo had an agreement whereby Owner Takahashi would make payments eventually totaling two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the eventual purchase of the horse 'Plum Crazy Baby.' Allegedly Takahashi failed to pay the full amount for various and many reasons. A 'Financial Complaint Agreement' was agreed upon by both parties today whereby Owner Takahashi will pay Owner Longo five hundred dollars (\$500.00) by February 10th and with the remaining balance paid in full by March 10, 2015.

02/08/15 (2) **Williams Hernandez Ruling**

RULING # 26

DRIVER **WILLIAMS HERNANDEZ** , WHO DROVE "**BETTAH**" IN THE SECOND RACE ON FEBRUARY 7, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF FIFTY **(\$50.00)*** 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).

Driver Williams Hernandez was present in the Stewards office in order to review replays of the second and fifth races last night (Saturday, February 7th). The penalty above is for a Cal Expo whip violation in the second race.

02/08/15 (3) **Additional Williams Hernandez Ruling**

RULING # 27

DRIVER **WILLIAMS HERNANDEZ**, WHO DROVE “**TRY THIS**” IN THE FIFTH RACE ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED FIFTY **(\$50.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1731 (G) (DRIVER INFRACTIONS – FAIL TO COME UP INTO POSITION).

Following film review Driver Williams Hernandez was assessed the penalty listed above. Trotter #9 ‘Try This’, who finished fourth at odds of eight to five (8/5) was ‘well off’ the mobile starting gate at the start of this race. The Stewards could find no fault due to the actions of the horse himself for this matter.

02/08/15 (4) **David Siegel Ruling**

RULING # 28

DRIVER **DAVID SIEGEL**, WHO DROVE “**SILENCE SON**” IN THE EIGHTH RACE ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2015, IS HEREBY FINED FIFTY **(\$50.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1731 (G) (DRIVER INFRACTIONS – FAIL TO COME UP INTO POSITION).

Driver David Siegel who was aboard seventh place finisher ‘Silence Son’ (odds three to one (3/1) was well off the gate at the start. Driver Siegel waived his right to a hearing and was issued the ruling above.

02/08/15 (5) **Very Large Weekend Handle**

With Los Alamitos being closed this week due to renovation of the track lighting system, harness racing here in Sacramento was the only night racing product in California this weekend. The thirteen (13) race card held last night handled \$1,225,111.46 which crushed all total handle figures since racing returned from summer hiatus on October 4th, 2014. Tonight's eleven (11) race card recorded a handle of \$957,017.12 which is the second highest amount bet since October 4th, 2014.

02/08/15 (6) **Off Track**

Heavy rains today led to the Stewards rating this race surface as ‘sloppy.’

02/08/15 (7) **Ninth Race Recall**

Starter Ken Fowler flashed the 'recall lights' on the mobile starting gate after #2 'Juntique' (Patrick Galbraith) froze up and possibly caused interference before the start. A second attempt at a start went without a hitch. #2 'Juntique' paced on to a second place finish.

02/08/15 (8) **Tenth Race Inquiry**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing first place finisher #5 'No More Excuses' (Steve Wiseman) go on a break after the ¼ mile marker. Two (2) matters of particular interest were of concern to the Stewards.

1. Did #5 'No More Excuses' comply with CHRB Rule #1722 (Breaking)?
2. Was there any interference to trailing rival's horses after #5 'No More Excuses' made his break?

After film review and a patrol judge report the Stewards unanimously ruled that CHRB Rule #1722 was complied with. We also ruled all competing horses were not cost an opportunity for a better placing. No change.

02/08/15 (9) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Declaration: #5 "Makeoutlikeapandit" – Trainer James Wilkinson
 Refund:\$506.67 Track Condition – Stewards
 6th Race Declaration: #6 "Get A Little Crazy" – Trainer Nathalie Tremblay
 Refund:\$149.00 Track Condition – Stewards
 7th Race Declaration: #1 "Little Ways" – Trainer Lemoyne Svendsen
 Refund:\$55.39 Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM
 8th Race Declaration: #2 "Free Girl" – Trainer Tim Brown
 Refund:\$82.98 Track Condition – Stewards
 9th Race Declaration: #4 "No Mo Parking" – Trainer Kennedy Lindsey
 Refund:\$298.73 Late on track tied up – Eduardo DeLaCruz DVM
 11th Race Declaration: #3 "Vantage" – Trainer George Luster
 Refund:\$93.40 Track Condition – Stewards

02/08/15 (10) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	110
Live Handle (On Track)	\$51,160
Handle (In State)	\$366,325
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$539,532</u>
Total Handle	\$957,017

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
7-Feb	1	3	SHOTGUN RIDER	JOHNSON	Injured	Zucco	\$ 23.00
7-Feb	5	10	FIRST NOTABLE CHIP	CLEVINGER	Injured	Zucco	\$ 50.30
8-Feb	3	5	MAKEOUTLIKEAPANDIT	WILKINSON	Track Condition	Stewards	\$ 506.67
8-Feb	6	6	GET A LITTLE CRAZY	TREMBLAY	Track Condition	Stewards	\$ 149.00
8-Feb	7	1	LITTLE WAYS	SVENDSEN	Injured	Zucco	\$ 55.39
8-Feb	8	2	FREE GIRL	BROWN	Track Condition	Stewards	\$ 82.98
8-Feb	9	4	NO MO PARKING	LINDSEY	Late on track	DeLaCruz	\$ 298.73
8-Feb	11	3	VANTAGE	LUSTER	Track Condition	Stewards	\$ 93.40

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bay Meadows

Eureka

Fresno \$ 36.00

Fresno Club One \$ 1,503.70

Golden Gate \$ 30,634.60

Monterey \$ 4,745.70

Pleasanton \$ 14,850.00

Sacramento \$ 84,155.00

San Jose \$ 19,683.10

San Mateo \$ 35,099.20

Santa Rosa \$ 4,151.00

Stockton \$ 9,317.30

Tulare \$ -

Turlock \$ -

Vallejo \$ 9,685.40

No. California \$ -

So. California \$ 3,215.40

Out of State \$ -

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SUMMARY

2015

	Mon 02/02	Tues 02/03	Wed 02/04	Thurs 02/05	Fri 02/06	Sat 02/07	Sun 02/08	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	7
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	5
Claims	R	R	R	R	R	1	0	1	20
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	K	0	0	0	7
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	D	2	1	3	16
Refunds	A	A	A	A	A	2	6	8	56
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	3	4	28

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

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward