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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, September 29, 2014 through Sunday, October 5, 2014. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**General Data:**

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:

- Grant Baker
- Will Meyers
- Wayne Oke
- Tom McCarthy (Safety Steward)

Track Management:

Christopher Schick – General Manager  
Benjamin Kenney – Assistant General Manager/ Chief Financial Officer  
Kate Phariss – Director of Backstretch Operations  
Glen Harris – Paymaster/ Mutuel Manager  
Robin Schadt – Director of Racing  
Brent Bridges – Assistant Racing Secretary  
Patty Petersen – Clerk of Course  
Kenneth Fowler – Starter/Patrol Judge  
Carl Sobey – Horse Identifier  
Walter Petersen – Paddock Judge  
Larry Goshman – Horseshoe Inspector  
Gary Seibel – Announcer/Simulcast Host  
Bill Don Wainscott – Outrider  
Nancy Barney – Placing Judge  
J.R. Williams – Track Superintendent  
Ken Walker – Director of Labor Relations  
Pegasus – Video Supplier  
Plusmic USA, Bill O'Brien – Photo Finish  
Crystal View Photography – Track Photographer  
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## Veterinarians:

Eduardo De La Cruz, D.V.M – Track Veterinarian  
Clifford Zucco, D.V.M—CHRB Veterinarian

**Monday**

09/29/14 (1)

**Qualifying Races**

There were thirteen (13) qualifying races held today at Cal Expo. Seventy seven (77) horses participated in these qualifying races. Seventy (70) horses made the grade. All horses that have not raced in the last forty five (45) day need to have a charted race line (qualifying or pari-mutuel) prior to the Watch and wager opening night card to be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

09/29/14 (2)

**Dark Day****Tuesday**

09/30/14 (1)

**Opening Day Entries**

New Cal Expo Racing Secretary Robin Schadt and her racing office staff were on hand today accepting entries for opening night October 4<sup>th</sup>. Harness racing will be held here with a one (1) day a week format thru the month of October. Fourteen (14) races were drawn. One hundred two (102) horses are scheduled to start.

09/30/14 (2)

**CHRB/ Horsemen Meeting**

The California Horse Racing Board held an advisory meeting with Cal Expo harness horsemen today at 11:30PM outside the racing office. Along with the local harness horsemen present today were CHRB Executive Director Rick Baedeker, CHRB Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur, Cal Expo General Manager Rick Pickering, CHRB Investigator Dan Dailey, Watch and Wager General Manager Chris Schick, Watch and Wager Assistant General Manager/CFO Ben Kenney, California Harness Horsemen Association (CHHA) Representative Jim Perez and the Stewards including Safety Steward Tom McCarthy. Of primary discussion was the new cobalt policy at Cal Expo. There was also talk of corticosteroid usage and the CHRB's emphasis on improving stable security here for the upcoming harness meeting. A good 'back and forth' was held and several issues were clarified for the local training colony.

09/30/14 (3)

**Dark Day****Wednesday**

10/01/14 (1)

**Scratch Day**

The racing office was open today accepting scratches and changes for opening night October 4<sup>th</sup>. One (1) scratch and thirty nine (39) driver selections/changes were activated after today's 9:00AM deadline. New Cal Expo Racing Secretary Robin Schadt, who comes here from Illinois, and her Assistant Brent Bridges were on duty.

10/01/14 (2)

**Dark Day**

**Thursday**10/02/14 (1) **Dark Day****Friday**10/03/14 (1) **Dark Day****Saturday**10/04/14 (1) **New Racing Officials**

Nancy Barney is the new placing judge for this 2014-2015 Watch and Wager.com harness racing meeting. Ms. Barney is crossing over from the thoroughbred industry where she has been and continues to be an accomplished outrider. Kenneth Fowler is our Interim Starter/Patrol Judge this meet. Fowler has driven the mobile starting gate in California for nearly twenty (20) years. He is filling in for longtime Starter/Patrol Judge Bill Vallandingham who has been experiencing some health issues currently. We wish him a speedy recovery. The Stewards met with both of these new racing officials before tonight's opening card.

10/04/14 (2) **Qualifying Races**

Four (4) qualifying races commenced at 4:30PM of the twenty one (21) of the twenty five (25) participants made the grade.

10/04/14 (3) **Pre-Meet Driver's Meeting**

After this evening's qualifying races and prior to the first race the Stewards met with the Cal Expo driver's colony. Along with the drivers and Stewards present were Paddock Judge Walter Peteresen, Starter/Patrol Judge Kenny Fowler, CHRB Investigator Duane Tadlock and Safety Steward Tom McCarthy. Several topics were discussed. Among some of the subjects reviewed were:

1. Keeping out of certain restricted areas
2. Checking in person with Paddock Judge prior to races
3. Proper parading of horses
4. Breathalyzer procedures
5. Mandatory safety vest usage
6. Allowing holes in the first turn (Don't do it)
7. Dawdling fractional times causing confusion
8. Misuse of the whip
9. Pylon violations
10. Good starting gate procedures
11. Making driver selections in racing office in timely manner
12. Not changing course after selecting a position in home stretch

A good 'back and forth' was had by all present.

10/04/14 (4) **Thirty One (31) Minute Delay – First Race**

Tonight's season opening card got off to a poor start when the first race, originally scheduled to commence at 6:15PM, went off at 6:46PM. Watch and Wager.com LLC were unable to show exacta probable exotic payoffs and other forms of graphics prior to the first race. They also would have been

unable to show payoffs on their graphics system following the running of their races. According to General Manager Chris Schick, Pegasus Communications (video department) was unable to get Tote Department information out to the wagering public. Video department regular Frank Matthews, who was welcoming his first child to this world, was summoned from the Bay Area to help solve this situation and horses and horsemen waited in the paddock patiently. A backup system was implemented in order to get the night's program underway. General Manager Chris Schick has been asked to provide the CHRB with a 'letter of explanation' about this matter.

10/04/14 (5) **Program Wagering Error**

The four (4) Pick 3(three) wagers were incorrectly listed as twenty (20) cents wagers in tonight's program. They should have been listed as a \$1 wager. Announcements were made and it was also listed on the video crawl throughout Cal Expo and the satellite network.

10/04/14 (6) **Third Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fourth place finisher #1 "Im Fasterthanu" (Daniel Gassien) race inside several racetrack pylons while racing down the backstretch after the opening ¼ mile. After all replay angles of this race the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, disqualified #1 "Im Fasterthanu" and placed her in sixth (last) position for violation of the 'Cal Expo Pylon Rule.' The Stewards determined #1 "Im Fasterthanu" left the race course and raced inside three (3) pylons. Driver Daniel Gassien was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

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

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

10/04/14 (7) **Program Changes**

4<sup>th</sup> Race Ownership Change: #1 "Bettor's Promise" should read

Richard Morita and David Yamada – Sacramento, CA

10/04/14 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	302
Live Handle (On Track)	\$42,043
Handle (In State)	\$254,901
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$256,870</u>
Total Handle	\$553,814

## 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.

**WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Bakersfield	\$	-
Fresno	\$	-
Fresno Club One	\$	391.50
Golden Gate	\$	11,416.60
Monterey	\$	1,233.00
Pleasanton	\$	4,050.60
Sacramento	\$	34,579.10
San Jose	\$	4,916.20
San Mateo	\$	11,824.70
Santa Rosa	\$	2,127.40
Stockton	\$	3,048.90
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	4,180.40
No. California	\$	-
So. California	\$	1,118.40
Out of State	\$	-

**WATCH AND WAGER LLC – CAL EXPO  
SUMMARY 2014**

	<b>Mon 09/29</b>	<b>Tues 09/30</b>	<b>Wed 10/01</b>	<b>Thurs 10/02</b>	<b>Fri 10/03</b>	<b>Sat 10/04</b>	<b>Total Week</b>	<b>Total Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

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**Grant Baker, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward**