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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 31, 2014 through Sunday, April 6, 2014. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

03/31/14 (1) **Entries and Draw for Friday (04/04/14) and Saturday (04/05/14)**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for the week's two (2) racing programs. At the 2:30PM draw for Friday's card ninety four (94) head were drawn to compete in thirteen (13) overnight events. Scratch time is Tuesday at 9:00AM. Immediately following a draw was conducted for Saturday's card with ninety three (93) head drawn to compete in thirteen (13) overnight events. Scratch time is Wednesday at 9:00AM.

03/31/14 (2) **Trainer Request**

Trainer Karen Isbell contacted the Duty Steward requesting permission to enter the trotter "Boo Coo Blush" (scratched the previous week due to Worker's Compensation Insurance issues) assuring that a valid certificate would be forthcoming the next day. Delayed by Holiday, permission granted on the understanding that a failure to comply would once again result in a penalty.

03/31/14 (3) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

04/01/14 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday's Card**

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

04/01/14 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

04/02/14 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday's Card**

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

04/02/14 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

04/03/14 (1) **Dark Day**

Friday

04/04/14 (1) **Head Office Meeting (Re: Cal Expo)**

The Cal Expo Board of Stewards attended a meeting at CHRB Head Office convened by Executive Director Baedeker in order to address on-going issues at the current Watch and Wager meet. In attendance were Executive Director Rick Baedeker, Assistant Executive Director Jackie Wagner, Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur, Supervising Investigator Bill Westermann, Northern Zone Supervising Investigator Dan Dailey, Investigator Carol Nolan, Investigator Duane Tadlock, State Veterinarian Clifford Zucco, Cal Expo Safety Steward Tom McCarthy along with the Cal Expo Board of Stewards. A very frank and open discussion of current problems and possible solutions and actions to be implemented at future Cal Expo meets.

04/04/14 (2) **Hearing Re: Complaint #14SW0011/ Association Employee Edward Raczynski**

This complaint involved a violation of CHRB Rule #1874 and #1546 by Horseshoe Inspector Edward Raczynski. In attendance were the Board of Stewards Baker, Meyers and Oke and Respondent Raczynski. The case was presented by Investigator Duane Tadlock. The proceedings were recorded by Wendy Frazier of Frazier Reporting. The hearing was opened testimony taken and the case taken under review. (Decision to follow)

04/04/14 (3) **First Race/ Recall**

Starter Bill Vallandingham flashed the "recall lights" when #2 "Lukie Duke" (Robert Roesch) suffered an equipment problem. The field was reformed and the second attempt at a start went off with no problems.

04/04/14 (4) **Program Changes**

7th Race Declaration: #8 "Matty Rose" – Trainer Nick Casale

Refund:\$163.30

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

8th Race Declartaiions: #2 "King of the Crop" – Trainer James Kennedy

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

#7 "Van Donk" – Trainer Nathalie Tremblay

Total Refunds:\$157.20

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

10th Race Declaration: #6 "Kablooie" – Trainer Bob Johnson

Refund:\$124.00

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

04/04/14 (5)	<u>Attendance and Handle</u>	
	Attendance	224
	Live Handle (On Track)	\$52,558
	Handle (In State)	\$327,275
	Handle (Out of State)	\$354,226
	Total Handle	\$734,059

Saturday

04/05/14 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifying races to be contested this afternoon commencing at 4:45PM. The resultant qualifying sheet showed eleven (11) horses entered to compete in two (2) qualifying races.

04/05/14 (2) **Film Review/ Driver James Lackey**

Driver James Lackey who was scheduled to review his drive in the sixth race on 04/05/14 aboard "Rite After Disbeer" contacted the Stewards via telephone to inform that he would be unable to attend due to a personal commitment. Driver Lackey further stated he would accept any penalty deemed appropriate. Thus the Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING # 37

DRIVER JAMES LACKEY, WHO DROVE "RITE AFTER DISBEER" IN THE FIFTH RACE ON MARCH 26, 2014, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1731 (E) (DRIVER INFRACTIONS – CROSS OVER BEFORE START).

04/05/14 (3) **Nevarez Follow-up**

The Board of Stewards were informed by Investigator Duane Tadlock that Owner Frank Nevarez had failed to comply with the conditions specified in CHRB Ruling #33 dated March 29, 2014. Thus the following ruling was issued.

RULING #38

OWNER FRANK NEVAREZ, IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) FOR FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE TERMS OF WATCH AND WAGER LLC RULING #33 DATED MARCH 29, 2014.

OWNER FRANK NEVAREZ SHALL REMAIN SUSPENDED PENDING PAYMENT, BY CERTIFIED CHECK TO TRAINER PIERRE GIRARD IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR (\$7,234.00)* DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CHRB RULE #1877 (CHECKS).

04/05/14 (4) **Sanction/ Trainer Karen Isbell (Ref: 03/31/14 (2))**

Trainer Karen Isbell who was allowed to enter the horse “Boo Coo Blush” in the draw for this week’s cards contingent on producing proof of Workers Compensation Insurance. When contacted by the Duty Steward Ms. Isbell informed us that she had not followed through with her insurance and did not expect to. In light of this revelation the Stewards unanimously entered the following ruling.

RULING # 39

TRAINER **KAREN ISBELL**, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO RACE “**BOO COO BLUSH**” IN THE FIRST RACE ON APRIL 4, 2014, IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED **(\$300.00)*** DOLLARS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE **#1629** (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION SECOND OFFENSE) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE **#1501** (WORKER’S COMPENSATION INSURANCE REQUIRED).

04/05/14 (5) **Film Review/ Provisional Driver Patrick Galbraith**

Driver Patrick Galbraith who drove #2 “Fox Valley Largo” in the ninth race on Saturday, March 29th attended film review as requested. At issue was a general review of Provisional Driver Galbraith driving tactics. Galbraith who is a Provisional Driver and has had a great deal of success was reminded of the general rules of conduct and the need for caution at all times. Driver Galbraith was very contrite and promised to make a better effort to comply.

04/05/14 (6) **Qualifying Races**

Qualifying races were conducted this afternoon with seven (7) of ten (10) horses successful in their qualifying effort.

04/05/14 (7) **Second Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The “inquiry” sign was posted in order to review the actions of eventual race winner #2 “Hoosier Bogo” (David Siegel) at the 5/8 mile marker. It appeared and the video confirmed that #1 left the pylons compromising the effort of #6 “Bee Gee” (Patrick Galbraith) taking his path forcing him three wide. In a unanimous decision the Board of Stewards disqualified #1 and placed him third behind the offended horse. Driver Siegel was ordered to film review.

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

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

04/05/14 (8) **Fifth Race/ Driver to Film Review**

At the conclusion of fifth race Provisional Driver Sean Smithpeters who drove 7th (last) place finisher #3 “Hillcrest Romeo” was contacted by the Stewards and ordered to film review. At issue is Driver Smithpeters use of the whip in the stretch. (More to follow).

04/05/14 (9) **Sixth Race Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted to inquire into the actions of eventual race winner #5 “Daggy” (Patrick Galbraith) who broke stride before the start. After reviewing video the Board of Stewards unanimously concluded that #5 complied with the breaking rule thus no change.

04/05/14 (10) **Seventh Race Inquiry/ No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted to inquire into the actions of #6 “Meringue” (Lemoyne Svendsen) the eventual third place finisher who broke stride before the start. After reviewing video the Board of Stewards unanimously concluded that #6 complied with the breaking rule thus no change.

04/05/14 (11) **Eleventh Race Inquiry/ Disqualification**

The “inquiry” sign was posted to review the actions of eventual second place finisher #5 “Get Down Tonight” (James Kennedy) who appeared to take racing room from #1 “A Real Miracle” (James Lackey) in the stretch. Video substantiated the situation and #1 was disqualified and placed fourth behind #1. Driver James Kennedy was ordered to film review. (More to follow)

Original order of finish: 6-5-8-1-2-4-3-7

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

04/05/14 (12) **Program Change**

4th Race Declaration: #4 “La Diva De Rosa” – Trainer Lemoyne Svendsen

Refund:\$21.60

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

7th Race Declaration: #9 “Hi Tech Tony” – Trainer Tim Brown

Refund:\$137.80

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

8th Race Declaration: #1 “Most Happy Lavros” – Trainer Tim Brown

Refund:\$81.30

Injured – Clifford Zucco DVM

04/05/14 (13) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance 321

Live Handle (On Track) \$59,814

Handle (In State) \$351,669

Handle (Out of State) \$390,196

Total Handle \$801,679

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
4-Apr	7	8	MATTY ROSE	NICK CASALE	Injured	Zucco	\$ 163.30
4-Apr	8	2	KING OF THE CROP	JAMES KENNEDY	Injured	Zucco	\$ 78.60
4-Apr	8	7	VAN DONK	NATHALIE TREMBLAY	Injured	Zucco	\$ 78.60
4-Apr	10	6	KABLOOIE	BOB JOHNSON	Injured	Zucco	\$ 124.00
5-Apr	4	4	LA DIVA DE ROSA	LEMOYNE SVENDSEN	Injured	Zucco	\$ 21.60
5-Apr	7	9	HI TECH TONY	TIM BROWN	Injured	Zucco	\$ 137.80
5-Apr	8	1	MOST HAPPY LAVROS	TIM BROWN	Injured	Zucco	\$ 81.30

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	-
Fresno	\$	2,571.70
Fresno Club One	\$	1,969.10
Golden Gate	\$	25,674.60
Monterey	\$	3,968.30
Pleasanton	\$	13,890.40
Sacramento	\$	90,711.50
San Jose	\$	21,252.00
San Mateo	\$	35,714.30
Santa Rosa	\$	5,105.20
Stockton	\$	12,750.10
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	10,708.10
No. California	\$	-
So. California	\$	191,924.60
Out of State	\$	-

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

	Mon 03/31	Tues 04/01	Wed 04/02	Thurs 04/03	Fri 04/04	Sat 04/05	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	29
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	1	1	20
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	2	2	18
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	0	5	5	49
Refunds	A	A	A	A	4	3	7	131
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	4	5	40

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

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward