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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, November 7, 2011 through Sunday, November 13, 2011. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

**11/07/11 (1) Entry Day**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Thursday November 10. Nine (9) races were drawn with sixty nine (69) horses scheduled to start.

**Tuesday**

**11/08/11 (1) Scratch and Double Draw Day**

The racing office was open today accepting changes for the overnight of Thursday, November 10. Seventeen (17) driver changes/selections and two (2) scratches were activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

Entries were taken today for Friday November 11 and Saturday November 12. Twelve (12) races filled for November 11. Ninety five (95) horses are scheduled to start.

Twelve (12) wagering and two (2) non-wagering races filled for November 12. A total of one hundred (100) horses are scheduled to go postward.

**Wednesday**

**11/09/11 (1) Scratch Day**

Scratches and changes for November 11 and November 12 were taken this morning in the racing office.

There were twenty eight (28) driver changes/selections made for November 11. There was one (1) scratch and thirty seven (37) driver changes/selections submitted for November 12. All changes were activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

11/09/11 (2) **Art Riesgo Hearing (Case No: 11SW-0048)**

The stewards held a hearing today for Trainer Art Riesgo, involving alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Turf Feed, Inc. (Owner Julius (Louie) Lewis). Mr. Lewis alleges that Art Riesgo has an unpaid invoice due in the amount of \$502.70. Court Reporter Yvonne Fenner (Frazier Reporting) who was present for another hearing, transcribed the proceedings. CHRB Investigator Carol Nolan presented this case and told the stewards that she had recently spoken to Trainer Riesgo who said he had just recently made the payment in question.

Investigator Nolan asked that the matter be continued until November 16 at 11:00 a.m. at which time verification of payment will be presented. More to follow.

11/09/11 (3) **Trish McConnell Hearing (Case No: 11SW-0053)**

A hearing was scheduled today for Trainer Tricia Ann McConnell who has been charged with violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and Rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer). The case was presented by Investigator Rod Ciganovich and transcribed by Yvonne Fenner of Frazier Reporting. On September 23, 2011, it is alleged that McConnell yelled and swore at two (2) licensees in the stable area. It has been further alleged she was involved in a separate threatening incident in the paddock later that same evening.

During preliminary opening proceedings, Trainer McConnell indicated that she wanted to speak to David Shell about representing her at a future date.

The stewards granted a continuance in this matter. On December 7, all parties will reconvene in this matter. More to follow.

**Thursday**

11/10/11 (1) **Robert Stepien Hearing**

Provisional Driver Robert Stepien was ordered to the steward's office in order to review his drive in the seventh race on November 5, 2011. Provisional Driver Stepien finished third in this race, aboard #1 "Incredible Gambler", who drifted inward in the final 1/16 of a mile.

Mr. Stepien was unable to attend today's hearing and was represented by Provisional Driver/Trainer Nick Casale. Film review showed Stepien whipping right handed while drifting inward. This incident led to significant interference to second place finisher, #5 "Red Star Gilda" (Karen Isbell). The stewards felt Stepien should have stopped whipping earlier in order to help maintain a straight course. In a unanimous decision, the stewards issued the following ruling and informed Mr. Stepien via telephone.

**Ruling # 30**

*Provisional Driver Robert Stepien, who drove #1 "Incredible Gambler" in the Seventh Race on Saturday, November 05, 2011 is hereby fined the sum*

*of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1721 (I) (Driving Rules – Impede Progress of Another Horse) in the stretch.*

11/10/11 (3) **Richard Bertrand Ruling**

**Ruling # 31**

*Driver Richard Bertrand, who drove “Tutiming Gal” in the Seventh Race on November 5, 2011, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Violation of ‘Cal-Expo House Whipping Rule’ – (2) Driver Must Keep One Line In Each Hand At All Times During The Race Except When The Horse And Driver Reach The 7/8 Mile Marker During The Race).*

The ruling above was issued after the stewards observed Driver Richard Bertrand whipping one handed after just passing the 1/2 mile pole on November 5. ‘Cal Expo Whipping Rules’ state that whipping ‘one handed’ should not commence until the final 1/8 of a mile.

11/10/11 (4) **Fifth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards conducted a ‘general inquiry’ after viewing seventh (last) place finisher #5 “Aston Boko” (Richard Wojcio) make a break and cause interference to three (3) rivals who were trailing at the time. These horses were third place finisher #4 “Cherry Tree Nicole” (Steve Wiseman), fifth place finisher #7 “Twice The Ruckus” (James Kennedy) and sixth place finisher #3 “Meringue” (Luke Plano). The horse #5 “Aston Boko” caused this incident and he finished last. Therefore ‘no change’ was made in the order of finish.

11/10/11 (5) **Eighth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing seventh place finisher #4 “Style Element” (Lemoyne Svendsen) break stride and go off his trotting gait for the final 1/8 of a mile. Eighth place finisher #5 “Carpathian Hooray” (Richard Wojcio) was ‘lapped on’ the hind quarter of his rival at the finish. The stewards unanimously determined that #4 “Style Element” be disqualified and placed eighth for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1723 (Lapped on Break).

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

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

11/10/11 (6) **Ninth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was posted after the stewards observed fifth place finisher #1 “Village Benjamin” (Frank Petrelli) make a break before and after the 3/4 pole. Three (3) horses were impeded following this incident. They were third place finisher #4 “Dugout Andee” (Scott Cisco), sixth place finisher #7 “Serious Art” (James Kennedy) and ninth place finisher #8 “Roger J” (Lemoyne Svendsen). For interference while on a break, #1 “Village Benjamin” was disqualified and placed ninth (last).

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

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

11/10/11 (7) **Program Changes**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Declaration - #2 "Bloom N Doom" – Trainer Bob Johnson

Refund: \$1,138

Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

5<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change - #5 R. Wojcio for S. Cisco (stewards)

6<sup>th</sup> Race - #3 "Leadmeastray" should read 'regular lasix'

7<sup>th</sup> Race Driver Change - #3 T. Succarotte for S. Cisco (stewards)

#6 S. Cisco for T. Succarotte (stewards)

11/10/11 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Attendance             | 153              |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$29,246         |
| Handle (In State)      | \$194,285        |
| Handle (Out of State)  | <u>\$220,805</u> |
| Total Handle           | \$444,336        |

**Friday**

11/11/11 (1) **Fourth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing second place finisher #5 "My Tryin Ryan" (Scott Cisco) drift out slightly in the final thirty (30) yards of this race. "My Tryin Ryan" made some very slight wheel disc contact with third place finisher #3 "Bobby Baccala" right on the finish line. After film review, the stewards were of the unanimous opinion that there was nothing to warrant a disqualification.

11/11/11 (2) **Twelfth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing ninth place finisher #7 "Bo Knows Power" (Lemoyne Svendsen) make a break just before entering the stretch. Of primary concern to the stewards were the actions of third place finisher #1 "Long Last Look" (Steve Wiseman) who shifted out slightly while rounding the final turn before entering the stretch.

After a thorough race review and driver input, the stewards could not find fault in the actions of #1 "Long Last Look" and Driver Steve Wiseman. In a unanimous decision 'no change' was made in the order of finish.

11/11/11 (3) **Program Changes**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Declaration - #7 "Got The Giggles" – Trainer Robley Johnson

Refund: \$255

Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

11/11/11 (4) **Attendance and Handle**

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Attendance             | 261              |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$31,095         |
| Handle (In State)      | \$287,518        |
| Handle (Out of State)  | <u>\$312,916</u> |
| Total Handle           | \$631,529        |

**Saturday**

11/12/11 (1)

**California Sires Stakes**

Two (2) California Sire Stake races were held prior to the evening's twelve (12) race pari-mutuel card. Both of these non-wagering events had five (5) participants and carries purses of \$15,000.

11/12/11 (2)

**Seventh Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fourth place finisher #4 “Arch Nemeses” (Steve Wiseman) make a break in mid-stretch. After film review, the stewards unanimously concurred that #4 “Arch Nemeses” complied with CHRB rule #1722 (Breaking) by losing ground. There was ‘no change’ in the order of finish.

11/12/11 (3)

**Eighth Race – Objection/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the objection sign at the request of Gene Vallandingham, the driver of second place finisher #1 “Blissfull Winds”. Vallandingham lodged this objection against unofficial first place finisher #4 “Thouartthegreatest” (Tony Succarotte) for alleged interference in mid-stretch. The stewards viewed race replays several times and also spoke to both drivers involved.

The majority of the stewards (Baker dissent) felt #4 “Thouartthegreatest” drifted in, causing Gene Vallandingham, aboard #1 “Blissfull Winds”, to ‘check’ his horse and lose momentum. The minority agreed with the majority about this drift, however felt #1 “Blissfull Winds” also drifted out, thereby contributing to his own traffic problems. In a 2-1 vote, the stewards disqualified #4 “Thouartthegreatest” and placed him second. Driver Tony Succarotte was ordered to film review with the stewards.

Original order of finish: 4-1-5-2-7

Official order of finish: 1-4-5-2-7

11/12/11 (4)

**Twelfth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fourth place finisher #2 “Charmer” (James Kennedy) drift out and put a wheel under sixth place finisher #5 “Gee Up” (Quentin Schneider) in mid-stretch. After film review, it was determined that Driver Schneider’s chances were not compromised in this race as neither he nor his mount appeared to be affected. The stewards also spoke with both drivers following this race. In a unanimous decision, no change was made in the order of finish.

11/12/11 (5)

**Program Changes**

4<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #6 “OK Shark N” – Trainer Karen Isbell

Refund: \$170

Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #3 “Sayitoutloud” – Trainer Matias Ruiz

Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

#6 “Total Up” – Trainer Nathalie Tremblay

Refund Total: \$314 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 11/12/11 (6) | <b><u>Attendance and Handle</u></b> |                  |
|              | Attendance                          | 262              |
|              | Live Handle (On Track)              | \$32,936         |
|              | Handle (In State)                   | \$251,835        |
|              | Handle (Out of State)               | <u>\$219,636</u> |
|              | Total Handle                        | \$504,407        |

#### RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

|          |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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## W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **REPORT -**

The full Board of Stewards was 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     |
|--------|------|-----|-----------------|----------|---------|----------|------------|
| 10-Nov | 1    | 2   | BLOOM N DOOM    | JOHNSON  | Injured | Goodbary | \$1,138.00 |
| 11-Nov | 1    | 7   | GOT THE GIGGLES | JOHNSON  | Injured | Goodbary | \$255.00   |
| 12-Nov | 4    | 6   | OK SHARK N      | ISELL    | Injured | Goodbary | \$170.00   |
|        | 8    | 3   | SAYITOUTLOUD    | RUIZ     | Injured | Goodbary | \$207.00   |
|        | 8    | 6   | TOTAL UP        | TREMBLAY | Injured | Goodbary | \$116.00   |

**WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

|                 |    |            |
|-----------------|----|------------|
| Bakersfield     | \$ | 6,348.80   |
| Fresno          | \$ | 1,971.00   |
| Fresno Club One | \$ | 1,285.80   |
| Golden Gate     | \$ | 26,752.30  |
| Monterey        | \$ | 5,584.40   |
| Pleasanton      | \$ | 13,759.90  |
| Sacramento      | \$ | 70,848.10  |
| San Jose        | \$ | 18,593.00  |
| San Mateo       | \$ | 38,224.60  |
| Santa Rosa      | \$ | 5,824.20   |
| Stockton        | \$ | 11,122.80  |
| Tulare          | \$ | 294.60     |
| Turlock         | \$ | 8,915.00   |
| Vallejo         | \$ | 753,356.32 |
| So. California  | \$ | 285,224.30 |
| Out of State    | \$ | 963,617.62 |

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION****SUMMARY 2011**

|                          | <b>Mon<br/>11/07</b> | <b>Tues<br/>11/08</b> | <b>Wed<br/>11/09</b> | <b>Thurs<br/>11/10</b> | <b>Fri<br/>11/11</b> | <b>Sat<br/>11/12</b> | <b>Total<br/>Week</b> | <b>Total<br/>Meet</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Accidents</b>         | <b>D</b>             | <b>D</b>              | <b>D</b>             | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>              | <b>2</b>              |
| <b>Cal-Bred Races</b>    | <b>A</b>             | <b>A</b>              | <b>A</b>             | <b>0</b>               | <b>2</b>             | <b>0</b>             | <b>2</b>              | <b>18</b>             |
| <b>Claims</b>            | <b>R</b>             | <b>R</b>              | <b>R</b>             | <b>0</b>               | <b>1</b>             | <b>0</b>             | <b>1</b>              | <b>17</b>             |
| <b>Disqualifications</b> | <b>K</b>             | <b>K</b>              | <b>K</b>             | <b>2</b>               | <b>0</b>             | <b>3</b>             | <b>5</b>              | <b>19</b>             |
| <b>Inquiries</b>         | <b>D</b>             | <b>D</b>              | <b>D</b>             | <b>3</b>               | <b>2</b>             | <b>1</b>             | <b>6</b>              | <b>50</b>             |
| <b>Refunds</b>           | <b>A</b>             | <b>A</b>              | <b>A</b>             | <b>1</b>               | <b>1</b>             | <b>3</b>             | <b>5</b>              | <b>56</b>             |
| <b>Rulings</b>           | <b>Y</b>             | <b>Y</b>              | <b>Y</b>             | <b>2</b>               | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>             | <b>2</b>              | <b>31</b>             |

**Stewards Attendance: Stewards Baker, Oke and Meyers were in attendance.  
All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.**

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**Grant Baker, Steward**

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

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**Will Meyers, Steward**