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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Thursday, August 18, 2011 through Sunday, August 28, 2011. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Thursday

08/18/11 (1) Qualifying Races

Fourteen (14) qualifying races were held today as Cal Expo horsemen return from a two (2) month break to prepare for opening night August 26. Eighty eight (88) horses started and eighty one (81) made the grade.

08/18/11 (2) Veterinarian Change

CHRB Veterinarian Robert Goodbary is off today and Saturday, August 20. Audrey Clifton D.V.M. will fill in.

08/18/11 (3) Dark Day

Friday

08/19/11 (1) Dark Day

Saturday

08/20/11 (1) Qualifying Races

Sixteen (16) qualifying races took place, with a 9:00 a.m. starting time. Of the ninety eight (98) participants, ninety three (93) made the grade.

08/20/11 (2) Timing System

The electronic timing system was not working properly for the thirty (30) qualifying races held over the course of Thursday and Saturday. Stewards Baker and Meyers were on hand to time and judge these races. The timer was stopped manually at the various points of call.

Monday08/22/11 (1) **Entries**

Entries were taken for racing programs to be contested on Friday and Saturday of this week, opening weekend of the Fall Harness Meet.

08/22/11 (2) **Dark Day****Tuesday**08/23/11 (1) **Double Draw**

At 9:45 a.m. a draw was conducted for Friday's card with seventy five (75) head drawing to compete in ten (10) events.

Immediately following, a draw was held for Saturday's card with eighty seven (87) head drawn to participate in eleven (11) races.

Scratch time for both cards is Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

08/23/11 (2) **Safety Steward's Seminar**

Safety Steward Wayne Oke attended a safety steward's seminar at U.C. Davis.

A very well attended meeting with a very informative exchange of information and some very provocative discussions.

Additionally, new procedures for reporting racing and training injuries were outlined and discussed.

08/23/11 (3) **Dark Day****Wednesday**08/24/11 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday and Saturday's Cards**

At scratch time for Friday's card there were numerous driver corrections, two (2) claiming price corrections and one (1) trainer correction.

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were numerous driver corrections and one (1) injured scratch.

08/24/11 (2) **Track Safety Inspection**

A track safety inspection was conducted by Cal Expo Safety Steward Wayne Oke, accompanied by California Horse Racing Board Safety Steward Tom McCarthy.

A few minor problems were discovered and immediately addressed by Cal Expo personnel.

The new finish line marker poles were addressed and a safety issued resolved.

The outstanding issue of the malfunction of the timing system has been assigned a high priority by Cal Expo and a 'fix' is forthcoming.

The paddock cover is being replaced and the new cover will be in place on or before September 8.

08/24/11 (3) **Dark Day****Thursday**08/25/11 (1) **Outrider Communication**

Steward Wayne Oke received a telephone call from Outrider Billy Don Wainscott concerning a confrontation between himself and Licensee Frank Petrelli.

The outrider was told to inform Petrelli to appear in the steward's office at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow (Friday). More to follow.

08/25/11 (2) **Dark Day**

Friday

08/26/11 (1) **Driver/Trainer Meeting**

A meeting was held in the Driver's Lounge prior to the evening's 1st Race. A quick review of rules and expectations.

08/26/11 (2) **Replacement Steward**

Steward Will Meyers was absent for personal business. He was replaced by Vic Stauffer.

08/26/11 (3) **Petrelli/Wainscott**

As requested, Licensee Petrelli appeared in the steward's office, along with California Harness Horsemen's Association Representative Rocky Stidham. Also in attendance were Outrider Billy Don Wainscott and the Board of Stewards.

At issue was Petrelli's reluctance to follow the instructions of the outrider. Petrelli was instructed to follow the instructions of the outrider without question and to direct any issues to the Board of Stewards. Petrelli apologized for his actions and vowed it would not happen again.

08/26/11 (4) **Financial – Dr. Kathryn Jones, D.V.M.**

Dr. Jones informed the Board of Stewards that Driver Brian Marchand had failed to fulfill his commitment relative to a financial agreement signed as a result of California Horse Racing Board Complaint #11SW-033(A). Marchand agreed to pay \$278 by June 18, 2011; a commitment he failed to honor.

Subsequently, Marchand appeared in the steward's office, offering a litany of excuses, none of which appeared relevant.

Marchand was informed the debt needed to be satisfied by tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. (More to follow).

08/26/11 (5) **Timer Non Operational**

Prior to the evening's 1st Race, the stewards were informed that the timer was not operational.

Frank Mathews of Pegasus is attempting to diagnose the problem.

In the interim, the stewards are timing the races using a manual device.

08/26/11 (6) **Fourth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted to inquire into the actions of several breaking horses. In particular #7 "D Man" (Scott Cisco), the eventual second (2nd) place finisher.

After reviewing video, the stewards unanimously concluded that all horses complied with the 'breaking rule', thus no change.

08/26/11 (7) **Seventh Race – Inquiry/Objection/No Change**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to investigate the actions of #1 "Got The Giggles" (David Siegel, 6th) and #3 "Stanza" (Steve Wiseman, 5th) at the head of the stretch.

Simultaneously, the driver of #3 lodged an 'objection' against #6.

After reviewing video, the stewards granted #6 an 'interference break' "Ix" as a result of the incident.

As #3 finished ahead of #1 in the official order of finish, no placings were necessary.

Driver Siegel was ordered to film review.

08/26/11 (8) **Ninth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The 'inquiry' sign was posted to examine the stretch drive involving #3 "Pilgrim's Skyfire" (Steve Wiseman, 1st) and #2 "Laugh's Last" (Kevin Anderson, 2nd).

The stewards, after reviewing video, unanimously concluded that any contact in the stretch was initiated by #2 and the horses would be placed as finished.

The stewards unanimously concluded this was a result of tight racing and the drivers were held blameless.

08/26/11 (9) **Program Changes**

6th Race Program Correction - #8 "Air Ivy"

Program should read – "Off Lasix"

8th Race Declaration - #6 "TJ Beach Poker" – Trainer Robert Bell

Refund: \$142 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

8th Race Program Correction - #8 "Nathan Taves"

Program should read – "Off Lasix"

10th Race Program Correction - #8 "Amcam"

Program should read – "Off Lasix"

08/26/11 (10) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	461
Live Handle (On Track)	\$33,656
Handle (In State)	\$253,753
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$212,195</u>
Total Handle	\$499,604

Saturday

08/27/11 (1) **Qualifying Entries**

The race office accepted entries for qualifying races to be conducted this afternoon.

The resulting qualifying sheet showed forty two (42) horses competing in eight (8) qualifying events. First post is 4:00 p.m.

08/27/11 (2) **Marchand Appears – Reference 08/26/11 (2)**

Licensee Brian Marchand again appeared in the steward's office, offering unrealistic solutions to his financial situation, except that of 'paying in full'.

All of the licensee's proposals were rejected and he was informed if the obligation was not satisfied by 7:00 p.m. today, his license would be suspended.

08/27/11 (3) **Siegel – Film Review**

Driver Siegel attended film review concerning his drive on #1 "Got The Giggles" in last evening's 7th Race.

After reviewing video and hearing Driver Siegel's explanation, and considering the extremely fast fractions in the event, the stewards unanimously concluded that the actions were those of a tiring horse and the driver was held blameless in the incident.

08/27/11 (4) **Qualifying Races**

Eight (8) qualifying races were held commencing at 4:00 p.m.

In these events, thirty five (35) of forty two (42) participants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

Noteworthy, is an incident which occurred in the 5th qualifying event; as the horses approached the 1/8 mile marker, #5 "Dine N Wine" (Paul Welence) appeared to attempt to go into a hole that wasn't available.

This action caused interference with #1, 2 and 3, causing them to break stride and lose all opportunity to qualify.

Driver Welence was ordered to film review³

08/27/11 (5) **First Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The 'inquiry' sign was posted in order to examine an incident 'mid stretch' when #1 "Pedal On The Right" (Karen Isbell, 5th) and #2 "Pureform Misskiss" (James Kennedy) were observed to be in close quarters.

After reviewing video, the stewards unanimously concluded there were no rule violations, thus no change.

08/27/11 (6) **Second Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The inquiry was posted to inquire into the actions of #5 "Enemy Lines" (James Kennedy), the eventual third (3rd) place finisher who broke stride before the start.

After reviewing video, the stewards determined #5 complied with the breaking rule, thus no change.

08/27/11 (7) **Ninth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The inquiry was posted to review the actions of #3 "Seneca Falls" (Steve Wiseman), the eventual fourth (4th) place finisher who broke stride before the start.

After reviewing video, the stewards unanimously concluded that #4 complied with the breaking rule, thus no change.

08/27/11 (8) **Film Review Ordered**

The Board of Stewards ordered Driver Ralph Silvestri III, August 27, 2011, Races 4 and 6; and Driver Frank Petrelli, August 27, 2011, Race 9; to film review. More to follow.

08/27/11 (9) **Marchand Suspension**

Driver Brian Marchand, having failed to fulfill his obligation to Veterinarian Kathryn Jones, the Cal Expo Board of Stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 01

Driver Brian Marchand, having failed to abide by the terms of the Financial Agreement signed in response to California Horse Racing Board Complaint #11SW-033(A) is summarily suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) pending compliance with the previously written complaint.

This ruling issued with reference to California Horse Racing Board Rule 1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) which states in part *"The Stewards May Suspend the License of Anyone Whom They Have the Authority to Supervise or They May Impose a Fine or They May Exclude From All Inclosures in This State or They May Suspend, Exclude and Fine. All Such Suspensions, Fines or Exclusions Shall Be Reported Immediately to the Board."*

08/27/11 (10) **Timer Update**

The timer was non operational for both racing cards.

08/27/11 (11) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Program Correction - #2 "Thouartthegreatest"

Program should read – "Off Lasix"

4th Race Program Correction - #1 "Jeano"

Program should read – "Off Lasix"

5th Race Program Correction - #2 "Spanish Rosey"

Program should read – "Off Lasix"

08/27/11 (12) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	445
Live Handle (On Track)	\$34,363
Handle (In State)	\$263,045
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$207,055</u>
Total Handle	\$504,463

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
26-Aug	8	6	TJ BEACH POKER	BELL	Injured	Goodbary	\$142.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	2,587.20
Fresno	\$	1,456.90
Fresno Club One	\$	985.10
Golden Gate	\$	26,209.00
Monterey	\$	7,599.80
Pleasanton	\$	15,653.00
Sacramento	\$	84,058.70
San Jose	\$	22,238.20
San Mateo	\$	34,436.30
Santa Rosa	\$	6,415.40
Stockton	\$	9,304.40
Tulare	\$	465.90
Turlock	\$	465.90
Vallejo	\$	9,515.80
So. California	\$	294,163.30
Out of State	\$	688,804.05

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2011**

	Mon 08/22	Tues 08/23	Wed 08/24	Thurs 08/25	Fri 08/26	Sat 08/27	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	1	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	0	0	0	0
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	3	3	6	6
Refunds	A	A	A	A	1	0	1	1
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	1	1	1

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

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward