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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, September 13, 2010 through Sunday, September 19, 2010. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

**Monday**

**09/13/10 (1) Entries and Draw**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for Thursday's, Friday's and Saturday's cards.

A draw was conducted commencing at 1:00 p.m. for Thursday's card, resulting in seventy two (72) horses being drawn to compete in ten (10) races.

Scratch time is Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**09/13/10 (2) Dark Day**

**Tuesday**

**09/14/10 (1) Scratch Time for Thursday's Card**

At scratch time for Thursday's card there were twelve (12) driver corrections.

**09/14/10 (2) Draw for Friday's and Saturday's cards**

At 10:30 a.m. a draw for Friday's card was conducted with ninety six (96) head programmed to start in thirteen (13) races.

Immediately following, a draw was conducted for Saturday's card with one hundred three (103) head programmed to start in fourteen (14) events.

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

**09/14/10 (3) Dark Day**

**Wednesday**

09/15/10 (1)

**Scratch Time for Friday's and Saturday's Cards**

At scratch time for Friday's card there were numerous driver corrections, one (1) steward's scratch (race office – in wrong class) and one (1) "sick" scratch.

For Saturday's card there were multiple driver corrections, one (1) trainer correction, and one (1) injured scratch.

09/15/10 (2)

**Dark Day****Thursday**

09/16/10 (1)

**Hearing/CHRB Complaint #10SW-0144**

A hearing scheduled for 4:00 p.m. in the above matter was cancelled when the parties involved, Cal Expo (Marsha Schell) and Trainer Lisa Van Tassel appeared in the steward's office to inform the Board of Stewards that the debt had been satisfied. Case dismissed.

09/16/10 (2)

**Third Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The inquiry sign was lit to examine the actions of #5 "Firing Line" (Gene Vallandingham), the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place finisher, broke stride close to and through the finish.

After reviewing film, the stewards unanimously concluded that #3 was not 'lapped on' and complied with the breaking rule, thus no change.

09/16/10 (3)

**Fifth Race – Inquiry/No Change – Driver Sanction**

The 'inquiry' sign was lit to examine the actions of #6 "Calzone" (Richard Wojcio), the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place finisher, who broke stride approaching the 3/4 mile marker.

After reviewing films, the stewards unanimously concluded that #6 complied with the breaking rule, thus no change.

In a related issue, Driver Wojcio was contacted by the stewards relative to the start of the event when #6, the 4-5 favorite, was noticeably 'off the gate'. After discussing the situation with the Board of Stewards, Driver Wojcio agreed to the following ruling:

**Ruling #12**

*Driver Richard Wojcio, who drove #6 "Calzone" in the Fifth Race at Cal-Expo on Thursday, September 16, 2010, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1731(G) (Starting Rules – Failure to Come Up into Position).*

09/16/10 (4)

**Seventh Race – House Whipping Rule Violation**

Driver Harold Herrera, #5 "Doit By The Clock", was contacted by the stewards at the conclusion of Race #7 after he was observed to be in violation of the Cal Expo 'House Whipping Rule'. Driver Herrera agreed with the steward's assessment of the situation and the following ruling was issued:

**Ruling # 13**

*Driver Harold Herrera, who drove #5 "Doit By The Clock" in the Seventh Race on September 16, 2010, 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’ – (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).*

09/16/10 (5) **Eighth Race – Film Review Ordered**

At the conclusion of Race #8, the stewards contacted Driver Luke Plano (#4 “Hanover D G N”, 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Troyce Thomas (#6 “Leadmeastray”, 6<sup>th</sup>), who were involved in separate incidents, neither of which affected the outcome of the race. Both drivers will meet with the Board of Stewards Friday evening. More to follow.

09/16/10 (6) **Program Changes**

10<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #2 “Leavnona Jateplane” – Trainer Troyce Thomas  
Refund: \$49                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

09/16/10 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Attendance                   | 248              |
| Live Handle (On Track)       | \$34,979         |
| Handle (In State)            | \$236,318        |
| <u>Handle (Out of State)</u> | <u>\$224,926</u> |
| Total Handle                 | \$496,223        |

**Friday**

09/17/10 (1) **Film Review – Troyce Thomas**

Driver Troyce Thomas attended film review as requested.

The stewards were concerned with Mr. Thomas’s actions at the head of the stretch when he was observed with his left foot out of the stirrup.

Driver Thomas made a strong argument that he was attempting to pull the earplugs (an action that is permissible under the rules) when the observation was made.

After some discussion, the stewards accepted Mr. Thomas’s explanation, but issued a caution to be more careful in the future.

09/17/10 (2) **Film Review – Driver Luke Plano**

Driver Luke Plano, who drove #4 “Hanover D G N” in Thursday’s 8<sup>th</sup> Race, attended for review as requested.

At issue were two incidents during the running of the race:

- 1) As the field approached the 3/4 mile marker, it appeared to the stewards that #4 pulled late on #2 “Grandpa Stevie” (Richard Wojcio). As #2 finished ahead of #4 in the official order of finish, an inquiry was deemed unnecessary. After some discussion, and in light of the fact #2 finished ahead of #4, the Board of Stewards felt a caution was in order. Driver Plano expressed his appreciation of the steward’s decision in the matter.
- 2) During the stretch drive, the stewards were suspicious that Driver Plano’s left foot was out of the stirrup, a fact supported by the films. However, at film review the quality of the video was such that it was

very difficult to support the steward's conclusions. In light of these facts, the stewards put Driver Plano on notice that any further rule violations of this nature would trigger severe penalties.

- 09/17/10 (3) **Eighth Race – Three Horse Dead Heat For Show**  
 In a rare occurrence, at the conclusion of tonight's 8<sup>th</sup> Race, the photo-finish camera was unable to separate #'s 1, 2 and 5, and the stewards declared a three horse dead heat for the show position.
- 09/17/10 (4) **Tenth Race – Inquiry/No Change**  
 The 'inquiry' was lit to review an incident which occurred as the field passed the 1/2 mile marker.  
 The race leader, #5 "Persuade Me" (Tim Maier), broke stride, causing confusion among the trailing horses.  
 In the opinion of the stewards, #3 "Drama Princess" (Tony Succarotte, 2<sup>nd</sup>) and #4 "Jill's Sooter" (Rocky Stidham, 5<sup>th</sup>), were bothered to the degree that notations were placed on both horses past performance lines. #5 finished seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) or last, so no placings were necessary.  
 Upon reviewing film, the stewards concluded that #5 jumped an object (possibly a bell boot) on the track, triggering the incident.
- 09/17/10 (5) **Recall**  
 As the field was coming to the starting gate, #7 "Elegant Emma" (Scott Cisco) refused the gate. Starter Gene Montgomerie ordered a recall. The field re-assembled and the second attempt at a start was successful.
- 09/17/10 (6) **Twelfth Race – Inquiry/No Change**  
 The 'inquiry' sign was posted to examine an incident mid-stretch when #1 "Allamerican Macro" (Susan Boyce, 4<sup>th</sup>) and #5 "Freedom Art" (Chris Hernandez) were observed to be in tight quarters.  
 After reviewing film, the stewards unanimously concluded that both parties contributed to the situation and no change was warranted.  
 Driver Sue Boyce was ordered to film review. More to follow.
- 09/17/10 (7) **Twelfth Race – TVG Amateur Series/Multiple Claims**  
 This popular event sparked some increased activity at the claim box with the race winner #4 "Magicality" (David Siegel) having two (2) claims entered with the successful claimant being Karen Isbell for Trainer Jason Maier.  
 Second place finisher, #7 "Long Last Look" (Richard Bertrand) had three (3) claims entered with the successful claimant being Owner Ron Lingle for Trainer Earl Kennedy.  
 The final leg of the series will be conducted next Friday (09/24) with no claiming in the final.
- 09/17/10 (8) **Program Changes**  
 13<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #9 "Spinreel" – Trainer Darren Lupul  
 Refund: \$6                      Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

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| 09/17/10 (9) | <b><u>Attendance and Handle</u></b> |                  |
|              | Attendance                          | 341              |
|              | Live Handle (On Track)              | \$39,639         |
|              | Handle (In State)                   | \$361,338        |
|              | <u>Handle (Out of State)</u>        | <u>\$261,724</u> |
|              | Total Handle                        | \$662,701        |

**Saturday**

09/18/10 (1) **Entries and Qualifying Sheet**

The race office was open this morning for qualifying races to be contested at 4:30 this afternoon.

The resulting qualifying sheet showed thirty three (33) horses competing in six (6) qualifying events.

09/18/10 (2) **Qualifying Races**

Six (6) qualifying races were contested this afternoon. In these events twenty seven (27) of thirty one (31) participants were successful in their qualifying effort.

09/18/10 (3) **First Race – ‘Cal Expo Whipping Rule Violation’ / Warning**

Provisional Driver Jerry Cisco (#2, “Jungle Girl”) was contacted by the stewards following Race #1 concerning a violation of the ‘Cal Expo Whipping Rule’.

Driver Cisco stated ‘In the heat of the moment, he forgot about the rule’. Since this was Driver Cisco’s first violation of the rule, the stewards felt a ‘warning’ was appropriate. Driver Cisco stated he appreciated the steward’s position and would do better in the future.

09/18/10 (4) **First Race – ‘Cal Expo Whipping Rule Violation’/Second Violation**

Driver Troyce Thomas (#4, “Pilgrim’s Skyfire”) was contacted by the stewards relative to his use of the whip in this event.

Driver Thomas, who was guilty of a similar violation on August 26, 2010, was ordered to film review.

09/18/10 (5) **Fifth Race – ‘Cal-Expo Whipping Rule’/Multiple Violations**

Driver Troyce Thomas (#1, “Girl Lie Too”) was again contacted by the stewards for a further violation of the ‘Cal-Expo Whipping Rule’.

In view of the multiple violations of the same rule, Driver Thomas was ordered to film review on Thursday 09/23/10.

More to follow

09/18/10 (6) **Ninth Race – Inquiry/Change**

The ‘inquiry’ sign was lit to review the performance of #9 “Lodi Cooper” (Rocky Stidham), who broke stride before the 1/4 mile marker and continued ‘off stride’ for approximately 1/8 of a mile while gaining ground on the field.

The Board of Stewards disqualified #9, the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) place finisher, and placed him tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) for violation of the breaking rule.

Driver Stidham was held blameless in the incident.

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

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

09/18/10 (7) **Tote Problems**

The tote board froze up after the 11<sup>th</sup> Race and remained that way through the 12<sup>th</sup> Race. The in-house video system carried the correct information at all times, enabling the racing program to proceed without delay. Scientific Games personnel were able to correct the problem prior to the start of Race #13.

09/18/10 (8) **Happy Birthday Gene Vallandingham**

Veteran Trainer, Driver Gene Vallandingham, celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this week; a remarkable occasion for a licensee who is still very active in our sport.

09/18/10 (9) **Cal Bred Races**

No Cal-Bred events were programmed this week.

09/18/10 (10) **Program Changes**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Driver Change - #1 "Hi Ho Serenade"

Driver David Siegel for Tim Maier

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration - #4 "Falcon Forte N" – Trainer Lester Smith

Refund: \$128

Sick – Dr. Robert Goodbary

09/18/10 (11) **Attendance and Handle**

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Attendance             | 441              |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$43,756         |
| Handle (In State)      | \$366,379        |
| Handle (Out of State)  | <u>\$267,150</u> |
| Total Handle           | \$677,285        |

**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   |
|--------|------|-----|--------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| 16-Sep | 10   | 2   | LEAVNONA JATEPLANE | THOMAS  | Injured | Goodbary | \$49.00  |
| 17-Sep | 13   | 9   | SPINREEL           | LUPUL   | Injured | Goodbary | \$6.00   |
| 18-Sep | 8    | 4   | FALCON FORTE N     | SMITH   | Sick    | Goodbary | \$128.00 |

### WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

|                 |    |            |
|-----------------|----|------------|
| Bakersfield     | \$ | 5,924.00   |
| Fresno          | \$ | 2,908.10   |
| Fresno Club One | \$ | 2,934.00   |
| Golden Gate     | \$ | 34,934.60  |
| Pleasanton      | \$ | 18,883.40  |
| Sacramento      | \$ | 93,655.40  |
| San Jose        | \$ | 29,586.90  |
| San Mateo       | \$ | 50,657.00  |
| Santa Rosa      | \$ | 6,190.60   |
| Stockton        | \$ | 13,551.10  |
| Vallejo         | \$ | 12,511.90  |
| So. California  | \$ | 370,007.00 |
| Out of State    | \$ | 753,799.67 |

## CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION SUMMARY 2010

|                   | Mon<br>09/13 | Tues<br>09/14 | Wed<br>09/15 | Thurs<br>09/16 | Fri<br>09/17 | Sat<br>09/18 | Total<br>Week | Total<br>Meet |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Accidents         | D            | D             | D            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0             | 2             |
| Cal-Bred Races    | A            | A             | A            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0             |
| Claims            | R            | R             | R            | 0              | 2            | 0            | 2             | 13            |
| Disqualifications | K            | K             | K            | 0              | 0            | 1            | 1             | 8             |
| Inquiries         | D            | D             | D            | 3              | 2            | 1            | 6             | 21            |
| Refunds           | A            | A             | A            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0             | 23            |
| Rulings           | Y            | Y             | Y            | 0              | 2            | 0            | 2             | 13            |

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

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Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

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Brent McLaren, Steward

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Will Meyers, Steward