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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, May 17, 2010 through Sunday, May 23, 2010. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

05/17/10 (1) **Entries for Thursday**

Seventy nine (79) horses are entered in Thursday's ten (10) race card. No Cal-Bred races were used.

05/17/10 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

05/18/10 (1) **Changes for Thursday – Entries for Friday and Saturday**

A handful of driver changes were taken for Thursday.

Friday's fourteen (14) race card drew one hundred seven (107) entries. One hundred seventeen (117) were entered for Saturday's fifteen (15) races. Four (4) Cal Sired Stake Finals were used.

05/18/10 (2) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

05/19/10 (1) **Changes for Friday and Saturday**

Numerous driver changes were taken for Friday and Saturday. One (1) scratch was taken for each day.

05/19/10 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

05/20/10 (1) Four (4) qualifying races were held prior to tonight's ten (10) race pari-mutuel card. Out of eighteen (18) participants, fifteen (15) made the grade.

05/20/10 (2) **First Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after an incident just before the 3/4 mile marker. Race replays show fifth place finisher #2 “Boo Coo Blush” (Richard Dunneback) veer inward and hook the wheels of sixth place finisher #6 “Maledictorian” (Rick Plano), causing that rival to break stride. For this incident, #2 “Boo Coo Blush” was disqualified and placed sixth. Driver Richard Dunneback was ordered to film review.

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

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

05/20/10 (3) **Fourth Race – Inquiry**

While racing in mid-stretch, the sulky of #2 “Little Kiera” broke apart. Driver Tim Maier landed on his backside. Outrider Mike Waite captured the loose horse following the accident. Driver Tim Maier was examined by human ambulance personnel and subsequently ‘cleared to drive’ the remainder of this evening’s card.

California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian Robert Goodbary examined “Little Kiera” and reported her to be in good condition. California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator Greg Fabbri was asked to examine the broken sulky involved in the accident.

No change was made in the order of finish. A California Horse Racing Board Accident Report (Form CHRB-201) is attached to these minutes.

05/20/10 (4) **Seventh Race – Inquiry**

The stewards conducted a ‘general inquiry’ after viewing sixth place finisher #4 “Andover Victory” (Rick Plano) make a break in the stretch. After film review the stewards determined no change was necessary in the order of finish.

05/20/10 (5) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Driver Change - #4 “Heartland Express”

Paul Wellence for Programmed Driver Rocky Stidham – Stewards

6th Race Program Correction - #6 “Lily’s Hi Ho”

Claiming Price Should Read: \$26,250

05/20/10 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	235
Live Handle (On Track)	\$39,132
Handle (In State)	\$349,859
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$225,877</u>
Total Handle	\$614,868

Friday05/20/10 (1) **Brian Solden Complaint (Case No: 10SW-0079)**

A formal hearing was heard today in the steward’s office with a case filed by California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator Greg Fabbri against Trainer Brian Solden. Trainer Solden started the horse “Party Bunny” (finished 3rd) in the eighth race March 12, 2010. Investigator

Fabbri's seventeen (17) page complaint packet stated the urine sample taken from "Party Bunny" contained Methylprednisolone (Class 4 Drug). This was reported by U.C. Davis Maddy Laboratories (Scott Stanley PhD – Chief Chemist).

Present today, along with the stewards, were Investigator Fabbri, California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian Robert Goodbary and Court Reporter Wendy Frazier.

Trainer Solden did not dispute Investigator Fabbri's investigation that stated "Party Bunny" was treated by Lane Schloeder, D.V.M. with Methylprednisolone inside of seventy two (72) hours to race time. Trainer Solden took full responsibility for the alleged medication violation. Solden has not received any medication violations in recent years. Decision to follow.

05/20/10 (2) **David Siegel – Film Review**

Driver David Siegel appeared in the steward's office to review three (3) races with the stewards. All three (3) of these races were contested on May 15, 2010 [Ref: 05/15/10 (3)].

Driver Siegel drove #1 "Hidden Dragon" in the third race, finished second but was disqualified and placed third. The stewards unanimously felt that Siegel made wheel disc contact with third place finisher #3 "Wicked Tony" (Susan Boyce) at the midway point of the stretch drive. Driver Siegel acknowledged some interference, however he did not feel there was wheel disc contact.

In the twelfth race (May 15) David Siegel drove second place finisher #8 "The Future". Fifty yards before the finish "The Future" veered into the path of fourth place finisher #6 "Party Bunny" (Tony Succarotte) who checked sharply while tiring. Driver Siegel acknowledged that he participated in unsafe driving in the later stages of this race.

The third film session the stewards reviewed with Driver Siegel was the fifteenth race. Siegel drove fifth place finisher #2 "Thatwilldo A". Driver Siegel was leading the race approaching the 1/2 mile pole while the timer showed a 101.0 time for the opening 1/2 mile (31.1 second quarter mile). The stewards were concerned about possible confusion behind "Thatwilldo A" following the slow opening stage times. Decisions to follow.

05/21/10 (3) **Richard Dunneback Film Review**

Driver Richard Dunneback appeared in the steward's office to review his drive in last evening's (May 20) first race. Driver Dunneback sat behind fifth place finisher #2 "Boo Coo Blush", who hooked wheels with sixth place finisher #6 "Maledictorian" (Rick Plano).

Driver Dunneback took responsibility for the incident that took place before the 3/4 pole. The stewards unanimously voted to issue the following ruling:

Ruling # 69

Driver Richard Dunneback, who drove “Boo Coo Blush” in the First Race on Thursday, May 20, 2010, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (B) (Driving Rules – Jostle, Strike, Hook Wheels or Interfere With Another Horse or Driver). The incident occurred mid turn—resulting in a disqualification).

05/21/10 (4) **Third Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this race after observing sixth place finisher #1 “Broadway Victory” (John McKeon Jr.) race inside three (3) track pylons just before the 3/4 pole.

After determining #1 “Broadway Victory” was not forced inside the pylons, the stewards unanimously ruled to disqualify this horse and place here eighth (last).

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

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

05/21/10 (5) **Sixth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after this race to check on possible interference caused by fourth place finisher #4 “Rare Wine” (Luke Plano) while racing on the first turn.

During film review, the stewards determined that #4 “Rare Wine” went on a break and forced eighth (last) place rival #1 “Power Of Elizabeth” to also go on a break, and subsequently forced off the race course. For this foul #4 “Rare Wine” was disqualified and placed eighth (last). Driver Luke Plano was held blameless.

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

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

05/21/10 (6) **Tenth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing second place finisher #2 “Tu Charming” (James Kennedy) go on a break in deep stretch on the finish line. While ‘running’ across the finish line, third place finisher #1 “Party Bunny” (Tony Succarotte) was ‘lapped on’ the hind quarters of “Tu Charming”.

For violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1723 (Lapped-on Break), #2 “Tu Charming” was disqualified and placed third.

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

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

05/21/10 (7) **Thirteenth Race – Inquiry**

Following the running of this race the stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fourth place finisher #4 “Alpine Hawk” (Tim Maier) go on a break in the stretch. After film review the stewards unanimously ruled

that #4 “Alpine Hawk” complied with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (Breaking). No change was made in the order of finish.

05/21/10 (8) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Driver Change - #3 “Chrome Coquette”

Steve Wiseman for Programmed Driver Hans Rynningen (sick)

3rd Race Declaration - #7 “C Miracle Mary” – Trainer Richard Bertrand

Refund: \$30 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

9th Race Declaration - #3 “Accent Seelster” – Trainer Bob Johnson

Refund: \$151 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

9th Race Driver Change - #4 “Heelwin”

James Lackey for James Kennedy (Trained another horse in race)

12th Race Declaration - #2 “Thouartthegreatest” – Trainer David Gullian

Refund: \$70 Sick – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

05/21/10 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	387
Live Handle (On Track)	\$39,117
Handle (In State)	\$416,993
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$259,244</u>
Total Handle	\$715,354

Saturday

05/22/10 (1) **Brian Solden Ruling (Case No: 10SW-0079)**

Ruling # 70

Trainer Brian Solden, who started “Party Bunny” in the Eighth Race on March 12, 2010, is fined the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (D) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances – Methylprednisolone - Class IV that carries a Class C penalty).

The ruling above was issued after the stewards deliberated following a hearing held yesterday [Ref: 05/20/10 (1)].

05/22/10 (2) **David Siegel Ruling**

Ruling # 71

Driver David Siegel, who drove “Hidden Dragon N” in the Third Race on Friday, May 15, 2010, is hereby Suspended Three (3) Racing Days, Thursday, May 27, 2010, Friday, May 28, 2010 and Saturday, May 29, 2010 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (Driving Rules – Change Course After Selecting a Position in the Homestretch, or Bear In or Out in Such a Manner as to Interfere With Another Horse or Cause Him to Change Stride or Break). This incident occurred midstretch – resulting in a disqualification.

The stewards issued the ruling above following a film review held Thursday May 20 [Ref: 05/20/10 (2)]. David Siegel’s recent driving record was an aggravating factor regarding this unanimous decision.

05/22/10 (3) **David Siegel Ruling**

Ruling # 72

Driver David Siegel, who drove “The Future” in the Twelfth Race on Friday, May 15, 2010, is hereby Suspended Five (5) Racing Days, Thursday, June 3, 2010, Friday, June 4, 2010, Saturday, June 5, 2010, Thursday, June 10, 2010 and Friday, June 11, 2010 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # Rule #1721(K) (Driving Rules – Drove in a Careless or Reckless Manner).

This ruling was issued following a film review with David Siegel held on Thursday, May 20 [Ref: 05/20/10 (2)]. The stewards determined Driver Siegel’s actions in this race led to a potentially dangerous situation. Due to his recent driving record the stewards felt a five day penalty was warranted.

Driver Siegel was held blameless for his drive in the fifteenth race May 15.

05/22/10 (4) **Third Race – Inquiry**

After the running of this race the stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing #2 “At Last” (James Kennedy) make a break in the about on hundred (100) yards before the finish. It appeared this horse attempted to leap over a potato chip bag lying on the racetrack. #2 “At Last” complied with the ‘breaking rule’ by losing ground following the break. No change was made in the order of finish.

05/22/10 (5) **Fourth Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing second place finisher #2 “Franks Best” (James Lackey) make a break in the stretch. The stewards unanimously ruled that this 1/5 favorite complied with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (Breaking) and that ‘no change’ in the order of finish was warranted.

05/22/10 (6) **Eight Race – Accident**

Roughly twenty lengths behind the leaders in the homestretch, a strange incident took place. Ninth place finisher #9 “Serengeti Sunset” (Steve Hyman) made a break and slowed down to a near walk. Roughly five (5) or six (6) seconds later #3 “Water Girl” (Gene Vallandingham- DNF) hit the sulky of #9 “Serengeti Sunset”. The impact was somewhat significant; however neither driver fell out of their sulky. Accident reports are attached to these minutes.

05/22/10 (7) **Eleventh Race – Delay**

There was an approximate twenty (20) minute delay prior to the running of the eleventh race. Track human ambulance attendants were summoned to the office of California Sire Stakes Representative Susan Travers who was feeling ill. The delay took place while a backup ambulance was summoned before the eleventh race could proceed.

05/22/10 (8) **Program Changes**

6th Race Declaration - #1 "Leavnona Jateplane" – Trainer Troy Thomas
 Refund: \$1576 Tied up – Henry Cook, D.V.M.
 9th Race Declaration - #5 "Freedoms My Style" – Trainer Jose Ramirez
 Refund: \$119 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
 12th Race Declaration - #8 "Pleasecashmybett" – Trainer Dario Solares
 Horse kicking driver – took off mount – Stewards
 #9 "Hi Ho Serenade" – Trainer Matias Ruiz
 Refund Total: \$1480 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
 14th Race Declaration - #3 "Kokorona" – Trainer Rick Plano
 Refund: \$207 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.
 15th Race Declaration - #5 "TK Diehard" – Trainer Rick Cisco
 Refund: \$89 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

05/22/10 (9) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	436
Live Handle (On Track)	\$40,851
Handle (In State)	\$408,993
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$367,649</u>
Total Handle	\$817,493

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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
21-May	3	7	C MIRACLE MARY	BERTRAND	Injured	Goodbary	\$30.00
	9	3	ACCENT SEELSTER	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$151.00
	12	2	THOUARTHEGREATEST	GULLIAN	Sick	Goodbary	\$70.00
22-May	6	1	LEAVNONA JATEPLANE	THOMAS	Tied Up	Cook	\$1,576.00
	9	5	FREEDOMS MY STYLE	RAMIREZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$119.00
	12	9	HI HO SERENADE	RUIZ	Injured	Goodbary	\$328.00
	14	3	KOKORONA	PLANO	Injured	Goodbary	\$207.00
	15	5	TK DIEHARD	CISCO	Injured	Goodbary	\$89.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	7,170.80
Fresno	\$	2,716.90
Fresno Club One	\$	2,624.00
Golden Gate	\$	45,466.70
Monterey	\$	9,926.70
Pleasanton	\$	21,535.80
Sacramento	\$	87,935.20
San Jose	\$	36,094.10
San Mateo	\$	47,913.70
Santa Rosa	\$	7,509.70
Stockton	\$	14,797.80
Tulare	\$	644.10
Turlock	\$	1,153.30
Vallejo	\$	16,095.30
So. California	\$	434,647.40
Out of State	\$	852,769.47

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY 2010**

	Mon 05/17	Tues 05/18	Wed 05/19	Thurs 05/20	Fri 05/21	Sat 05/22	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	1	0	1	2	8
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	4	4	18
Claims	R	R	R	0	0	0	0	16
Disqualifications	K	K	K	1	2	0	3	44
Inquiries	D	D	D	3	3	0	6	109
Refunds	A	A	A	2	4	6	12	364
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	0	1	3	4	72

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward