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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Friday, September 18, 2009 through Sunday, September 27, 2009. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Friday

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

Entries were taken and a qualifying sheet produced for qualifying races to be held tomorrow commencing at 11:00 a.m. Twenty seven (27) races were scheduled.

09/18/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Saturday

09/19/09 (1) **Qualifying Races**

Twenty-seven (27) qualifying events were conducted commencing at 11:00 a.m. under the supervision of Stewards Baker and Meyers. In these events, one hundred eighty five (185) of two hundred ten (210) participants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

09/19/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Sunday

09/20/09 (1) **Qualifying Entries and Sheet**

Entries were taken and a qualifying sheet produced for nineteen (19) qualifying races to be held tomorrow, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

09/20/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Monday

09/21/09 (1)

Qualifying Races

Nineteen (19) races were contested commencing at 11:00 a.m. under the supervision of Stewards Baker, Meyers and Oke.

In these events one hundred twenty (120) of one hundred twenty eight (128) participants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

09/21/09 (2)

Dark Day**Tuesday**

09/22/09 (1)

Entries and Draw for Friday 09/25/09 & Saturday 09/26/09

Entries were taken and a double draw conducted for Friday and Saturday's cards.

At the 3:00 p.m. draw, one hundred twenty two (122) head were drawn to compete in fifteen (15) events on opening night, Friday 09/25/09. Scratch time is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Immediately following, a draw was conducted for Saturday's card with one hundred eighteen (118) head scheduled to compete in fifteen (15) events. Scratch time is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

09/22/09 (2)

Euthanization and Necropsy Request

The duty steward was notified by Dr. Audrey Clifton of the euthanization of the standardbred "Brooklet's Big & Rich". The paperwork has been filed requesting a necropsy examination at CAHFSL/Davis. More to follow.

09/22/09 (3)

Dark Day**Wednesday**

09/23/09 (1)

Scratch Time – Friday 09/25/09 & 09/26/09

At scratch time for Friday's card there were nine (9) driver corrections, two (2) trainer corrections and no scratches. At scratch time for Saturday's program there were twenty three (23) driver corrections, three (3) trainer corrections and no scratches.

09/23/09 (2)

Dark Day**Thursday**

09/24/09 (1)

Opening Week

This being opening week, there were many "housekeeping issues" with the arrival of new horseman and horses. All in all, a relatively uneventful week; A credit to all horsemen and racing officials.

09/24/09 (2)

Dark Day**Friday**

09/25/09 (1)

Driver Illness/Excused

Provisional Driver Jerry Cisco contacted the stewards by telephone to ask to be excused from his scheduled drives due to illness. The stewards corrected the report. Replacement drivers were named.

- 09/25/09 (2) **Qualifying Entries and Sheet**
 Entries were taken and a qualifying sheet produced for four (4) qualifying races to be contested today at 4:00 p.m.
- 09/25/09 (3) **Qualifying Races**
 Four (4) qualifying races were conducted this afternoon under the supervision of Stewards Baker and Meyers. In these events, seventeen (17) of nineteen (19) participants were successful in their qualifying efforts.
- 09/25/09 (4) **Opening Night/Visit by Executive Director**
 Tonight was opening night for the Fall Meet. Executive Director Kirk Breed visited the stand prior to the evening's 1st Race.
- 09/25/09 (5) **Fifth Race – Inquiry/Change**
 The “inquiry” sign was lit at the conclusion of Race #5 to investigate an incident mid-stretch when #5 “Take No Prisoners” (Lemoyne Svendsen) broke stride after being observed in close quarters with #6 “Giveityourbestshot” (Richard Wojcio). After reviewing films and speaking with the drivers, the stewards unanimously concluded that there had been contact initiated by #6, ducking out into the path of #5; Thus #6, who finished fifth (5th), was disqualified and placed seventh (7th) for interfering with #5 and #3. Driver Wojcio was ordered to film review.
 Original order of finish: 2-4-1-7-6-3-5
 Official order of finish: 2-4-1-7-3-5-6
- 09/25/09 (6) **Sixth Race – Inquiry/No Change**
 The stewards briefly flashed the “inquiry” sign at the conclusion of Race #6 when #3 “Hoosier Wildcat” (Jason Maier) and #5 “Spicy Hall” were in close quarter mid stretch with #5 going “off-stride”. As #5 finished in front of #3 in the “official order of finish”, no change was warranted. Driver Jason Maier was ordered to film review.
- 09/25/09 (6) **Tote Board/Timer**
 The tote board is still experiencing problems with “freezing up” at inopportune times. The problem is intermittent and very difficult to isolate. The trackside indicator at the ½ mile marker is not working, leaving some drivers somewhat lost. Management is aware and working to correct these problems.
- 09/25/09 (6) **Program Changes**
 1st Race Driver Change - #9 “Jungle Girl”
 Luke Plano for programmed driver Jerry Cisco
 5th Race Driver Change - #4 “Rare Wine”
 Luke Plano for programmed driver Jerry Cisco
 6th Race Driver Change - #6 “Nine K”
 Steve Wiseman for programmed driver Jerry Cisco
 8th Race Declaration - #9 “Must Bea Sadie” – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Refund: \$145 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 11th Race Declaration - #5 “Big Million” – Trainer Earl Kennedy
 Refund: \$218 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12th Race Declaration - #4 “Boss New York” – Trainer Jason Maier
 Refund: \$65 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

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| 09/25/09 (7) | <u>Attendance and Handle</u> | |
| | Attendance | 314 |
| | Live Handle (On Track) | \$42,814 |
| | Handle (In State) | \$401,660 |
| | <u>Handle (Out of State)</u> | <u>\$191,377</u> |
| | Total Handle | \$635,851 |

Saturday

09/26/09 (1) **Petrelli Hearing–Case #09SW-0139/Post Race Positive (Dexamethasone)**

Trainer F. Petrelli appeared in the steward’s office to attend a formal hearing in response to California Horse Racing Board Complaint #09SW-0139. Also in attendance were stewards Baker, Meyers and Oke, Senior Special Investigator Marty Snezek and California Horse Racing Board Official Veterinarian Robert Goodbary. The proceedings were recorded by Kathy Ransom of Wendy Frazier Reporting.

The hearing was convened, testimony taken, exhibits entered and the matter was deemed submitted. Decision to follow.

09/26/09 (2) **Driver Jason Maier/Film Review**

Driver Jason Maier appeared in the steward’s office to review his drive on #3 “Hoosier Wildcat” in Friday’s sixth race.

Driver Maier freely admitted that his horse tired and drifted out. However, contended that the driver of #4 Paul Welence, overreacted, making the situation appear much worse than it actually was.

The stewards tended to agree with Driver Maier. However, he was cautioned to be more careful in the future. Driver Maier promised to do so.

09/26/09 (3) **Driver Richard Wojcio/Film Review**

Driver Richard Wojcio appeared in the steward’s office to review his drive on #6 “Giveityourbestshot” in Friday’s fifth race. Driver Wojcio was quite candid in agreeing that his horse caused the problem, but contended that his horse (who was making his first pari-mutuel start) was racing immaturely and ducked from the whip of another driver. The films appeared to verify Driver Wojcio’s contention. Thus, the Board of Stewards issued a warning rather than a penalty.

09/26/09 (4) **Third Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The “inquiry” sign was lit at the conclusion of Race #3 to investigate the start of the eventual race winner #1A “One Hot Tamale” (Rick Plano) who broke before the start. After reviewing film, the stewards unanimously concluded that #1A had complied with the breaking rule, thus no change.

09/26/09 (5) **Program Changes**

4th Race Driver Change - #7 “Carl Lewis N”

Etienne Desomer for programmed driver James Kennedy

5th Race Program Correction - #4 “Hitchiker”

Trainer should read "Vicki Desomer"
 6th Race Declaration - #1A "Maledictorian" – Trainer Frank Petrelli
 Refund: \$78 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 6th Race Declaration - #5 "British Spirit" – Trainer James Kennedy
 Refund: \$83 Stewards
 9th Race Declaration - #9 OK Shark N" – Trainer Jason Maier
 Refund: \$232 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

09/26/09 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

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| Attendance | 262 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$44,084 |
| Handle (In State) | \$387,854 |
| <u>Handle (Out of State)</u> | <u>\$232,143</u> |
| Total Handle | \$664,081 |

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Race</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>Horse</u> | <u>Trainer</u> | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Vet</u> | <u>Refund</u> |
|-------------|-------------|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| 25-Sep | 8 | 9 | MUST BEA SADIE | PETRELLI | Injured | Goodbary | \$145.00 |
| | 11 | 5 | BIG MILLION | KENNEDY | Injured | Goodbary | \$218.00 |
| | 12 | 4 | BOSS NEW YORK | MAIER | Injured | Goodbary | \$65.00 |
| 26-Sep | 6 | 1A | MALEDICTORIAN | PETRELLI | Injured | Goodbary | \$78.00 |
| | 9 | 9 | OK SHARK N | MAIER | Injured | Goodbary | \$232.00 |

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

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| Bakersfield | \$ | 2,990.50 |
| Fresno | \$ | 2,397.70 |
| Fresno Club One | \$ | 1,884.30 |
| Golden Gate | \$ | 34,712.10 |
| Monterey | \$ | 6,310.10 |
| Pleasanton | \$ | 20,540.00 |
| Sacramento | \$ | 78,088.10 |
| San Jose | \$ | 25,246.20 |
| San Mateo | \$ | 52,939.50 |
| Santa Rosa | \$ | 3,665.30 |
| Stockton | \$ | 12,306.60 |
| Vallejo | \$ | 13,579.30 |
| So. California | \$ | 359,268.90 |
| Out of State | \$ | 423,519.98 |

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2009**

| | Mon 09/21 | Tues 09/22 | Wed 09/23 | Thurs 09/24 | Fri 09/25 | Sat 09/26 | Total Week | Total Meet |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Accidents | D | D | D | D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 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 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Inquiries | D | D | D | D | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Refunds | A | A | A | A | 3 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| Rulings | Y | Y | Y | Y | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward