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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, May 11, 2009 through Sunday, May 17, 2009. Steward Will Meyers was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

05/11/09 (1)

Entries for Thursday

Thursday's race card drew one hundred eleven (111) entries. No Cal-Bred races were used.

05/11/09 (2)

Dark Day

Tuesday

05/12/09 (1)

Scratches for Thursday

Numerous driver changes were recorded for Thursday's program. No scratches were made.

05/12/09 (2)

Entries for Friday & Saturday

Friday's thirteen (13) race card drew one hundred three (103) entries. No Cal-Bred races were used.

Saturday also has thirteen (13) races. One hundred two (102) horses are scheduled to race. No Cal-Bred races were used.

05/12/09 (3)

Dark Day

Wednesday

05/13/09 (1)

Scratches for Friday & Saturday

One scratch was taken for each day along with numerous driver changes.

05/13/09 (2) **Dark Day**

Thursday

05/13/09 (1) **New Trainer**

Wally Slopianka was approved for a trainer's license. Slopianka has plied his trade in Canada for the past ten years and is a welcome addition to the backside.

05/14/09 (2) **Ladouceur Ruling – Case # 09SW-0060**

Ruling # 62

Owner Claude Ladouceur, who medicated the horse "Dirty Dog" for the Fifth Race at Cal Expo on April 04, 2009, is hereby 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 – Flunixin (82ng/ml) in Excess of Permitted Level) Class IV that carries a Class C penalty.

The above ruling was issued following evidence presented at Saturday's hearing which indicated Owner/Driver Ladouceur was admittedly responsible for administering Banamine paste to his horse. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1877, the stewards were convinced that Owner Ladouceur was responsible for the high Banamine reading.

05/14/09 (3) **Ritchie Exonerated – Case # 09SW-0054**

In a companion case to the above, Trainer Robert Ritchie who is the trainer of record for the horse "Dirty Dog", was found not guilty and the case dismissed. "Dirty Dog" is under Ritchie's care but Owner/Driver Claude Ladouceur does all race preparation for the horse. The 82 ng/ml Flunixin reading was attributed to a paste administered by Mr. Ladouceur.

05/14/09 (4) **Wojcio Ruling**

Ruling # 63

Driver Richard Wojcio, who drove "Tiger Beach Boy" in the Thirteenth Race on Saturday, May 09, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1721 (L) (Driving Rules – Drive or Cause to be Driven any Unreasonably Slow Quarters or Fractions).

The above ruling was issued after Wojcio was contacted and accepted the penalty. First half fractions of 30¹ and 101⁴ are inconsistently slow for this class of horse.

05/14/09 (5) **Qualifiers**

Seven (7) of ten (10) horses entered in today's two (2) qualifiers met the standards.

- 05/14/09 (6) **Tote Manager Technician Arrives**
In a continuing effort to fix the tote problems plaguing Cal-Expo, Scientific Games Supervising Technician Tom Kelso was on grounds to lend a hand.
- 05/14/09 (7) **Ninth Race – Tote Board Problem**
The main tote board was frozen for approximately eight (8) minutes. TV monitors and betting machines remained operational during the period.
- 05/14/09 (8) **Twelfth Race – Recall**
#4 “Vest’s Connection” (Lemoyne Svendsen) failed to turn to the gate when the starter called. The recall lights were lit and after a brief three (3) minute delay, the horses were assembled and off without further delay.
- 05/14/09 (9) **Twelfth Race – Inquiry/No Change**
The inquiry sign was posted to review a possible breaking rule violation by third (3rd) place finisher, #1 “Groovin Hi” (Jerry Cisco), just past the 1/2 mile marker. After review, it was determined that #1 went offstride momentarily and did not interfere with any other horses. The breaking rule was complied with so no change was needed.
- 05/14/09 (10) **Program Changes**
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| 6 th Race Declaration - #1 “Boss New York” – Trainer Gretchen Smith | |
| Refund: \$65 | Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary |
| 7 th Race Declaration- #1 “Hi Ho Serenade” – Trainer Greig Watson | |
| Refund: \$535 | Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary |
| 8 th Race Declaration - #2 “Holls Park Place” – Trainer Rick Plano | |
| Refund: \$166 | Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary |
| 9 th Race Declaration - #1 “Red Star Ruffles” – Trainer Robley Johnson | |
| Refund: \$23 | Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary |
| | #2 “Lil Deuce Coup” – Trainer Walter Slopianka |
| Refund: \$31 | Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary |
| 13 th Race Declaration - #2 “Laissez Faire N” – Trainer Tim Maier | |
| Refund: \$123 | Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary |
- 05/14/09 (11) **Attendance and Handle**
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|------------------------------|------------------|
| Attendance | 221 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$36,208 |
| Handle (In State) | \$315,582 |
| <u>Handle (Out of State)</u> | <u>\$236,407</u> |
| Total Handle | \$588,197 |

Friday05/15/09 (1) **Herrera Ruling****Ruling # 64**

Driver Gilbert Herrera, who drove “The Future” in the Second Race on Thursday, May 14, 2009, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1721 (L) (Driving Rules – Drive or Cause to be Driven any Unreasonably Slow Quarters or Fractions).

The above ruling was issued after Herrera was contacted and accepted the penalty assessed. A 102 first half is too slow for a 159³ mile.

05/15/09 (2) **Drivers Meeting**

The stewards met with the drivers before tonight's racing. The main topics were eliminating slow first halves and correct whipping procedures.

05/15/09 (3) **First Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was posted to review an incident around the final turn involving second (2nd) place finisher #4 "Hoosier Rambo" (David Gullian) and fourth (4th) place finisher #7 "Little Rooster" (Jason Maier). After talking to the drivers and tape review, #4 was unanimously disqualified and placed fourth (4th) for interference. Tapes clearly show #4 coming out from behind horses, forcing #7 to the outside, costing him a chance at a better placing.

05/15/09 (4) **Ninth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review a possible breaking rule violation by second (2nd) place finisher #4 "I Am Sportacus" (Rick Plano) near the wire. After review it was determined that he was back on stride before the finish and no violation occurred.

05/15/09 (5) **Program Changes**

1st Race Declaration - #1 "Mark's Superstar" – Trainer Tom Wine II

Refund: \$286 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

7th Race Declaration - #7 "Photo Delight" – Trainer Troyce Thomas

Refund: \$45 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

11th Race Declaration - #5 "Nightscreamer" – Trainer Jason Ricco

Refund: \$251 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

13th Race Declaration - #4 "Jaccka Invoke" – Trainer Lisa Van Tassel

Refund: \$50 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

05/15/09 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	481
Live Handle (On Track)	\$46,572
Handle (In State)	\$480,037
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$263,085</u>
Total Handle	\$789,694

Saturday

05/16/09 (1) **Gullian Ruling**

Ruling # 65

Provisional Driver David Gullian, who drove "Hoosier Rambo" in the First Race on Friday, May 15, 2009, is hereby Suspended Three (3) Racing Days commencing on Thursday May 21, 2009, through Saturday, May 23, 2009 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721(F) (Driving Rules – Carry a Horse Out). This incident occurred after the 3/4 mile marker.

The above ruling was issued after Gullian appeared and accepted the fact he pulled late, causing interference and carrying a rival wide around the turn.

- 05/16/09 (2) **Twelfth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**
 The inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of third (3rd) place finisher, #2 “Mic Mac Sam” (Steve Wiseman), who went offstride in the stretch and through the finish. After review, it was determined that #2 failed to lose ground in violation of the breaking rule. #2 was disqualified from third (3rd) to ninth (last) in a unanimous decision.
- 05/16/09 (3) **Program Changes**
 9th Race Declaration - #8 “Holme Fora Cuddle” – Trainer Rick Plano
 Refund: \$29 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
 12th Race Declaration - #9 “Nextopmodel” – Trainer George Reider
 Refund: \$42 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary
- 05/16/09 (4) **Attendance and Handle**
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|------------------------------|------------------|
| Attendance | 516 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$61,737 |
| Handle (In State) | \$502,059 |
| <u>Handle (Out of State)</u> | <u>\$296,285</u> |
| Total Handle | \$860,081 |

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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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
14-May	6	1	BOSS NEW YORK	SMITH	Injured	Goodbary	\$65.00
	7	1	HI HO SERENADE	WATSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$535.00
	8	2	HOLLS PARK PLACE	PLANO	Injured	Goodbary	\$166.00
	9	1	RED STAR RUFFLES	JOHNSON	Injured	Goodbary	\$23.00
	9	2	LIL DEUCE COUP	SLOPIANKA	Injured	Goodbary	\$31.00
	13	2	LASSEZ FAIRE N	MAIER	Injured	Goodbary	\$123.00
15-May	1	1	MARK'S SUPERSTAR	WINE II	Injured	Goodbary	\$286.00
	7	7	PHOTO DELIGHT	THOMAS	Injured	Goodbary	\$45.00
	11	5	NIGHTSCREAMER	RICCO	Injured	Goodbary	\$251.00
16-May	13	4	JACCKA INVOKE	VAN TASSEL	Injured	Goodbary	\$50.00
	9	8	HOLME FORA CUDDLE	PLANO	Injured	Goodbary	\$29.00
	12	9	NEXTOPMODEL	REIDER	Injured	Goodbary	\$42.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	12,220.40
Bay Meadows	\$	-
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	6,265.60
Fresno Club One	\$	2,395.70
Golden Gate	\$	53,197.10
Monterey	\$	8,337.40
Pleasanton	\$	32,666.60
Sacramento	\$	121,201.90
San Jose	\$	41,276.00
San Mateo	\$	72,955.30
Santa Rosa	\$	7,777.10
Stockton	\$	25,007.80
Tulare	\$	305.00
Turlock	\$	2,740.90
Vallejo	\$	17,679.10
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	545,131.90
Out of State	\$	795,778.40

**CAL-EXPO RACING ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY**

2009

	Mon 05/11	Tues 05/12	Wed 05/13	Thurs 05/14	Fri 05/15	Sat 05/16	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	12
Claims	R	R	R	0	0	0	0	40
Disqualifications	K	K	K	0	1	1	2	34
Inquiries	D	D	D	1	2	1	4	63
Refunds	A	A	A	6	4	2	12	183
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	2	1	1	4	65

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

All drivers submitted to a breathalyzer test.

Will Meyers, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward