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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Thursday, September 11, 2008 through Sunday, September 21, 2008. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Thursday

09/11/08 (1) Qualifying Entries and Draw

Entries were taken and sheets produced for qualifying races to be conducted on Friday September 12, 2008 and Saturday September 13, 2008.

On Friday there will be one hundred (100) head participating in thirteen (13) races.

On Saturday there will be one hundred one (101) head participating in seventeen (17) races.

Post time each day is 11:00 a.m.

09/11/08 (2) Dark Day

Friday

09/12/08 (1) Qualifying Races

Thirteen (13) qualifying races were conducted with first post at 11:00 a.m.

These races were contested by ninety-nine (99) horses with ninety seven (97) head being successful in their qualifying effort.

09/12/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Saturday

09/13/08 (1) **Qualifying Races**

Seventeen (17) qualifying races were conducted with first post at 11:00 a.m.

These races were contested by ninety nine (99) horses with ninety (90) horses being successful in their qualifying effort.

09/13/08 (2) **Track Condition**

The stewards were very impressed with the track condition, as witnessed by the performance of the horses during the past two day's qualifying events.

09/13/08 (3) **Dark Day**

Monday

09/15/08 (1) **Entries and Draw for Thursday 09/18/08**

Due to the cancellation by Cal-Expo management of the first two (2) days of racing for the new meet (ostensibly due to track conditions, however qualifiers were held on both days over a track that was in excellent condition), entries were taken for Thursday's opening card. The entry box closed at 9:00 a.m.

The draw was held at 2:30 p.m. with fifty-eight (58) horses drawn to compete in eight (8) events.

Scratch time will be on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

09/15/08 (2) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

09/16/08 (1) **Scratch Time for Thursday 09/18/08**

Entries were taken and a draw conducted for Friday's card. The entry box closed at 9:00 a.m.

The draw was conducted at 11:00 a.m. with seventy nine (79) horses drawn to compete in eleven (11) races. Scratch time will be Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

09/16/08 (2) **Request for Association Rule Change**

Cal-Expo management requested permission to change their rule concerning 'Trainer Entries'.

The old rule limited the number of trainer entries in these classes to 'two (2)'.

Cal-Expo wished to eliminate this restriction in order to afford the better horses at each gait more frequent racing opportunities.

After discussions with Executive Director Kirk Breed, permission was granted. A copy of the new rule is attached.

Additionally, Cal-Expo requested the California Horse Racing Board include standardbreds in the exemption granted to quarter horses in California Horse Racing Board Rule #1606(B).

09/16/08 (3) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

09/17/08 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday 09/19/08**

At scratch time there were two (2) driver changes and no scratches.

09/17/08 (2) **Entries and Draw for Saturday 09/20/08**

Entries were taken and a draw conducted for Saturday's card. The entry box closed at 9:00 a.m. The draw was conducted at 12:30 p.m. with seventy nine (79) horses drawn to compete in eleven (11) races. Scratch time was at the draw.

09/17/08 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

09/18/08 (1) **Breathalyzer Operator**

The stewards were informed by Cal-Expo management that Breathalyzer Operator Robin Clements was being replaced by Paddock Judge Walter Petersen.

09/18/08 (2) **Race Officials Meeting**

A pre-meet race officials meeting was held in the steward's office at 4:00 p.m. today. In attendance were:

Fred Kuebler – Race Secretary
 Joe Nefsky – Assistant Race Secretary
 Patti Petersen – Clerk of the Course
 Walter Petersen – Paddock Judge/Breathalyzer Operator
 Carl Sobey – Horse Identifier
 William Vallandingham – Starter
 Billy Don Wainscott – Outrider
 Kathy Poor – Placing Judge
 Stewards Baker, McLaren and Oke

A well attended meeting with a discussion of each official's responsibilities and a procedure developed for handling individual problems as they occur. An enthusiastic group, who appeared ready and eager for the upcoming meet.

09/18/08 (3) **Driver/Trainer Meeting**

A meeting was held in the driver's room at 5:00 p.m. today.

The purpose of the meeting was to re-familiarize those present with procedures and responsibilities for the entry of horses, paddock procedures and the actual contesting of the race. A well attended meeting with a lively exchange between the stewards and the licensees.

09/18/08 (4) **Seventh Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was lit following Race #7 to investigate an incident in the first turn when eventual third (3rd) place finisher, #1 “Jam And Jelly” (Steve Wiseman), was observed inside multiple pylons in the first turn. After reviewing films, the stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #1 and placed her seventh (7th) and last for violation of the pylon rule. Driver Steve Wiseman was ordered to film review.

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

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

09/18/08 (5) **Good Racing**

Otherwise, an excellent opening night with good, competitive racing, over an excellent racing surface.

09/18/08 (6) **Program Changes**

1st Race Declaration - #4 “Deano’s Hi Ho” – Trainer James Covemaker

Refund: \$6 Stewards

1st Race Program Correction - #6 “Lodi Gambler”

Should read Trainer Lester Smith

5th Race Declaration - #6 “Joe The Jet” – Trainer James Covemaker

Refund: \$0 Stewards

09/18/08 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	285
Live Handle (On Track)	\$25,893
Handle (In State)	\$190,323
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$116,043</u>
Total Handle	<u>\$332,259</u>

Friday

09/19/08 (1) **Driver Steve Wiseman – Film Review**

Driver Steve Wiseman attended with the stewards to review Thursday's seventh race in which Driver Wiseman's horse was disqualified for violation of the 'pylon rule'. Driver Wiseman readily accepted responsibility for the violation and accepted the following penalty without complaint.

Ruling # 03

Driver Steve Wiseman, who drove “Jam And Jelly” in the Seventh Race on Thursday September 18, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (K)

(Driving Rules – Careless Driving – Raced Inside Multiple Pylons After the Start Resulting in a Disqualification – Unfair Advantage).

09/19/08 (2) **Good Program/Good Racing**

Good racing with no notable incidents.

09/19/08 (3) **Program Changes**

1st Race Program Correction - #5 “El Grande Real”

Should read ‘Off Lasix’

3rd Race Program Correction - #1 “I Give Youmy Word”

Should read ‘1st Lasix”

5th Race Program Correction - #7 “Giles L S Hanover”

Should read “1st Lasix”

10th Race Declaration - #2 “See Through It” – Trainer Gilbert Herrera

Refund: \$2 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

10th Race Program Correction - #4 “Jade’s Crown”

Should read ‘Barefoot’

11th Race Declaration - #3 “Mobster Hanover” – Trainer Nathalie Tremblay

Refund: \$0 Injured – Dr. Goodbary

09/19/08 (4) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	482
Live Handle (On Track)	\$38,160
Handle (In State)	\$371,204
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$214,117</u>
Total Handle	\$623,481

Saturday

09/20/08 (1) **Qualifying Entries and Draw**

Entries were taken and a qualifying sheet produced for qualifying races to be held this afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

There will be thirty two (32) horses attempting to qualify in six (6) events.

09/20/08 (2) **Qualifying Races**

Six (6) qualifying races were held starting at 4:30 p.m. under the supervision of Stewards Baker and McLaren. In these events, twenty four (24) of thirty one (31) horses were successful in their qualifying efforts.

09/20/08 (3) **Fifth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was lit following Race #5 to investigate an incident in the first turn when #2 “Little Walter” (Gilbert Garcia-Herrera) made a break and caused #4 “Titan Seelster” (Steve Wiseman) to abruptly alter course and briefly ‘hook wheels’, causing #4 to break stride. After reviewing films, the stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #4, who finished fifth (5th) and placed him sixth (6th) for ‘interference while on a break’.

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

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

09/20/08 (4) **Seventh Race – Driver Caution**

During the stretch drive in Race #7, #8 “Jill’s Sooter” (David Siegel) was observed moving to her right, forcing eventual race winner #3 “Nikoleta” (James Kennedy) to take evasive action. As #3 finished ahead of #8, there was no placing. Driver Siegel was ordered to film review.

09/20/08 (5) **Tenth Race – Claim**

#5 “Whitman” was claimed by K.C. Carvalho from Owen Eiler, Jr. for \$10,000. The new trainer will be Tom Wine.

09/20/08 (6) **Eleventh Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The inquiry sign was posted at the conclusion of Race #7 to investigate an incident past the 3/4 mile pole when #2 “S A Sunset”, the eventual second (2nd) place finisher, was observed striking a single pylon. After reviewing films, stewards felt there was not conclusive evidence that #2 had violated the pylon rule, thus no change.

09/20/08 (7) **Program Changes**

3rd Race Program Correction - #2 “I’m Obligated”

Should read ‘1st Lasix”

4th Race Program Correction - #1 “Kagey Moonlight”

Claim Price should read \$7,200

5th Race Program Correction - #3 “Mighty Fella”

Should read ‘1st Lasix”

09/20/08 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	543
Live Handle (On Track)	\$47,872
Handle (In State)	\$360,956
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$237,289</u>
Total Handle	\$646,117

RULINGS ISSUED THIS WEEK

- 09/12/08 01 (Amendment to Ruling # CHRC-065, dated August 02, 2008)
Driver Robley Johnson, who drove “Cam’s Gidget” in the third race on Friday, August 01, 2008, is hereby Suspended for a period of three (3) days from driving only, September 18, 2008, September 19, 2008 & September 20, 2008 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I), (Driving Rules – Pulled Late at the Head of the Stretch, Causing #4 “Adora” to Make a Break – Resulting in a Disqualification)
- 09/19/08 02 Trainer James Covemaker is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1501 (Worker’s Compensation Insurance Required) for failure to start “Deano’s Hi Ho” (1st Race) and “Joe The Jet” (5th Race) on Thursday September 18, 2008 at Cal Expo, California.

- 09/19/08 03 Driver Steve Wiseman, who drove “Jam And Jelly” in the Seventh Race on Thursday September 18, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (K) (Driving Rules – Careless Driving – Raced Inside Multiple Pylons After the Start Resulting in a Disqualification – Unfair Advantage).
- 09/20/08 04 Driver Troyce Thomas, who drove “Leavnona Jateplane” in the Eleventh Race on Friday September 19, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1731 (D) (Driving Rules – Come to the Starting Gate out of Position).

reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
19-Sep	10	2	SEE THROUGH IT	HERRERA	Injured	Goodbary	\$2.00
	11	3	MOBSTER HANOVER	TREMBLAY	Injured	Goodbary	\$0.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	6,190.00
Bay Meadows	\$	-
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	3,929.70
Fresno Club One	\$	1,820.80
Golden Gate	\$	44,163.50
Monterey	\$	-
Pleasanton	\$	22,505.80
Sacramento	\$	92,839.30
San Jose	\$	36,958.80
San Mateo	\$	60,917.40
Santa Rosa	\$	6,562.80
Stockton	\$	17,437.70
Tulare	\$	560.50
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	16,782.90
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	567,449.64

CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY

2008

	Mon 09/15	Tues 09/16	Wed 09/17	Thurs 09/18	Fri 09/19	Sat 09/20	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	0	0	1	1	1
Disqualifications	K	K	K	1	0	1	2	2
Inquiries	D	D	D	1	0	2	3	3
Refunds	A	A	A	1	1	0	2	2
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	1	2	1	4	4

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward