

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of May 10, 2016 through May 15, 2016.

FRIDAY

05/13/2016

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office this past Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to oversee the entry and scratch procedures. Entries have been more forthcoming this week, with the draw being completed in the early afternoon hours. Ward will also author the minutes for the coming week.

(2) EARLY SCRATCHES

- 1st Race - #5 Caballo Bonito – (Stewards entered back)
#8 Soul Crusher – (Vet-injured)
Refund: \$875.00
- 3RD Race #1 One Sweet Jewel – (Stewards - entered back)
#3 Rutila – (Vet-injured)
Refund: \$321.00
- 4th Race #3 Rock The Dreamer – (Stewards-ownership)
Refund: \$327.00
- 6th Race #4 Youth Movement – (Vet-sick)
Refund: \$414.00

(3) FINANCIAL HEARING

The Stewards conducted an informal hearing into a financial complaint filed by trainer Adriana Aceves against her former groom, Adalberto Aceves, for delinquent training fees. The complaint was for the training of two horses, One Last Win and Momma Tried, and came to a total of \$4,465.00. There was much dialog centering about how Mr. Aceves traded groom services in exchange for training services, but the bottom line is that we felt that Ms. Aceves was owed for both her training fees and pony services on the horse One Last Win. The other horse, Momma Tried, was a more complex issue as the horse was not stabled in Ms. Aceves barn and not under her care, but was in the barn of trainer Walter Solis.

We will discuss the facts of the case and render a decision tomorrow.

(4) DELAY TO START

There was a delay to the start of the second race when #1 Feel Wanted broke through the stall doors and loped toward the wire. The horse was captured by the outrider and returned to the starting gate. The horse was allowed to start after examination by Racing Veterinarian Becky

Fitzgerald. However, of particular concern was the fact that the assistant starter assigned to the horse bit its ear in an attempt to keep the horse from lifting in the front end. We contacted Starter Gary Brinson and informed him of the situation.

(5) TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the seventh race as trainer John Cooper(8th, #3 Princesa Sin Tacha) lodged a claim of foul against #4 Tell Jess, with Roberto Hernandez up, alleging interference at the start. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the start the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. Review showed that while Mr. Cooper's horse was bumped by both #4 Tell Jess and #2 Big Time Wild, the contact was minimal and did not cost the horse a chance for a better placing as it was beaten several lengths behind the next to last horse. Ironically, Mr. Cooper did not claim foul against the #2 horse, which was equally at fault, but we assume it was because he was the trainer of that horse.

(6) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	808	On Track Handle:	\$120,252.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,986</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$369,366.30
Total:	2,794	Out of State:	<u>\$789,264.88</u>
		Total:	\$1,278,883.48

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$426,060.77

SATURDAY

05/14/2016

(1) EARLY DECLARATION

3RD Race #4 Im Jess Baby– (Stewards-entered back)
Refund: \$135.00

(2) VIDEO REVIEW

Oscar Peinado was in the office to review the fifth race from Friday, during which he checked his mount sharply after being in close quarters, but once clear did not ride his mount out to the finish. He explained that the filly, a two-year-old first time starter, reacted to the dirt in her face and would not extend herself. While we were not in total agreement with his assessment, it was plausible enough that a penalty was not warranted.

Jose Nicasio was in the office to explain his actions during the sixth race from Friday, during which he struck his mount four times in succession near the finish without giving the horse a chance to respond. It also appeared that he may have hit his horse between the ears earlier in the race. He did not dispute the four strikes violation, but was adamant that he did not hit the horse over the head.

(3) ACCIDENT AFTER THE RACE

Jockey Rodrigo Aceves was unseated after the finish of the fourth race when his mount, #5 Favmore, which had raced erratically early in the race, bore out after the finish. The only camera angle which caught the incident made it appear that the horse hit the outside rail, unseating the rider. The horse stepped on Aceves, prompting paramedics to recommend that he not ride the remainder of the card. Replacement riders were named.

(4) LATE SCRATCH – REFUND – CANCELLATION OF SHOW POOL

A refund was ordered in the eighth race when #5 Foo Who flipped just after entering the starting gate, injuring itself and causing Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. The scratch reduced the field to four horses and prompted the cancellation of the show pool. There was a refund \$21,605.00.

(5) VOIDED CLAIMS

There were two voided claims on the evening card, with both taking place in the first race. #1 Maximum Maximum, claimed by trainer Jose Jimenez, was off in the left front leg during its time in the test barn and was returned to trainer R. B. Hess, Jr. #2 Caliente Cat, claimed by Jesus Nunez, was also "off" and went back to the stable of Robert Lucas.

(6)	<u>ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE</u>			
	On Track Attendance:	804	On Track Handle:	\$120,013.80
	Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,904</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$397,493.50
	Total:	2,708	Out of State:	<u>\$867,580.03</u>
			Total:	\$1,385,087.33

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$519,228.41

SUNDAY

05/15/2016

(1) A.M. DECLARATION

3RD Race -#4 Cowgirl N Thecity – (Vet-injured)

(2) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockeys Jesus Rios Ayala and Santiago Mendez were in the office this evening to review races from Saturday, during which they were observed violating the crop rule. Neither rider had an excuse for their actions.

(3) IN LIMBO

The Stewards, for the past week, have been unable to publish minutes or rulings due to the fact that our secretary was forced to leave her position due to a family situation and a replacement has yet to be found. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and are working to rectify the situation.

(4) OWNER REVIEWS VIDEO

Owner Jose Gonzalez was in the office this evening to review the start of last night's seventh race as his horse, #1 El Torito Omega, broke very slowly. Mr. Gonzalez called last evening to state that he felt his horse's slow start was the fault of the assistant starter. After a very thorough review of the start, Mr. Gonzalez admitted that the fault lay with his horse and not the assistant starter.

(5) JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the first race as Ramon Guce(4th, #2 Slew Kitty) lodged a claim of foul against Brandon Boulanger(3rd, #3 Jase's Auntie Aimee) for interference shortly after the start. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the start the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. The angles were inconclusive as to whether Boulanger was clear when he drifted in shortly after the start.

(6) VOIDED CLAIM

There were three claims voided during the Sunday's card. Two claims deposited in the third race were voided - #1 Gloryandprayer pulled up lame after the race and was returned to the barn of trainer Gary Greiner while #7 There For You was "off" during its time in the test barn and it was sent back to the barn of trainer Angela Aquino. A claim in the fifth race deposited by trainer Santos Perez was voided as the horse exhibited signs of lameness while cooling out in the detention barn following the race. The horse was returned to trainer Valentin Zamudio's stable.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	918	On Track Handle:	\$123,617.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,859</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$360,044.90
Total:	2,777	Out of State:	<u>\$943,397.87</u>
		Total:	\$1,427,060.07

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$582,312.07

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>
05/13/16	1	8	<u>Soul Crusher</u>		Injured		\$875
05/13/16	3	3	<u>Rutila</u>		Injured		\$321
05/13/16	4	3	<u>Rock The Dreamer</u>		Stewards-ownership		\$327

05/13/16	6	4	<u>Youth Movement</u>		Sick		\$414
05/14/16	3	4	<u>Im Jess Baby</u>		Entered back		\$135

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 15, 2016.

Zero equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period twelve horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: six for soundness, four for injury,
one for sickness, zero for medication, zero for bleeding,
one for shock wave therapy.

Eleven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and
removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

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SUMMARY 2016

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 05/13	SAT 05/14	SUN 05/15	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	1	0	1	13
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		1	1	2	4	190
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	8
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	1	2	27
REFUNDS		A			4	2	0	6	155
RULINGS			Y		0	0	0	0	122
VOIDED CLAIMS					0	2	3	5	20

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, Randy Winick, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)

