

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 June 2, 2015 through June 7, 2015.

TUESDAY

06/02/2015

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Ruben Moreno will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Eight races were drawn for Friday night's card consisting of two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 12:15 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the book for Friday, California-bred maidens, three years old and upwards, claiming price \$4,000, going 300 yards, failed to fill with one entry (1 CAL-BRED).

WEDNESDAY

06/03/2015

(1) SCRATCHES

Friday scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no scratches, one rider change, and no equipment changes for Friday evening's program.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Nine races were drawn for Saturday night's card consisting of three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 1:45 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for Saturday, California-bred maidens, two years old, claiming price \$6,250, going 300 yards, failed to fill with six entries (1 CAL-BRED).

THURSDAY

06/04/2015

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted promptly at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no scratches, one rider change, and no equipment changes for Saturday evening's program.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Thirteen races were drawn for Sunday night's card consisting of thirteen Quarter Horse trials for the Ed Burke Million Futurity. The draw was completed at 11:30 a.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

California-bred races were not offered for Sunday evening's program due to the Ed Burke Million Futurity Trials.

FRIDAY

06/05/2015

(1) SCRATCHES

Sunday scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no scratches, one rider change, no equipment changes, and one first time gelding change for Sunday evening's program.

(2) NEW OVERHEAD CAMERA

Cameraman Jim Porep visited with the Stewards to discuss the installation of an overhead camera in the starting gates that presents a unique view of the horses at the start of each race. Mr. Porep stated that Los Alamitos Race Course had approved the installation and was seeking the Stewards' approval to occasionally show the new angle in the replays shown to the betting public. The Stewards felt the view would be of benefit to all parties and granted approval.

(3) RODRIGUEZ RULING

RULING #83

OWNER ANGEL C. RODRIGUEZ, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 5, 2015, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #15LA0106, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ANGEL C. RODRIGUEZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued after Owner Angel Rodriguez failed to appear to address an alleged debt owed to Equine Sports Medicine in the amount of \$313.00.

(4) MELTON INFORMAL HEARING

Trainer Lin Melton appeared before the Stewards as requested to address his failure to have posted a required "Detention Stall" sign at his barn. Trainer Melton stated that the day the infraction occurred he was not at his barn but left instructions for his grooms to post the sign, which they forgot to do. Trainer Melton stated it would not happen again. The following ruling was issued:

RULING #84

TRAINER LIN MELTON IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1845 (D) (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION – NOT HAVING SIGN POSTED).

(5) HERRERA INFORMAL HEARING

An informal hearing was conducted to address Case No. 15LA0113. At issue was Groom Marlin Herrera's possession of drug contraband while outside his tack room at Los Alamitos Race Course and subsequent positive test for marijuana in a urine sample. Groom Herrera admitted his guilt and agreed to sign a drug testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. The following ruling was issued:

RULING #85

GROOM MARLIN A. HERRERA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – MARIJUANA) AND #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND).

FURTHERMORE, MARLIN A. HERRERA SHALL SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

(6) GOOD NIGHT OF RACING

Friday evening's program of eight races was conducted without incident, making for a good night of racing.

(7) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 1 Shop Forever (Tr. K. Craigmyle) claimed, Tr. Q. Howey.
4 Arctic Code (Tr. M. Harrington) claimed, Tr. E. Mode.
3rd Race - # 1 Is It Fantasy (Tr. B. Bowman) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$75.00.
6 Kking Ddavid (Tr. G. Morales) claimed, Tr. V. Zamudio.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,179	On Track Handle:	\$135,734.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,173</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$507,000.90
Total:	3,352	Out of State:	<u>\$826,031.02</u>
		Total:	\$1,468,766.32

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$482,574

SATURDAY

06/06/2015

(1) FIFTH RACE – VOIDED CLAIM

Trainer Felix Gonzalez's \$6,250 claim on #4 "Kilbergs Kitten" was voided by the Stewards after Dr. Beck's examination of the two-year-old filly at the Receiving Barn post-race found her to be unsound. "Kilbergs Kitten" was placed on the Veterinarian's List and returned to Trainer Paul Jones' barn.

(2) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the sixth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), the Stewards immediately posted the Inquiry sign to review the start where #6 "Quick And Bright" (4th – Andrade) broke in, impeding #5 "One Sweet Dove" (6th – Hernandez), costing her the opportunity of a better placing. After watching the replays and speaking with the riders involved, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #6 "Quick And Bright" and place her last, behind #5 "One Sweet Dove."

Original Order of Finish: 2 – 3 – 4 – (6) – 5

Official Order of Finish: 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – (6)

(3) SEVENTH RACE - ACCIDENT

Shortly after the finish of the seventh race (Quarter Horse – 870 yards), #4 "Cammazes" broke down, unseating Jockey Ramon Guce, who fell to the track surface. Jockey Ramon Guce was immediately attended to by E.M.T.'s and transported to a local hospital. "Cammazes" was taken by horse ambulance back to Trainer Lorenzo Ruiz's barn. An accident report will follow.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 4 Nickelize (Tr. E. Berman) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$260.00.
6 Rocket Rhea (Tr. A. Soto) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.
2nd Race - # 5 Ava's Ballet (Tr. J. G. Hernandez) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$372.00.
6 Fortune's Daughter (Tr. M. Harrington) claimed, Tr. S. Martinez.
7 Brandon's Princess (Tr. B. Bowman) claimed, Tr. L. Ruiz.
3rd Race - # 1 Grayden (Tr. G. Morales) claimed, Tr. Q. Howey.
4 Mr. Day Tripper (Tr. R. Gomez) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$210.00.
5 Storm Bid (Tr. K. Castaneda) Jockey Adolfo Rodriguez replaced Jockey Cayetano Chaparro (sick).
5th Race - # 4 Kilbergs Kitten (Tr. P. Jones) claimed, Tr. F. Gonzalez (VOID).

- # 6 Go Binskey Bear Go (Tr. F. Gonzalez) claimed, Tr. A. Soto.
 6th Race - # 1 Apollitical Gamble (Tr. C. Hall) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Refund: \$494.00.
 # 5 One Sweet Dove (Tr. J. Flores) Jockey Roberto Hernandez replaced
 Jockey Guillermo Suarez (sick).
 7th Race - # 5 Time Toget Ahead (Tr. W. Solis) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Refund: \$358.00.
 # 6 Tricky Liz (Tr. S. Perez) claimed, Tr. R. Lucas.
 9th Race - # 1 Secret Lass (Tr. L. Ruiz) Jockey Jonathan Roman replaced Jockey Ramon
 Guce (sick).

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,188	On Track Handle:	\$183,350.50
Off Track Attendance:	2,336	Off Track Handle:	\$589,528.80
Total:	3,524	Out of State:	<u>\$1,158,233.20</u>
		Total:	<u>\$1,931,112.50</u>

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$644,744

SUNDAY

06/07/2015

(1) RODRIGUEZ INFORMAL HEARING

Owner Susan Rodriguez appeared before the Stewards to explain an outstanding debt owed to Equine Sports Medicine. Mrs. Rodriguez stated she had expected to pay Equine Sports Medicine with her horses' winnings, but those winnings never materialized. The Stewards reminded Mrs. Rodriguez that she had an obligation to pay her bill whether or not her horses earned a paycheck. Mrs. Rodriguez agreed to call Equine Sports Medicine and set up a payment plan. The Stewards agreed to take no action at this time.

(2) ANDRADE RULING

RULING #86

JOCKEY JUAN ANDRADE WHO RODE "QUICK AND BRIGHT" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JUNE 14TH, 19TH, AND 20TH, 2015) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE SHORTLY AFTER THE START, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO FIFTH POSITION. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

Jockey Juan Andrade was notified telephonically of the above ruling. Jockey Andrade agreed with the Steward's decision.

(3) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted following the running of the third race (Quarter Horse – 350 yards) to review an incident at the start in which #4 "Tempt" (3rd – Nicasio) broke in, bumping #3 "RV Xiomara" (7th – Marquez), who then as a result, then impeded #2 "Mr Corona Casanova" (8th – De Alba). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to hold #3 "RV Xiomara" blameless but to disqualify #4 "Tempt" for interference at the start.

Original Order of Finish: 7 – 1 – (4) – 5 – 8 – 6 – 3 – 2

Official Order of Finish: 7 – 1 – 5 – 8 – 6 – 3 – 2 – (4)

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 4th Race - # 1 Budder Think Twice (Tr. C. Joiner) Jockey Omar Reyes replaced
 Jockey Ricky Ramirez (absent).
 6th Race - # 2 Pure Political (Tr. C. Joiner) Jockey Omar Reyes replaced Jockey Ricky
 Ramirez (absent).

7th Race - # 4 Samaritan (Tr. D. Ekins) Jockey Oscar Peinado replaced Jockey Ricky Ramirez (absent).
8th Race - # 2 Militarist (Tr. C. Joiner) Jockey Cruz Mendez replaced Jockey Ricky Ramirez (absent).
11th Race - # 6 Blue Magic Moment (Tr. M. Casselman) Jockey Carlos Huerta replaced Jockey Ricky Ramirez (absent).
12th Race - # 4 Coronation (Tr. P. Jones) Jockey Carlos Huerta replaced Jockey Ricky Ramirez (absent).
13th Race - # 5 Napa Rose (Tr. C. Joiner) Jockey Omar Reyes replaced Jockey Ricky Ramirez (absent).

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	789	On Track Handle:	\$194,412.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,931</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$475,615.50
Total:	2,720	Out of State:	<u>\$1,267,327.81</u>
		Total:	\$1,937,356.01

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$767,929.60

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>
6/5/2015	3	1	Is It Fantasy	B. Bowman	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$75
6/6/2015	1	4	Nickelize	E. Berman	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$260
	1	6	Rocket Rhea	A. Soto	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$219
	2	5	Ava's Ballet	J. G. Hernandez	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$372
	3	4	Mr. Day Tripper	R. Gomez	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$210
	6	1	Apollitical Gamble	C. Hall	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$494
	7	5	Time Toget Ahead	W. Solis	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$358

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 7, 2015. Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period ten horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: one for soundness, three for injury, four for sickness, none for medication, one for bleeding, one for shock wave therapy, and none for coggins.

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

This report was submitted by Steward Ruben Moreno.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 06/05	SAT 06/06	SUN 06/07	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	1	0	1	7
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		3	5	0	8	247
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	1	2	20
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	1	2	36
REFUNDS		A			1	6	0	7	171
RULINGS			Y		3	0	1	4	86

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Ruben Moreno, George Slender, James Dreyer and Safety Steward Randy Winick were in attendance during this reporting period.

Ruben Moreno (Steward)

George Slender (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Randy Winick (Safety Steward)