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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.****SANTA ANITA PARK****To the California Horse Racing Board**

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Week 10– Friday, June 16, 2017 – Sunday, June 18, 2017**WEDNESDAY**6/14/17¹**DARK DAY**

Grant Baker was on duty today to oversee entries for June 17. He was also available to sort out any issues that needed a Steward's direction.

THURSDAY6/15/17¹**ELLIS FOURTH DAY FORMAL HEARING CASE 16SA0260 ref 5-22-17²,
5-23-17² and 6-9-17¹**

Present for the formal hearing before the Board of Stewards were trainer Ron Ellis his attorney Steve Schwartz, Deputy Attorney General Vanessa Martinez representing the CHRB and court reporter Michelle Derieg transcribed the proceedings. Observers in attendance were, Jeremy Balan (Blood-Horse) and Steward Blake Nielsen from Utah. Testimony was heard from expert witness CHRB Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur, Supervising Investigator Philip Miyazaki and trainer Ron Ellis. The hearing was continued until June 22, 2017 at which time the two counselors will hopefully have reached a stipulated agreement concerning witness Herb Warren DVM. More to follow.

FRIDAY6/16/17¹**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

JOSE VERENZUELA met with the Stewards to review the eleventh race on June 10, 2017. After a review of the video, approaching the 3/8 marker it was obvious Mr. Verenzuela's mount ducked inward causing the horse to his inside to take up. Mr. Venezuela was held blameless, warning.

STEWART ELLIOTT also met with the Stewards to review the ninth race on June 9, 2017. Mr. Elliott's mount was bearing out and then in. The BOS felt Mr. Elliott could have done a better job correcting his mount, he said he would do so in the future, warning.

6/16/17²

IZAGUIRRE HEARING CASE 17SA0137

The CHRB filed a complaint against groom Luis Izaguirre for alleged violation of rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Present for the hearing before the BOS, were trainer Dean Greenman, Security Officer, Byron Carter and Luis Izaguirre (employee for trainer Gus Headley). After a discussion and opinions from both parties it was evident that those involved were behaving in a childish manner, they were told to mind their own business for the next 27 days. After that Santa Anita stabling facility will be closed. Stable Superintendent Robert Troeger informed the BOS that he would separate trainer Gus Headley and Dean Greeman when assigning stalls in the future. An official warning will be noted in Mr. Izaguirre's CHRB printout.

6/16/17³

BEAN RULING ref 6-8-17¹

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Bean was informed of the BOS decision after the hearing of his appeal of ruling LATS #106. Mr. Bean testified he should be given a pass on the penalty because he was temporally hospitalized with heart issues the day he entered the runner. The rule 1845 (a) states the horse must be registered to run on lasix prior to entry.

Mr. Bean knew that said horse was shipping from Arizona had never raced in California, thus the need of Lasix registration. The official program listed the horse would 'not' race with Lasix because it had not been registered prior to entry. The day of the race, Mr. Bean was notified of the issue and given the option of being penalized for a late declaration or penalized for a late registration, he chose the latter and he appealed the penalty ruling that was issued. The formal hearing was heard on June 8, 2017. The BOS felt Mr. Bean was responsible for not registering the horse prior to the time of entry. Mr. Bean used an expletive when informed of the following ruling via the telephone.

LATS RULING #193

Having participated in a formal hearing based on his appeal of LATS Ruling #106 (March 26, 2017), trainer ROBERT BEAN is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late bleeder registration of "Lil Lottie" who ran in the third race on March 25, 2017 at Santa Anita Park).

6/16/17⁴

DESORMEAUX ENTRY

The following ruling was issued after MR. DESORMEAUX chose not to run his horse "True Valor" in the first race on 06-17-17 after a jockey agent entered the horse for the claiming price option. If Mr. Desormeaux had entered the horse himself he would have opted not to run for a claiming price in the Starter Optional Claiming race.

LATS RULING #194

Trainer KEITH DESORMEAUX is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – horse entered for wrong condition) in the first race on June 17, 2017, at Santa Anita Park.

6/16/17⁵

VOIDED CLAIM

Following an examination of #4 Sheza Firstsamurai in the third race by Official Veterinarian Tim Grande, the claim was voided after he placed her on the Veterinarian's List for being unsound. The horse returned to the stable of trainer Steve Miyadi.

6/16/17⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #9 FREGOSI (Tr. L. Powell) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
Refund \$749.66

2nd race #1 GOT AN OBSESSION (Tr. M. Pearson) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
Refund \$149.40

3rd race #4 SHEZA FIRSTSAMURAI (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. R. Becerra - **VOID**
Refund \$20.00; Minus Pool \$475.80

4th race No Changes
Refund \$259.00; Minus Pool \$11.03

5th race #7 MIZ STRAWBERRY DEE (Tr. M. Chambers) claimed by Tr. R. Baltas
Refund \$0

6th race #4 SHAKTI (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. J. Carava
Refund \$33.00

7th race #2 QUE CHISTOSO (Tr. H. Palma) claimed by Tr. R. Hess Jr.
#4 EXCESSIVE KID (Tr. C. Gaines) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
Refund \$254.75

8th race #7 LI'L GRAZEN (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. J. Carava
Refund \$280.60

9th Race #5 EDITORE (BRZ) (Tr. P.H. Lobo) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
Refund \$106.10

10th race #11 PRINCESS AUBREY (Tr. V. Belvoir) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande
Refund \$243.24

6/16/17⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,718	\$733,962.10
SCOTWinc	4,210	\$1,539,288.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,577,329.92
Total	7,928	\$7,850,580.12

SATURDAY6/17/17¹**ARROYO RULINGS**

The following rulings were issued after MR. ARROYO failed to appear in the Steward's office after ordered to do so by the BOS to review a possible crop violation and to explain why he was four minutes late to the paddock in the seventh race yesterday.

LATSRULING #195

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO, JR. is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the first race at Santa Anita Park on June 16, 2017.

LATS RULING #196

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO, JR. is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – late to paddock) before the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on June 16, 2017.

LATS RULING #197

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO, JR. is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on June 17, 2017).

6/17/17²**BOULANGER HEARING CASE 17SA138**

The CHRB filed a complaint against jockey BRANDON BOULANGER for a positive of Marijuana metabolites of 31 ng/ml when he was tested on May 19, 2017. Present for the hearing before the BOS were jockey Brandon Boulanger, Investigator Jim Hamilton

and court reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. Mr. Boulanger's history was discussed and he admitted he had smoked Marijuana in the past, but testified he has not indulged in the drug since he last tested positive in March 2016. He claimed that the positive must have come from being in proximity to others who were smoking. Decision to follow.

6/17/17³**NILFORUSHAN HEARING CASE 17SA0079**

This hearing was previously scheduled for May 26, 2017, Mr. Nilforushan failed to appear and was suspended. A new hearing date was set, he was notified and once again failed to appear. His current suspension shall remain until he appears for a hearing.

6/17/17⁴**STEWARD'S REVIEW**

After the finish of the race a Steward's review was posted on all TV monitors. Involved was #10 Ekestra (B. Pena) who appeared to have dwelt at the start. After a review of the video and conversation with Starter Jay Slender it was a unanimous decision that the horse caused its own problems and an inquiry was not necessary.

6/17/17⁵**INQUIRY DISQUALIFICATION NINTH RACE 1 1/16 dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch run involving #2 Spooky Woods (F. Prat 3rd) and #3 It Tiz Well (M. Smith 5th). After conversation with the Patrol Judge and both jockeys, in a unanimous decision #2 was disqualified from third and placed fifth behind #3. The BOS felt that #2 Floated out off the turn, #3 advanced into the opening and #2 jockey guided his mount inward into the path of #3 which caused it to check for several strides costing it the opportunity of a better placing.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 6-9-(2)-7-3-4-1-8

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 6-9-7-3-(2)-4-1-8

6/17/17⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	#6 TRUE VALOR (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Steward-trainer didn't want to run Refund \$716.12
2nd race	No Changes. Refund \$2.30
3rd race	#2 WHERE'S THE D (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed by Tr. J. Carava Refund \$0
4th race	#7 WARREN'S SUPER CAT (Tr. J. Gutierrez) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr. Stead. Refund \$152,616.16
5th race	#7 TEXAS TWO STEP (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. G. Stute #9 SUPREME VENTURE (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. P. Miller Refund \$0
6th race	No Changes; Refund \$24.00; Minus Pool \$59,683.71
7th race	#7 MY LAST SHOT (Tr. L. Wicker) L. Werner replaced A. Solis (sick) Refund \$6.00
8th race	#7 NARDO (Tr. M. Puype) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead #8 PRIVATE PROSPECT (Tr. R. Diodoro) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead Refund \$669.54
9th race	#5 SELCOURT (Tr. J. Sadler) Steward-stake Refund \$498.22
10th race	#1 MALIBU MUSIC (Tr. J. Cassidy) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande Refund \$695.36

6/17/17⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	20,310	\$1,708,805.60
SCOTWinc	6,641	\$2,399,033.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,171,257.42
Total	26,951	\$13,279,096.02

SUNDAY6/18/17¹**BEJARANO RULING PRAT RULING**

The following rulings were issued after confirmation that both jockeys dropped their appeals of previous riding suspensions listed in the rulings.

LATS RULING #198

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS ruling #139 (April 29, 2017) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (June 23, 24, 25 & 30, 2017).

LATS RULING #199

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS ruling #174 (May 25, 2017) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 23, 24 & 25, 2017).

6/18/17²**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

The following jockeys appeared for a film review:

FLAVIEN PRAT reviewed the ninth race which involved a disqualification of his mount, (ref 06-17-17⁵). Mr. Prat stated he drifted out off the turn and while correcting this float, he guided his mount back to its original path. This was all true but when he returned to his original path there was a horse occupying that space that had to take up to avoid clipping heels. In a unanimous vote Mr. Prat was issued the following ruling for careless riding.

LATS RULING #200

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT, who rode SPOOKY WOODS in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on June 17, 2017 is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (July 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2017) for crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from third to fifth position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding – second offense in last sixty days).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

KENT DESORMEAUX reviewed the fifth race yesterday for an incident soon after the start of the race. About 80 yards out of stall #9, Mr. Desormeaux crossed over in front of the #8 horse causing that one to check sharply. He stated he thought he was clear when he let his horse drift in. The BOS felt this action was careless riding. Mr. Desormeaux was very surprised of the unanimous decision in the ruling listed below.

LATS RULING #201

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX, who rode SUPREME VENTURE in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on June 17, 2017 is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (June 24, 25, 30 and July 1, 2017) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference shortly after the start. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding – second offense in last sixty days). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

KYLE FREY reviewed the third race and it was verified that he used his crop four times in succession. The following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #202

Jockey KYLE FREY who rode SAKAB in the third race at Santa Anita Park on June 17, 2017 is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense in last 60 days – last offense April 21, 2017).

JAMIE THERIOT failed to meet with the BOS to review his drift in the lane in the fifth race yesterday and the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #203

Jockey JAMIE THERIOT is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on June 18, 2017).

6/18/17³**ZAYAT FINANCIAL CASE #17SA155**

This financial complaint was withdrawn after confirmation that Bliss Canyon Stables was paid the amount owed (\$11,661.50) in full.

6/18/17⁴**MILLER HEARING CASE #17SA161**

Trainer Peter Miller having appealed ruling LATS #156 was scheduled to appear for a formal hearing to create a record of the hearing which is required for an appeal process. After he failed to appear for the scheduled appeal hearing the following ruling was re-issued.

LATS RULING #204

Having failed to appear in support of his appeal of LATS Ruling #156 (May 11, 2017), that ruling is reinstated. Therefore trainer PETER MILLER is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – did not want to run in the fourth race on May 11, 2017).

6/18/17⁵**PAPAPRODROMOU FORMAL HEARING CASE 17SA144**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer George Papaprodromou for a possible violation of CHRB rule 1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting) and CHRB rule 1502 (Program Trainer Prohibited).

Present for the hearing before the BOS were respondent George Papaprodromou, CHRB Investigator Jim Hamilton, witness owner Ariel Beca and court reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings.

A previous case (16LT013) was filed against trainer Richard Baltas for a possible violation of program training, ref 10-14-16 (1). The case filed against Mr. Papaprodromou is a spin off of the Baltas case which was dismissed. The issue began with Mr. Baltas having three horses eligible for the same condition and is only allowed to run two horses in a race of this category. When the owners, Beca or Loza discovered they couldn't run their horse with Mr. Baltas as trainer, they hired Mr. Papaprodromou. Mr. Papaprodromou stated the owners hired him to train the horse. Mr. Beca stated after the horse raced poorly for Mr. Papaprodromou, and he chose to return the horse to Mr. Baltas. Records attached to the complaint verified that the horse was stabled with Mr. Papaprodromou for less than two days. Under the current CHRB rule 1502, program training is applicable if a trainer is trying to avoid workman's compensation. Rule #1437 was used in this complaint as a possible violation. It states in the condition book under "Eligibility and Allowances", "Trainers will be permitted to enter three (3) horses in any Maiden Special race, however not to the exclusion of another unassociated horse, and further, provided there are at least eight separate wagering interests the race".

The complaint package was entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

6/18/17⁶**VOIDED CLAIM**

After an examination of #1 Loud Stalker in the sixth race by Official Veterinarian Tim Grande the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List due to unsoundness. The claim was voided and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Jack Carava.

6/18/17⁷**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #7 HALO AHEAD (Tr. D. Hofmans) claimed by Tr.M. Machowsky
Refund \$722.76

2nd race #1 SUNNY SWEET (Tr. A. Garcia) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande
#5 NAUGHTY SOPHIA (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande
Refund \$2,403.91

3rd race #6 TAMEN GUARD (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead
Refund \$578.34

4th race No Changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$71.60

5th race No Changes; Refund \$7.00

6th race #1 LOUD STALKER (Tr. J. Carava) claimed by Tr. T.R. Bell **VOID**
#7 CUPID'S BEAU (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. R. Becerra
Refund \$31.00

7th race #5 GET EM UP SCOUT (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead
#9 LUCKY CLERIC (Tr. E. Moger, Jr.) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr. Stead. Refund \$27,308.76

8th race #5 WEALTHY SHIPMAN (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead
Refund \$814.60

9th race No Changes; Refund \$110.00

10th race #11 BREATHE (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande
Refund \$593.90

6/18/17⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,004	\$1,779,220.20
SCOTWinc	5,599	\$1,381,706.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,882,220.40
Total	15,603	\$9,043,146.60

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 6/12/17 – 6/18/17

Horses on Vet List 18
Horses off Vet List 8
Shock Wave Therapy 31
Fatalities 0
Medication 0

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.

SUMMARY

	Fri 6/16	Sat 6/17	Sun 6/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	17
Cal-Bred Races	3	1	1	5	84
Claims	5	3	2	10	318
Disqualifications	0	1	0	1	24
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	50
Refunds	9	8	9	26	620
Rulings	2	3	7	12	204
Voided Claims	1	0	1	2	57

Respectfully submitted,

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