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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB

Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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WEEK 17-Sunday, April 14, 2012-Saturday, April 21, 2013

SUNDAY

04/14/13¹

A.M.DECLARATIONS

2nd race - #4 Boo Who Who (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$1,224.72
4th race - #2 Roman Guitar (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$2,377.00
5th race - #14 John's War (Also eligible) refund of \$869.70
9th race - #8 Storm Castle (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,944.78

04/14/13²

CHRB vs. LIMON CONTINUED

Testimony in the case of the California Horse Racing Board against Assistant Trainer Tirso Limon alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874(Disorderly Conduct) entered a third day. Two witnesses, recreation room store manager Nadine Bugarin and exercise rider Dee Dee Weinstein testified that they were the subject of comments made by Limon which they felt were inappropriate. The State rested, but due to time constraints the hearing will be carried over to closing day, April 21st.

04/14/13³

ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the fifth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident near the 5/16th pole on the infield turf course. During the race, #12 The Grans, with Jose Betia aboard, fell while racing in the clear. After speaking with the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the spill the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. The horse simply slipped and fell, with no other horses near her. While it first appeared that she may have suffered an injury, the horse got to its feet and ran off. Jockey Betia was transported to Methodist Hospital of Arcadia for evaluation. Accident report attached.

04/14/13⁴**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #2 Miracle Merger was off in the left foreleg during the warm up and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The scratch prompted a refund of \$144,212.92.

04/14/13⁵**ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was once again posted, this time after the ninth race, to determine the circumstances which resulted in jockey Martin Garcia being unseated from his mount, #3 Benedict Audrey, as the field crossed over the dirt during the six and one half furlong event on the turf. After speaking with the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the race it was evident that the horse went wrong and stumbled, causing Garcia to lose his balance and fall. It did not appear that the rider was injured, however, the horse had to be euthanized. Accident report attached.

04/14/13⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	13,257	\$1,635,466.50
Inter-track	6,926	\$2,081,502.50
Out of state	n/a	\$4,002,905.79
Total	20,183	\$5,791,005.39

THURSDAY04/18/13¹**A.M.DECLARATIONS**

2nd race - #7 Cosset (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,780.24

8th race - #7 Ten Plush (entered back) refund of \$695.22

04/18/13²**VIDEO REVIEW**

Corey Nakatani and Victor Espinoza were in the office this morning to review incidents from previous day's races. Both issues were minor and the riders were given warnings.

04/18/13³

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

04/18/13⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,885	\$939,921.70
Inter-track	5,064	\$1,397,546.60
Out of state	n/a	\$2,855,361.46
Total	10,949	\$4,048,269.16

FRIDAY04/19/13¹**A.M.DECLARATIONS**

3rd race - #3 Blake (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$2,538.58

4th race - #2 Verdula (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$1,505.04

04/19/13²**TRAINER RESPONDS**

Trainer Michael Pender was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him for an elevated Phenylbutazone level found in his horse "Baby Blake", the second place finisher in the fifth race at Santa Anita on February 28, 2013. Mr. Pender explained that the horse received an intravenous injection by his attending veterinarian at noon on the day before the race, some twenty seven hours prior to race time. Official Veterinarian Dr. Tim Grande was of the opinion that a thirty hour gap was a more prudent option because of the lower acceptable level. Due to the fact that Mr. Pender had not had an overage in nearly three years, he is eligible for a warning. The complaint was finalized with a warning.

04/19/13³

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT

Trainer Robertino Diodoro was in the office this morning to memorialize a stipulated agreement he signed with the Board to settle a complaint filed against him for a TC02 overage found in his horse "Apply", the fifth place finisher in the fifth race at Santa Anita on January 21, 2013.
The ruling will follow.

04/19/13⁴

EXERCISE RIDER IN

Exercise rider Melanie Cassidy was in the office this morning responding to a citation filed by the outriders for entering the main track while it was closed for renovation. The "cones" were up, indicating horses were not allowed on the track. Ms. Cassidy said that the horse was in to race and she needed to "track" the horse. She said that she felt it was better to face the Stewards rather than the wrath of her husband, Jim Cassidy, the horse's trainer.
The ruling will follow.

04/19/13⁵

RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Jose Betia, who was involved in a spill on April 14th, was excused from his mounts as further examination revealed a chipped knuckle in the right ring finger which will require surgery. He will be out approximately four to five weeks, according to his agent. Replacement riders were named.

04/19/13⁶

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the seventh race as #1 Firendesire flipped during the loading procedure and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The amount returned came to a total of \$50,520.80

04/19/13⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,737	\$865,506.50
Inter-track	5,412	\$1,538,548.50
Out of state	n/a	\$3,811,761.55
Total	9,149	\$6,492,304.75

SATURDAY

04/20/13¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

4th race - #7 Moone's My Name (Stakes) refund of \$3,869.31
5th race - #6 A Thousand Aces (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$2,435.78
8th race - #5 Ain't No Other (Stakes) refund of \$2,243.64
9th race - #5 Street Maven (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$2,970.37

04/20/13²

RIDER EXCUSED

Corey Nakatani was excused from his mounts this afternoon due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

04/20/13³

RIDERS IN

Apprentice jockey Arnold Perez was in the office and warned that another failure on his part to review video when required will result in a sanction.
Kevin Krigger reviewed the eighth race from Thursday and was cautioned to leave more room for a competitor when entering the turn.

04/20/13⁴

RULING LATS#083 (ref. 04/19/13³)

Exercise rider **Melanie Cassidy** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1532 (Conditions of a Race Meeting-disobeying outrider)

04/20/13⁵

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race (Grade II Santa Barbara Hcp.) to review an incident in the stretch involving the first and second place finishers, #6 Viva Carina(V. Espinoza) and #4 Lady of Shamrock(R. Bejarano).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Viva Carina from first to second position. Video showed that the winner drifted in approaching the finish, creating tight quarters for Lady of Shamrock and forcing jockey Bejarano to take up and lose all momentum. Lady of Shamrock had been closing strongly until the incident, having made up approximately two lengths in the sixteenth of a mile prior to the incident. In the Stewards' opinion, the incident cost Bejarano and his mount the win.

04/20/13⁶

MINUS POOL

A minus pool of \$24,738.31 was created in the fourth race when #4 Lady of Shamrock ultimately finished in the Win position.

04/20/13⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	11,494	\$1,837,328.30
Inter-track	7,478	\$2,306,848.40
Out of state	n/a	\$4,356,456.93
Total	18,972	\$8,500,633.63

SUNDAY

04/21/13¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

7th race - #6 Oilisblackgold (Stakes) refund of \$1,018.21

8th race - #8 Swiss Emperor (Veterinarian-sick) refund of see 04-21-13⁷

04/21/13²

RIDER EXCUSED

Martin Pedroza was excused from his mounts this afternoon as he suffered minor injuries in a stable area accident at Hollywood Park this morning and could not complete his engagements. Replacement riders were named.

04/21/13³

COMPLAINT DISMISSED

The complaint filed by the Board against Assistant trainer Tirso Limon was dismissed this morning due to lack of credible evidence. The Stewards felt the complaint could not be substantiated.

04/21/13⁴

RULING LATS#084 (ref. 04/19/13²)

Trainer ROBERTINO DIODORO, who started the horse "Apply" in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on January 21, 2013, having entered into a stipulated agreement with the California Horse Racing Board is fined "THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00)* and suspended for THIRTY (30) Days (April 22 through May 6, 2013). For violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1843.6 (Total Carbon Dioxide Testing – 39.55 millimoles per liter of blood) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse).

Pursuant to the terms of the stipulated agreement, the final fifteen days (May 7 to May 21, 2013) are stayed provided that Mr. Diodoro is placed on probation for a period of one (1) year from the date of this ruling. During the period of probation, Robertino Diodoro must not be in violation of California Horse Racing Board rules and regulations, sections 1843, 1843.6 or 1887 regarding Class I, II or III drug substances.

04/21/13⁵

RULING LATS#085

Jockey **Victor Espinoza**, who rode “ Viva Carina (ARG)” in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on April 20, 2013, is suspended for three(3) days (April 27, 28 and May 2 2013), for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to second position.

This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (riding rules-careless riding) Term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Espinoza had reviewed video of the fourth race from 4-20-13, during which he and his mount were the subjects of a Stewards' inquiry which ultimately led to a disqualification for interference during the stretch run. The rider could offer no excuse other than he did not realize he had a horse and rider to his inside.

04/21/13⁶

RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Garrett Gomez, who had returned for the final day of racing after finishing second in the \$1.5 million Charles Town Classic last evening, was excused after riding, and winning, his first race of the day. He complained of an ear infection and breathing problems, and was removed on the advice of the track physician. Replacement riders were named.

04/21/13⁷

HORSE DECLARED NON-STARTER

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race to determine the status of #5 Tiz Futurity, which had a less than auspicious beginning. After conferring with Starter Jay Slender and reviewing video of the break the Stewards, by majority vote – Ward in the minority, voted to declare the horse a non-starter and refund single race wagers on the horse. The majority felt the horse was denied the opportunity for a clean break as the assistant starter held on after it “false broke” just prior to the doors opening. The minority felt that the horse, not the assistant starter, was the source of the problem and, as such, should be considered a starter. Announcements as to refunds and scenarios with respect to multiple race wagers were made. There refund amounted to \$79,339.26

04/21/13⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	13,266	\$2,044,059.00
Inter-track	7,177	\$2,205,648.80
Out of state	n/a	\$3,659,366.58
Total	20,443	\$7,909,074.38

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 REPORT - WEEK OF 04/08/13-04/14/13

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	16
Shock Wave Therapy	17
Deceased	2
Medication	7

SUMMARY

	Sun 04/14	Thur 04/18	Fri 04/19	Sat 04/20	Sun 04/21	Week	Meet
Inquiries	2	0	0	1	1	4	28
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Rulings	0	0	0	1	2	3	85
Refunds	5	2	3	4	2	16	302
Accidents	2	0	0	0	0	2	14
Claims	7	4	6	5	5	27	273
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	0	0	0	1	77

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward