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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 10, 2008 through Sunday, March 16, 2008. Steward Will Meyers was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

03/10/08 (1) Entries for Thursday

Eighty seven (87) horses are entered in eleven (11) races for Thursday.
No Cal-Bred races were used.

03/10/08 (2) Dark Day

Tuesday

03/11/08 (1) Entries for Friday and Saturday

One hundred ten (110) horses are in to go on Friday's fourteen (14) race card. No Cal-Bred races were carded.

One hundred nine (109) horses were entered in Saturday's fourteen (14) race card. No Cal-Bred races were used.

03/11/08 (2) Dark Day

Wednesday03/12/08 (1) **Scratches for Friday and Saturday**

Numerous driver changes were taken for the Friday and Saturday cards.

03/12/08 (2) **Dark Day****Thursday**03/13/08 (1) **Pistochini Ruling (Case #08SW-0030)****Ruling # 05**

Owner Gregg Pistochini is hereby Suspended for the term of his license March 31, 2008 with the recommendation he not be eligible to apply for re-licensing until April 01, 2009 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing – Crime Involving Moral Turpitude and Widespread Publicity) and Rule #1489 (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – Moral Turpitude) pursuant to Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation).

The above ruling was issued after deliberation over the March 7th hearing. A statement of decision was forwarded to the Board and Attorney Roger Licht.

03/13/08 (2) **Luke Plano Ruling****Ruling # 06**

Driver Luke Plano, who drove “Fox Valley Talent” in the Fifth Race on Saturday, March 08, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I) (Driving Rules – Pulled Late Resulting in a Disqualification).

The above ruling was issued after Plano appeared and accepted responsibility for pulling late and causing interference.

03/13/08 (3) **Dunneback Ruling****Ruling # 07**

Trainer Richard Dunneback, who started “High Maintenance” in the Eighth Race on Thursday, February 21, 2008, at Sacramento Harness Association, Cal-Expo, is hereby fined the sum of Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for Violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (D) (Medications, Drugs And Other Substances – “Phenylbutazone” 6.87 ug/ml in Excess of Permitted Level [Class VI]).

The above ruling was issued after Dunneback appeared and accepted responsibility for the overage. He stated that he has used the same “Bute” program for the past fourteen (14) years with no problems. His only thought was that the filly is small and may not have metabolized properly.

03/14/08 (2) **Lester Smith Hearing – Case # 08SW-0040 & 08SW-0041**

Trainer Lester Smith appeared on two complaints showing the post race test sample of “Little Box Out” contained “Methylprednisolone” on two occasions. “Little Box Out” raced on Thursday, February 07, 2008 and again on Monday, February 11, 2008 and finished second (2nd) in both races. Smith testified that Veterinarian Lane Schloeder had injected the hocks of “Little Box Out” on February 4th and Smith’s brother Leon forgot to tell Lester.

Smith obviously did not have an opportunity to be notified or to correct the problem of the first positive before the second positive was reported.

A decision will be rendered shortly.

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03/14/08 (3) **Solares Ruling – Case # 08SW-0045****Ruling # 11**

Trainer Dario Solares, who started “Bundle Of Dreams” in the Thirteenth Race on Saturday, February 2, 2008, at Sacramento Harness Association, Cal-Expo, is hereby fined the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (D) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances – “Phenylbutazone” 6.02 ug/ml in Excess of Permitted Level [Class VI]) (2nd Offense).

The above ruling was issued after Solares signed a waiver of hearing and accepted the penalty. He said that he crushes the Bute in the feed tubs and assumes the horse did not eat up.

03/14/08 (4) **Fifth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident near the 3/4 pole involving second (2nd) place finisher #5 “The Fat Lady” (Todd Ratchford) and fifth (5th) place finisher #2 “SA Sunset” (Lemoyne Svendsen). Tapes show #5 pull out of the hole in front of #2 and immediately go off stride causing #2’s driver to check sharply and go wide. #5 was disqualified from second (2nd) to fifth (5th) for the interference. Driver Ratchford was held blameless.

03/14/08 (5) **Twelfth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

#5 “Jade’s Crown” (Rick Plano) went off stride momentarily while on the lead by five lengths. Driver Plano complied with the breaking rule and #5 went on to win. No change was ordered.

03/14/08 (6) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	387
Live Handle (On Track)	\$58,616
Handle (In State)	\$614,606
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$336,961</u>
Total Handle	\$1,010,183

Saturday**03/15/08 (1) Hernandez Ruling [Ref 03/13/08 (6)]****Ruling # 10**

Driver Chris Hernandez, who drove "Not Much Mustard" in the Fifth Race on Thursday, March 13, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (J) (Driving Rules – Changed Course Past the 3/4 Pole Causing Interference to #6 "Frolov" (R. Bertrand) Resulting in a Disqualification).

The above ruling was issued after Hernandez appeared and accepted responsibility for veering in and clipping the legs of a rival.

03/15/08 (2) Maier Ruling [Ref 03/14/08 (1)]**Ruling # 12**

Trainer Denise Maier, who started "Cherry Tree Rojo" in the Sixth Race on February 02, 2008, at Sacramento Harness Association, Cal-Expo, is hereby fined the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (D) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances – "Flunixin" 109 ng/ml in Excess of Permitted Level [Class VI] Fourth Offense). It is further ordered that Trainer Denise Maier be placed On Probation for a period of six (6) months for any similar violations.

The above ruling was issued after deliberation over yesterday's hearing. Ms. Maier is aware that something needs to be done at the barn to prevent further penalties.

03/15/08 (3) Lester Smith Ruling [Ref 03/14/08 (2)]**Ruling # 13**

Trainer Lester Smith, who started "Little Box Out" in the Sixth Race on February 07, 2008 and the Second Race on February 11, 2008 at Sacramento Harness Association, Cal-Expo, is hereby fined the sum of Five Hundred Fifty (\$500) Dollars pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for Violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (D) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances – "Methylprednisolone" [Class VI]).

The above ruling was issued after due deliberation over yesterday's hearing. Smith's record is good for medication compliance and both positives were reported at the same time so the penalty was mitigated.

03/15/08 (4) Sixth Race – Objection/No Change

Driver James Kennedy, who drove #1A "Twice the Ruckus" (7th), lodged a claim of foul against #5 "Bankers Babe" (Luke Plano) (6th) for allegedly interference down the backside. Kennedy felt Plano had pulled late, forcing him three wide. After review, no interference could be detected. No change.

- 03/15/08 (5) **Fourteenth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**
 #2 “Stand Up And Shout” (Rick Plano) went off stride shortly after the start, causing confusion and interference to all the trailing horses. #2 finished ninth (9th) of 10 in the race. Tenth (10th) place finisher #9 “Jaccka Invoke” was one of the horses interfered with, so #2 was placed last behind #9.
- 03/15/08 (6) **Program Changes**
 13th Race Declaration - #1A “Flirtiscape” – Trainer Lou Pena
 Refund: \$0 Stewards – Entry
- 03/15/08 (7) **Attendance and Handle**
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| Attendance | 390 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$62,832 |
| Handle (In State) | \$586,990 |
| Handle (Out of State) | <u>\$341,254</u> |
| Total Handle | \$991,076 |

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- 03/14/08 09 Owner Gene Kelly, who started "Four Starz Bambino" in the Fifth Race on Thursday, March 13, 2008, is hereby fined the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered – Failure to Name the Proper Driver by the Prescribed Time Necessitating a Late Driver Change).
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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 RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
13-Mar	11	2	LITTLE LIZA LAAG	LUSTER	Injured	Dooley \$1.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	13,787.60
Bay Meadows	\$	102,919.30
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	8,304.50
Fresno Club One	\$	3,155.80
Golden Gate	\$	59,648.00
Monterey	\$	10,285.10
Pleasanton	\$	40,821.30
Sacramento	\$	129,060.80
San Jose	\$	52,155.20
Santa Rosa	\$	12,511.30
Stockton	\$	31,369.60
Tulare	\$	792.60
Turlock	\$	41.60
Vallejo	\$	29,733.20
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	854,336.51

CAL-EXPO RACING ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY 2008

	Mon 03/10	Tues 03/11	Wed 03/12	Thurs 03/13	Fri 03/14	Sat 03/15	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	1	2	3	5
Disqualification's	K	K	K	2	1	1	4	5
Inquiries	D	D	D	2	2	2	6	7
Refunds	A	A	A	1	1	0	2	17
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	3	2	4	9	13

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

All drivers submitted to a breathalyzer test.

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward