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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Wednesday, August 4, 2010 through Sunday, August 15, 2010. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Wednesday

08/04/10 (1)

Race Office Opens

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for matinee races to be conducted tomorrow with first post at 11:30 a.m.

A qualifying sheet was produced reflecting one hundred seventeen (117) head competing in fifteen (15) matinee races.

The Duty Steward met with members of management (General Manager Dave Elliott, Race Secretary Fred Kuebler) to discuss a variety of issues related to the opening of the new meet. High on the list was the introduction of a "House Whipping Rule", which closely parallels the proposed California Horse Racing Board Whipping Rule modification.

08/04/10 (2)

Dark Day

Thursday

08/05/10 (1)

Matinee Races

Fifteen (15) matinee races were conducted today with first post at 11:30 a.m.

In these events one hundred ten (110) of one hundred fifteen (115) participants were successful in their matinee efforts.

08/05/10 (2) **Dark Day**

Friday

08/06/10 (1) **Entries and Matinee Sheet**

Entries were taken and a sheet produced for fifteen (15) matinee races to be contested tomorrow, with first post at 11:30 a.m.

08/06/10 (2) **Dark Day**

Saturday

08/07/10 (1) **Matinee Racing**

Fifteen (15) matinee races were conducted with first post at 11:30 a.m.

Of one hundred five (105) participants, one hundred two (102) participants recorded successful matinee performances.

Over a period of two (2) days, a total of two hundred twelve (212) horses were matineed with no problems; A credit to the management and horseman at Cal-Expo.

This situation bodes well for the re-opening of the harness meet at Cal-Expo on August 13, 2010.

08/07/10 (2) **Dark Day**

Sunday

08/08/10 (1) **Dark Day**

Monday

08/09/10 (1) **Entries & Draw for Friday 08/13/10 and Saturday 08/14/10**

Entries were taken and a draw conducted for Friday's card. At the 3:00 p.m. draw, one hundred four (104) horses were drawn to compete in fourteen (14) opening night events. No Cal-Bred races were carded. Scratch time is Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Immediately following, a draw was conducted for Saturday's card with one hundred eight (108) head scheduled to compete in fourteen (14) races. No Cal-Bred races were carded. Scratch time is Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

08/09/10 (2) **Training Accident/Injury**

The duty steward was made aware of a training accident and subsequent injury suffered by qualifying Driver Karen Isbell.

A young horse being exercised by Trainer Jim Wilkinson Jr. was 'spooked' by the water truck, colliding with the 'jog cart' being utilized by Ms. Isbell, exercising a horse for Trainer Gretchen Smith. Ms. Isbell was thrown from the cart suffering injuries to her hip and leg.

Ms. Isbell was transported by ambulance to Mercy San Juan Emergency Room. More to follow.

08/09/10 (3) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

08/10/10 (1) **Scratch Time for Friday's Card**

At scratch time for Friday's card there were twenty (20) driver corrections and one (1) trainer correction.

08/10/10 (2) **Isbell Injury Update**

The duty steward was informed that "Q" Driver Isbell had been admitted to Mercy San Juan Hospital with, as of the moment, undetermined injuries. More to follow.

08/10/10 (3) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

08/11/10 (1) **Scratch Time for Saturday's Card**

At scratch time for Saturday's card there were thirty (30) driver corrections, one (1) equipment correction and one (1) medication correction.

08/11/10 (2) **Isbell Injury Update**

The duty steward spoke by telephone with Ms. Isbell, who reported she was being released from the hospital today. Her most serious injury being a 'hamstring' injury which will keep her on the sidelines for a yet to be determined length of time.

08/11/10 (3) **Dark Day**

Thursday

08/12/10 (1) **Dark Day**

Friday

08/13/10 (1) **General Horseman Meeting**

A general horseman's meeting was convened at 12:00 noon outside of the race office.

General Manager Dave Elliott reviewed policies and protocols, including a random race in detention each race day, and the new house 'whipping rule' to be implemented coincident with the opening of the meet. A very well attended meeting, with a useful exchange of information.

08/13/10 (2) **Driver Physicals**

Cal-Expo very generously provided a doctor who administered physical exams to all drivers who availed themselves of the opportunity.

08/13/10 (3) **Driver's Meeting**

A driver's meeting was convened in the driver's room at 5:30 p.m. Stewards McLaren, Nevin and Oke attended along with a majority of the drivers participating at the meet.

Special attention was given to the new house ‘whipping rule’ which is going to be a significant change for the drivers. Additionally, the overall expectations of the Board of Stewards were discussed.

A very fruitful meeting with a lively exchange of ideas and opinions.

08/13/10 (4) **First Race – Driver Objection/No Change**

At the conclusion of Race #1, the driver of #7 “Tonight Is Mine” (Richard Bertrand) lodged an objection against David Siegel, the driver of eventual race winner #2 “Carl Lewis N”, concerning an alleged incident as the field approached the 1/2 mile marker.

After reviewing film and speaking with drivers involved, the stewards unanimously concluded that the films did not support the alleged rule violation, thus no change.

08/13/10 (5) **Eighth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The ‘inquiry’ sign was lit to exam an incident mid stretch when fourth (4th) place finisher #7 “Alpine Hawk” (Richard Wojcio) broke stride. After reviewing film, the stewards unanimously concluded that #7 complied with the breaking rule, thus no change.

08/13/10 (6) **Program Changes**

2nd Race Program Correction - #2 “Ailene’s Prince”

Should read “Races with Hopples”

8th Race Declaration - #4 “Cherry Tree Rojo” – Trainer Tim Maier

Refund: \$29 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

12th Race Declaration - #8 “Chartleysmonalisa” – Trainer Ralph Silvestri III

Refund: \$4,204 Lane – Dr. Robert Goodbary

08/13/10 **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	393
Live Handle (On Track)	\$36,410
Handle (In State)	\$317,971
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$202,181</u>
Total Handle	\$556,562

Saturday

08/14/10 (1) **Entries and Qualifying Sheet**

The race office was open this morning accepting entries for qualifying races scheduled for 4:30 p.m. A qualifying sheet was produced reflecting nineteen (19) head, competing in three (3) qualifying events.

08/14/10 (2) **Qualifying Races**

Three (3) qualifying races were conducted commencing at 4:30 p.m. In these events, fifteen (15) of nineteen (19) participants were successful in their qualifying effort.

08/14/10 (3) **Fourth Race – Inquiry/No Change**

The 'inquiry' sign was lit to investigate an incident which occurred as the field approached the 1/4 mile marker when #1 "Artilda" (James Kennedy) broke stride and interfered with #2 "Culture Shift" (Etienne Desomer). #2 finished ahead of #1 in the official order of finish, thus eliminating the need for a change.

08/14/10 (4) **Seventh Race – Inquiry/Change**

The 'inquiry' sign was lit to investigate an incident in the final turn when the stewards observed #3 "Strikes N Charges" (Darren Lupul) inside the pylons. After reviewing films, the stewards confirmed that #3 had violated the pylon rule, thus #3, the fourth (4th) place finisher, was disqualified and placed fifth (5th) for violation of the pylon rule.

Original order of finish: 7-2-1-3-4-6-5

Official order of finish: 7-2-1-4-3-6-5

08/14/10 (5) **Seventh Race – Telephone Plea**

Driver Darren Lupul contacted the stewards with reference to the incident in Race #7 and accepted the following ruling:

Ruling # 01

Driver Darren Lupul, who drove #3 "Strikes N Charges" in the Seventh Race at Cal-Expo on Saturday, August 14, 2010, is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721(K) (Driving Rules – Careless Driving – Racing Inside Two (2) Pylons – Last Turn).

08/14/10 (6) **Eighth Race – Recall**

The Starter called a recall after #1 "Crystalcreekclyde" (Tony Succarotte) refused the gate. The field was re-formed and the start went off without further incident.

08/14/10 (7) **Program Changes**

4th Race Driver Change - #2 "Culture Shift"

Etienne Desomer for programmed driver Jason Maier

5th Race Driver Change - #3 "Cherry Tree Rojo"

Richard Wojcio for programmed driver Jason Maier

7th Race Driver Change - #4 "Powergaiterdotcom"

Etienne Desomer for programmed driver Jason Maier

8th Race Driver Change - #6 "Burning Man"

Etienne Desomer for programmed driver Jason Maier

08/14/10 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	473
Live Handle (On Track)	\$46,688
Handle (In State)	\$247,913
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$195,904</u>
Total Handle	\$490,505

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-Aug	8	4	CHERRY TREE ROJO	MAIER	Injured	Goodbary	\$29.00
	12	8	CHARTLEYSMONALISA	SILVESTRI	Lame	Goodbary	\$4,204.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	6,297.40
Bay Meadows	\$	-
Ferndale	\$	5.00
Fresno	\$	3,395.20
Fresno Club One	\$	756.90
Golden Gate	\$	25,390.20
Monterey	\$	6,614.10
Pleasanton	\$	14,226.60
Sacramento	\$	75,809.80
San Jose	\$	18,129.20
San Mateo	\$	34,584.50
Santa Rosa	\$	4,850.10
Stockton	\$	9,163.50
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	8,743.80
So. California	\$	252,761.40
Out of State	\$	398,085.16

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2010**

	Mon 08/09	Tues 08/10	Wed 08/11	Thurs 08/12	Fri 08/13	Sat 08/14	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	D	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	R	1	2	3	3
Disqualifications	K	K	K	K	0	1	1	1
Inquiries	D	D	D	D	1	2	3	3
Refunds	A	A	A	A	2	0	2	2
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	0

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward