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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, January 24, 2011 through Sunday, January 30, 2010. Steward Grant Baker was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

01/24/11 (1) **Entry Day**

The racing office was open today for the purpose of taking entries for Thursday, January 27. Ten (10) races were filled and eighty two (82) horses are scheduled to start.

01/24/11 (2) **Heating System Out**

For the third consecutive week the heating system that normally warms the steward's office was not operable. Cal Expo management has told us (stewards) that a 'replacement part' has been ordered. The office temperature upon arrival today was 55 degrees.

Tuesday

01/25/11 (1) **Entry and Scratch Day**

Scratches and changes for Thursday, January 27 were taken this morning in the racing office. Seventeen (17) driver changes/selections were made by the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

Entries were taken for Friday, January 28. Fourteen (14) races filled and they were made up of one hundred nine (109) entrants. Races were also drawn for Saturday, January 29. One hundred twelve (112) horses are scheduled to go postward.

Wednesday

01/26/11 (1) **Double Scratch Day**

Scratches and changes for January 28 and 29 were made this morning in the racing office.

Twenty five (25) driver changes/selections and one (1) scratch were made for Friday, January 28. Twenty three (23) driver changes/selections and two (2) scratches were made for Saturday, January 29. All changes were activated shortly after today's 9:00 a.m. deadline.

Thursday

01/27/10 (1)

Gary Barbere Film Review

Driver Gary Barbere appeared in the steward's office to review his drive of #6 "Power Of Elizabeth", who finished sixth (last) in the third race January 22. "Power Of Elizabeth" forced #3 "Keyword Hanover" wide before the 3/4 pole. The stewards felt this horse was 'running off' with Driver Barbere. He assured the stewards he would not drive this horse next start. The stewards issued a warning in this matter.

This is Driver Barbere's sixth drive here this meet. His future drives will be monitored fairly.

01/27/11 (2)

Qualifying Races

Four (4) qualifying races were held prior to this evening's ten (10) race pari-mutuel card. Of the twenty one (21) participants, twenty three (23) made the grade.

01/27/11 (3)

Valley Tule Fog/Race Cancellations

Heavy fog rolled over Cal Expo's one mile oval after tonight's fifth race. Steward Grant Baker rode in the starter's car during the sixth race with the purpose of checking for horse/driver interference and giving 'running numbers' to the placing judge that immediately transfer to TV monitors.

At this point, the fog was socked in and the stewards ordered horses to be held in the paddock that were assembling for the seventh race.

The stewards delayed the evening's card twenty (20) minutes while conferring with Cal Expo management and the driver's colony with regard to safety conditions. At 7:51 p.m. the stewards and management agreed that races seven (7), eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10) would be cancelled due to unsafe conditions. The mutuel department coordinated appropriate refunds.

01/27/11/ (4)

Program Changes

3rd Race Declaration - #10 "At A Boy Eric" – Trainer Ralph Silvestri III
Refund: \$148 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

01/27/11 (5)

Attendance and Handle

Attendance	144
Live Handle (On Track)	\$18,084
Handle (In State)	\$216,366
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$104,334</u>
Total Handle	\$338,784

Friday

01/28/11 (1)

Chris Hernandez Meeting

Driver Chris Hernandez appeared in the steward's office to discuss an incident that occurred following the tenth race on January 15, 2011.

Present today were Stewards Will Meyers, Grant Baker, California Horse Racing Board Investigator Carol Nolan and Driver Chris Hernandez.

The purpose of this informal hearing was twofold. On the evening of January 15, 2011 Driver Hernandez sat behind #1 "OK Reilly N", who finished seventh (last) in the evening's tenth race. The stewards called for Driver Hernandez following this race with the purpose of asking for an explanation of his drive and ordering him to film review the following day. Hernandez began to become contentious in a phone conversation that quickly escalated to vulgar and threatening language. The stewards obviously wanted to address this.

The stewards showed Hernandez replays of this race today. His explanation of his performance was that of poor tactical driving decisions.

Driver Hernandez was apologetic for his language and threat on January 15. He doesn't have any anger episodes documented on his California Horse Racing Board license history. The stewards issued the following ruling:

Ruling # 07

Driver Chris Hernandez is hereby fined the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars for disrespectful behavior toward a steward on January 15, 2011. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

01/28/11 (2)

Ernesto Alvarez (Case #10SW148) - Matias Ruiz (Case #10SW150)

Two (2) hearings were combined and heard today before the stewards. California Horse Racing Board Investigator Barbara Chimero prepared both of these complaints that were presented this afternoon by California Horse Racing Board Investigator Carol Nolan. Both of the complaints stem from the same incident that took place following the eleventh race on November 6, 2010 here at Cal Expo.

Groom Ernesto Alvarez paddocked the horse "Satire" for Trainer Matias Ruiz on the aforementioned date. It was discovered by receiving barn personnel that Groom Alvarez was carrying a California Horse Racing Board license that had been expired for six (6) months. California Horse Racing Board Investigators were then contacted. Trainer Ruiz stated Groom Alvarez didn't regularly work for him, but he just hired him to paddock his horse for him that evening only. He stated that he didn't know Alvarez had an expired license. The stewards unanimously decided to issue the following rulings:

Ruling # 8

Groom Ernesto Polanco Alvarez is fined Fifty (\$50) Dollars for Failure to secure the proper license while working as a groom at Cal-Expo on November 06, 2010. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1481 (Occupational Licenses and Fees).

Ruling # 9

Trainer Matias Ruiz, who started the horse "Satire" in the Eleventh Race at Cal-Expo on November 06, 2010, is hereby fined One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1482 (Employment of Unlicensed Person) and #1895 (Trainer's Duty to Insure Licensed Participation – Unlicensed Groom).

01/28/11 (3) **Twelfth Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing sixth place finisher #1 "TV Ghost" (Steve Wiseman) make a 'break' before the 3/4 pole and 'ran' all the way to the finish line. For failure to lose ground while on a break, the stewards unanimously rule to disqualify #1 "TV Ghost" and place him ninth (last).

Original order of finish: 2-5-9-8-4-1-10-7-3

Official order of finish: 2-5-9-8-4-10-7-3-1

01/28/11 (4) **Program Changes**

1st Race Program Correction - #6 "Sassy Lil Beach"

Program should read "First Time Lasix"

7th Race Declaration - #5 "Fork In The Road" – Trainer Earl Kennedy

Refund: \$121 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

12th Race Declaration - #6 "Acapulco Gold" – Trainer Tricia McConnell

Refund: \$84 Injured – Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.

13th Race Driver Change - #6 "L S Orchardwinner"

S. Cisco for Programmed Driver R. Stidham

01/28/11 (5) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	214
Live Handle (On Track)	\$39,747
Handle (In State)	\$397,642
Handle (Out of State)	<u>\$310,465</u>
Total Handle	\$747,854

Saturday01/29/11 (1) **Third Race – Inquiry**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fourth place finisher #2 "Exquisite Gem" (Lemoyne Svendsen) go on a break before the start.

Race replays show Driver Svendsen and "Exquisite Gem" comply with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (Breaking) by 'losing ground' at the start. In a unanimous decision, the stewards made 'no change' in the order of finish.

01/29/11 (2) **Tote Problems**

Once again, Cal Expo experienced tote problems tonight. We were unable to post race results on the infield toteboard for the first, fourth and fifth races. Also, odds on the toteboard froze prior to the eighth race.

- 01/29/11 (3) **Track Downgraded**
Intermittent rain led to the stewards changing the official condition of the track to 'sloppy' prior to the sixth race.
- 01/29/11 (4) **Twelfth Race – Inquiry**
The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing fourth place finisher #1 "Code Blue" (Susan Boyce) go on a 'break' before the start. This horse/driver combination complied with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1722 (Breaking) by losing ground before the start. In a unanimous vote, no change was made in the order of finish.
- 01/29/11 (5) **Program Changes**
3rd Race Declaration - #9 "Victory Felicia" – Trainer Amanda Fraser
Refund: \$76 Injured – Henry Cook, D.V.M.
5th Race Program Correction - #1 "Twentyten"
Program should read 'First Time Lasix'
6th Race Program Correction - #1 "Road Pass"
Program should read 'Off Lasix'
9th Race Declaration - #4 "Haggin Oaks" – Trainer James Kennedy
Refund: \$561 Track Condition – Stewards
10th Race Declaration - #2 "Gee Gee Cyril Lee" – Trainer Rick Plano
Refund: \$322 Track Condition – Stewards
11th Race Declaration - #4 "Mad River Hanover" – Trainer Rick Plano
Refund: \$1081 Track Condition – Stewards
12th Race Driver Change - #6 "Hi Ho Serenade"
L. Svendsen for programmed driver J. Lackey - Stewards
14th Race Driver Change - #4 "KB's Cousins"
L. Svendsen for programmed driver T. Maier – Stewards
- 01/29/11 (6) **Attendance and Handle**
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| Attendance | 322 |
| Live Handle (On Track) | \$42,090 |
| Handle (In State) | \$380,977 |
| Handle (Out of State) | <u>\$301,305</u> |
| Total Handle | \$724,372 |

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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
27-Jan	3	10	AT A BOY ERIC	SILVESTRI III	Injured	Goodbary	\$148.00
28-Jan	7	5	FORK IN THE ROAD	KENNEDY	Injured	Goodbary	\$121.00
	12	6	ACAPULCO GOLD	MCCONNELL	Injured	Goodbary	\$84.00
29-Jan	3	9	VICTORY FELICIA	FRASER	Injured	Cook	\$76.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	5,320.60
Fresno	\$	3,957.40
Fresno Club One	\$	2,738.20
Golden Gate	\$	33,943.10
Monterey	\$	8,581.40
Pleasanton	\$	20,308.10
Sacramento	\$	75,974.50
San Jose	\$	33,043.40
San Mateo	\$	47,653.60
Santa Rosa	\$	9,332.90
Stockton	\$	15,245.10
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	-
Vallejo	\$	9,832.00
So. California	\$	360,323.90
Out of State	\$	716,104.00

CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY

2011

	Mon 01/24	Tues 01/25	Wed 01/26	Thurs 01/27	Fri 01/28	Sat 01/29	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	0	1	0	1	7
Disqualifications	K	K	K	0	1	0	1	7
Inquiries	D	D	D	0	1	2	3	17
Refunds	A	A	A	1	2	4	7	39
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	0	3	0	3	9

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

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward