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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING RACING ASSOCIATION

Hollywood Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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For the period: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 through Sunday, April 27, 2008.

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MINUTES – FIRST WEEK of HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING MEETING

GENERAL DATA: HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING RACING ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 369
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(310) 419-1500 <http://www.hollywoodpark.com>

DATES: April 23, 2007 – July 13, 2008 (60 days)

POST TIME: Post time for the first race Wednesday through Sunday 1:20PM
Special Racing – Sunday 4/27 post 12:30PM; Saturday 5/3 post 12:00PM; Saturday 5/17 post 12:00PM, Monday 5/26; Saturday 6/7 post 12:00PM; Saturday 6/28 post 12:00PM; Saturday 7/5 post 12:00PM; All Fridays (except July 4) and Thursday July 3 post time 7:05PM. Dark – Mondays and Tuesdays

SCRATCH TIME: 10:00 A.M. day prior to race day

WAGERING: \$.10 Superfecta, \$1 Exacta, \$1 Trifecta, \$1 Pick-3, \$1 Pick-4, \$1 Place Pick All, \$2 Win, Place and Show, \$2 Daily Double, \$2 Quinella, \$2 Parlay, \$2 Pick 6, \$1 Super High Five

AUXILARY STABLES: Santa Anita Park, Fairplex Park, and San Luis Rey Downs.

STEWARDS: C. Scott Chaney, Kim Sawyer, Tom Ward
Luis Jauregui, Associate Steward

RACING OFFICIALS: Racing Secretary: Martin Panza

Assistant Racing Secretaries: Daniel J. Eidson, Richard Wheeler

Kevin Colosi, Placing Judge
Heather Correa, Patrol Judge
Robert Moreno, Placing Judge
Ken Goldberg, Paddock Judge, Patrol Judge
Ruben Hernandez, Clerk of Scales/ Film Room
Charles McCaul, Assistant Clerk of Scales
Gary Brinson, Starter
Melanie Stubblefield, Clerk of the Course
Lisa Jones, Clerk of the Course
Tim Connor, D.V.M., Official Veterinarian representing the C.H.R.B.
Jill Bailey, D.V.M., Racing Veterinarian representing Hollywood Park
Jennifer Paige, Horse Identifier
Louis Damore, Plater Inspector

ADMINISTRATION: F. Jack Liebau, President, Hollywood Park
Eual Wyatt, Jr., Vice President & General Manager
Mike Ziegler, Vice President & Assistant General Manager
Barbara Helm, Vice President - Finance
Dyan Grealish, Vice President - Sales
Martin Panza, Vice President Racing
Bernie Thurman, Vice President
Don Barney, Director of Security
Clen Bounds, Property Manager
Pete Criswell, RTCA Chaplain
Bernie Eastridge, Turf Course Superintendent
Diane Hudak, Horsemen's Liaison
Russell Hudak, Timer, Morning Line Maker
Michael P. Mooney, Director of Publicity
Dennis Moore, Track Surface Consultant
Robert D. Poole, Director of Pari-Mutuels
Roger Roman, Director of Broadcasting
Mark Tomes, Plant Superintendent
Cole Younger, Manager of Operations
Susan Winter, Paymaster of Purses
Bob Benoit & Associates, Inc., Track Photographer
Jay Cohen, Horn blower
Vic Stauffer, Track Announcer
Plusmic USA, Photo Finish
Kerlan – Jobe Orthopedic, Jockey's Physician

WEDNESDAY
04/23/08¹

OPENING DAY

Today's racing card kicks off the sixty day Spring/Summer meeting at Hollywood Park.

04/23/08²

JOCKEY MEETING

The Board of Stewards met with the jockey colony to discuss procedures and expectations for the meet. Following a successful Santa Anita meeting on the riding front, we explained that we expected more of the same high level of riding. Also in attendance at the meeting were Dr. Tim Connor, Dr. Jill Bailey, CHRB Investigators Bill Westermann and Rick Amieva, Jockey Guild Representative Darrell Haire, Clerk of Scales Ruben Hernandez and Chairman of the CHRB Richard Shapiro.

04/23/08³

TOTE BOARD MALFUNCTION

As is sometimes the case, opening day brought with it a couple of glitches. The left side of the tote board was inoperable; this is the side that usually displays the order of finish and the payouts. This led to some confusion for the wagering public, but the Board of Stewards did its best to ameliorate some of this confusion by relying on the TV department to broadcast the information and by staying in contact with the track announcer who relayed the appropriate information. The TV department hoped to have the tote board fixed for Thursday's card.

04/23/08⁴

INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the first race, the stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident at the start in which the winner, #3 Seismometer, ridden by Joe Talamo, broke in sharply. In this two year old race, the films revealed that the winner breaks in sharply and severely impedes the fourth place finisher #1 Granite and the fifth place finisher #2 Fil's Regent. After speaking with the riders involved as well as the patrol judges, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #3 Seismometer and place him last. While the stewards are normally reluctant to make changes for incidents at the start because it is difficult to assess whether they cost rivals the opportunity at better placings, in this case, the interference was so dramatic that the decision was an easy one.

Original Order of Finish: (3)-5-6-1-2

Corrected Order of Finish: 5-6-1-2-(3)

04/23/08⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 J.P. Dupuis – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,718.00

2nd Race No changes

3rd Race No changes

- 4th Race No changes
- 5th Race No changes; Refund \$1.00; Minus Pool \$590.90
- 6th Race #2 Dee Rain – first time gelding
 #3 Brave Sun – Claimed – J. Delima, trainer
 #5 Count Orange – Claimed – J. Metz, trainer
 #11 Law Breaker – Claimed – F. Monteleone, trainer
 Refund \$173.00
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$236.70
- 8th Race #4 Abbey Cat (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
 #12 Pirate’s Charm – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Connor
 #5 Sneaky Jack – Claimed – V. Cerin, trainer
 #7 Happy Celyna – Claimed – J. Periban, trainer
 #14 Gone Californian – Claimed – F. Monteleone, trainer
 Refund \$2,015.50

	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
HP	4,472	1,019,528.00
Satellites	4,736	6,188,986.71
TOTALS	9,208	\$7,208,514.71

THURSDAY
 04/24/08¹

METZ DISCUSSION

Trainer JEFF METZ met with the stewards to discuss the fact that his horse, Abbey Cat (IRE), was scratched from yesterday’s card by the racetrack veterinarian, Dr. Jill Bailey, for being unsound. The official veterinarian, Dr. Tim Connor, also examined the horse and concurred with the scratch, but may or may not have had a different diagnosis. It sounded as if the scratch was in order but Mr. Metz felt that the situation could have been handled in a better manner. The Board of Stewards explained that we fully support our veterinarians and believe that they are doing a superlative job, but that we would relay his concerns in order to facilitate harmony and cooperation on the backside.

04/24/08²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey JOE TALAMO met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the seventh race on closing day at Santa Anita. Nearing the wire, Mr. Talamo angles his horse out very sharply in order to create a clear running path. While the stewards believed that this move was ill advised, we also believed that Mr. Talamo was fortunate in that he didn’t interfere in any significant way with any other rival. However, the Board of Stewards did warn Mr. Talamo that moves such as this, would certainly result in suspension days if repeated.

04/24/08³

SAN LUIS REY RULINGS

The stewards issued the first two rulings of the meet for San Luis Rey Downs stable area infractions.

HRTH Ruling #01

Groom VICENTE VIDAL is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS* (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) at SLRD Training Center on April 8, 2008.

HRTH Ruling #01

Groom LUIS BANDA is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS* (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) at SLRD Training Center on April 8, 2008.

04/24/08⁴

INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

Following the running of the fourth race, the stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident in which jockey Martin Pedroza steadies sharply aboard fifth place finisher #8 Warren's Yodler at the sixteenth pole when second place finisher #6 Big Red Tate, ridden by Joe Talamo, ducked out into his path. This initial assessment of the incident was confirmed by a review of the films, conversations with the jockeys involved, and the patrol judges. However, in the stewards' opinion, #8 Warren's Yodler was not cost the opportunity at a better placing and therefore no change was appropriate.

04/24/08⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes; Minus Pool \$37.10
- 2nd Race #4 Halo's Clean Sheet – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
- 3rd Race No changes
- 4th Race No changes
- 5th Race No changes; Minus Pool \$3,672.77
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$179.00
- 7th Race #5 Musical High – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
Refund \$72.96
- 8th Race #3 Be Happy For Us – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$2,045.84; Minus Pool \$1,282.31

	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
HP	3,064	762,614.20
Satellites	4,928	5,217,871.56
TOTALS	7,992	\$5,980,485.76

FRIDAY

04/25/08¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey JOE TALAMO met with the stewards to discuss yesterday's fourth race in which his horse was the subject of an inquiry. A review of the films indicated that Mr. Talamo's horse ducked out from underneath him; and he was therefore absolved of any blame for the incident.

04/25/08²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #6 Lady Disdain – Claimed – J. Wallace, trainer
Refund \$1,162.00
- 2nd Race #4 Noble Courage – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck
Refund \$2,320.40
- 3rd Race No changes; Minus Pool \$5.61
- 4th Race No changes; Refund \$226.00
- 5th Race No changes; Refund \$334.00
- 6th Race #10 Forest Danz – Late stewards' scratch, unseated jockey, ran off
#11 Trail Mix - Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
#13 Attack Jack – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#15 Hit and Hope – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#3 Congo King – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
Refund \$85,140.26
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$249.00
- 8th Race #9 Nordic Wind - Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor
Refund \$1,073.10
- 9th Race #6 Square Genius - Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck
#3 Perfect Cast – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer

	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
HP	10,212	1,468,622.90
Satellites	6,059	6,409,019.14
TOTALS	16,271	\$7,877,642.04

SATURDAY
04/26/08¹

FAILURE TO APPEAR RULINGS

The following rulings were published after two owners, Michael Lund (case number 08SA134) and Raul Espinoza (case number 08SA132), failed to appear for their hearings on complaints filed by trainer PETER MILLER alleging unpaid training fees:

HRTH Ruling #03

Owner MICHAEL W. LUND, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of suspension all licenses and license privileges of Michael W. Lund are suspended, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1527 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Fine or Suspend), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

HRTH Ruling #04

Owner RAUL ESPINOZA, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of suspension all licenses and license privileges of Raul Espinoza are suspended, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1527 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Fine or Suspend), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

04/26/08²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#1 Beulah Land – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor Refund \$439.96; Minus Pool \$504.96
2 nd Race	#5 Stop the Humor – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in gate – Dr. Bailey Refund \$121,241.82
3 rd Race	#2 I’m All Out – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer Refund \$4.00; Minus Pool \$327.89
4 th Race	#1A Voodoo King – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
5 th Race	#7 The Supply Program – Claimed – E. Truman, trainer Refund \$103.30
6 th Race	No changes; Refund \$181.00
7 th Race	#5 Giant Gizmo – Stewards’ scratch, stake #9 Mr Napper Tandy (GB) – Stewards’ scratch, stake Refund \$4,465.00
8 th Race	#1 Victory Voodoo – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor Refund \$1,144.96

9th Race #11 Handsome Thomas – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$234,392.36

	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
HP	5,535	1,771,969.40
Satellites	8,414	11,441,275
TOTALS	13,949	\$13,213,244.94

SUNDAY
04/27/08¹

NAKATANI DISCUSSION

Jockey COREY NAKATANI met with the stewards to discuss a ride on closing weekend at Santa Anita in which he appears to ease up his mount before the finish and is beaten a nose for second. In reviewing the films, the pan view certainly seems to bolster the idea that he fails to persevere, in contravention of the rules. However, in reviewing the head on replay, two things become clear: (1) his mount switches leads right before the wire and (2) Mr. Nakatani pulls his mount up very quickly and through body language clearly believes that something is amiss with his horse. Mr. Nakatani confirmed these two facts in our discussion.

In the stewards' opinion, these actions and information exonerate him from any penalty for failing to ride his mount to the finish. However, we made it clear to Mr. Nakatani that in these types of situation he should immediately dismount and wait for the veterinarian. Under no circumstances should these horses be ridden back to the unsaddling area, regardless of whether or not it is only a few feet away.

04/27/08²

GUERRERO HEARING

Assistant trainer LEONARDO GUERRERO met with the stewards informally after an incident yesterday in which he was intoxicated in the stable area and attempted unsuccessfully to exercise the horse with whom he had traveled from Northern California. Mr. Guerrero apologized profusely for the incident and given his clean record, the stewards made the following decision:

HRTH Ruling #03

Assistant Trainer LEONARDO CALOCA GUERRERO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – intoxication). Additionally, Mr. Guerrero is placed on probation through September, 2010, and is required to comply with the guidelines set forth by the Winners' Foundation.

04/27/08³

TOC DISCUSSION

LUCINDA MANDELLA met with the stewards this morning to discuss the details of an ownership project that her office is creating. She wanted to keep the stewards informed and educate us regarding the details of the program but also wanted to explore any obstacles that might exist from our perspective. The stewards gave her a few suggestions, but for the most part, the project appeared to comply with CHRB rules and regulations.

04/27/08⁴

INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the third race (Melair Stakes) the stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident that occurred at the three sixteenths pole in which third place finisher #2 Final Fling hits the fence, checks and nearly falls. A film review revealed that the winner #1 Gambler's Justice, ridden by Richard Migliore, drifts out slightly turning for home, and in doing so, creates an opening (albeit a narrow one) for the rival to his inside. #2 Final Fling is about three quarters of the way into that opening when the winner drifts back down to the fence, causing him to hit the fence, check sharply and nearly fall. Jockey Richard Migliore claimed that the third place finisher came out and tipped his horse's hind end, causing the incident, but the video tapes did not confirm his analysis. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #1 Gambler's Justice and place her third.

Original order of finish: (1)-7-2-8-2-4-6-5
Corrected order: 7-2-(1)-8-3-4-6-5

04/27/08⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 Lightmyfirebaby - Stewards' scratch, stake
Refund \$2,432.00

2nd Race No changes; Refund \$12.00; Minus Pool 8.50

3rd Race No changes; Refund \$1.00; Minus Pool \$1,154.96

4th Race No changes

5th Race No changes; Refund \$824.30

6th Race No changes; Refund \$515.20

7th Race #5 Cayambe – Stewards' scratch, stake
#6 Jack's Wild - Stewards' scratch, stake
#8 Rush with Thunder - Stewards' scratch, stake
#9 Bilo - Stewards' scratch, stake
Refund \$4, 184.10

8th Race #14 Quicken Enough – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#15 Warren's Scooter – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$1,457.80

9th Race #4 Rosso Corsa – vanned off post race (synthetic)

10th Race No changes; Refund \$16.70

	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
HP	8,034	2,243,370.20
Satellites	8,879	13,388,950.98
TOTALS	16,913	\$15,632,321.18

Additions/Removals from Vet List

Week of: 4-21-07 – 4-27-07

Track: Hollywood

Horses on Vet List:	<u>19</u>
Horses off Vet List:	<u>12</u>
Shockwave Therapy:	<u>18</u>
Deceased:	<u>01</u>

SUMMARY

	4/23	4/24	4/25	4/26	4/27		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Cal-Bred Races	2	0	1	0	10		13	13
Claims	6	2	3	2	0		13	13
Disqualifications	1	0	0	0	1		2	2
Inquiries	1	1	0	0	1		3	3
Refunds	5	3	8	8	8		32	32
Rulings	0	2	0	2	1		5	5

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Thomas Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward