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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS SUMMER THOROUGHBRED MEET  
LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION**

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

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**WEEK 2 - Thursday, July 13, 2017 through Sunday, July 16, 2017.**

**WEDNESDAY**

07/12/17<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was present to oversee entries and declarations for this week of the Los Alamitos Meeting.

**THURSDAY**

07/13/17<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO came to the office as directed to review his ride in the sixth race Sunday. His mount won and survived an inquiry. Film revealed that Mr. Delgadillo was trying to guide his mount into a very narrow space between horses. The majority believed that while this was aggressive, it was complicated by the fact that the horse to his inside drifted out, causing several points of bumping. The fact that other horses shouldered some blame allowed Mr. Delgadillo to escape with a warning. Steward Chaney believed that there was never sufficient room and voted for a three day suspension.

Apprentice jockey LAURA WERNER came to the office to review her ride in the stretch part of the fifth race Sunday. Her mount made a sharp and sustained move outward under left handed cropping. She explained that she was practicing using her left handed crop; he explained that she should also practice going straight. She agreed.

07/13/17<sup>2</sup>

**MIKUS RULING**

Exercise ride LINDA MIKUS came to the office as directed by the outrider for crossing in front of the starting gate when not permitted to do so. She said that she had, in fact, broken the rule but explained that her horse was nervous and she believed it was the correct decision. We issued the following ruling:

**LATL #004**

Exercise Rider LINDA MIKUS is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* for violation of the California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to follow instructions of outrider).

07/13/17<sup>3</sup>

**COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN**

Bliss Canyon Stables Inc withdrew its complaint (case number 17SA0172) against owner JOHN CONFORTI when the alleged farm bill was paid in full.

07/13/17<sup>4</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #4 PAZMEIFUCAN – Rider change – F. Martinez for E. Orozco  
 #2 JUANSAGAIN – Claimed – Q. Howey, trainer  
 #5 MOMENTS NOTIZ – Claimed – PH Lobo, trainer  
 #5 MOMENTS NOTIZ – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to P. Miller, trainer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race Stewards' Review into the start; No changes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 SHE'SLUCKYTHATWAY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
 Refund \$1,337.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 FOOLISH TO DECEIVE – Claimed – Q. Howey, trainer
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #5 SLY HUMOR – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
 #7 HOLY MOSEY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
 #1 BE A LADY – Rider change – V. Bednar for C. Sutherland (injured – accident report attached). Refund \$709.00
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #11 SOUTHERN WARLORD – Stewards' scratch, also eligible. Refund \$153.00.

07/13 /17<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,012	\$226,672.10
Off Track	3,046	\$855,737.30
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,328,677.43
Total	4,058	\$3,411,086.83

**FRIDAY**07/14/17<sup>1</sup>**COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN**

Bliss Canyon Stables Inc. withdrew its complaint (case number 17SA0191) against owner SHARLA SANDERS when the alleged farm debt was paid in full.

07/14/17<sup>2</sup>**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

During the running of the first race we posted the inquiry sign to examine the start of #2 PLAYER'S CHARM who broke slowly and unseated his rider. Films revealed that the horse was a bit fractious in the gate, apprentice rider Laura Werner attempted to break with a strong hold and the horse threw its head in the air. Ms. Werner was then unseated but managed to hold onto the horse's reins. Since #2 PLAYER'S CHARM caused his own problems, we unanimously declared him a starter and made the race official.

07/14/17<sup>3</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 TORRE ITALIANA – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande  
 No Show Wagering. Refund \$494.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 MY BABY RUDY – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande  
 Refund \$807.00.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 DRUMMER DON – should be listed as a ridgling
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #3 GUY CODE – Claimed – B. Koriner, trainer  
 #4 STONEYS MR. CRUISER – Claimed – C. Treece, trainer
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 FAST PASS – Stewards' scratch, entered back  
 #5 PRESIDENTSKY – Claimed – Q. Homey, trainer. Refund \$118.00.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

07/14/17<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,047	\$324,184.10
Off Track	3,685	\$1,121,034.00
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,264,463.87
Total	4,732	\$3,709,681.97

**SATURDAY**07/15/17<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey LAURA WERNER came to the office to review her ride in the fourth race yesterday which she won but drifted out significantly in the stretch. Starting about 3 paths from the inner rail, she allowed her horse to drift out to about the 9 or 10 path. Two horses to her outside drifted with her with the rival to her immediate outside having to check and redirect his mount. Ms. Werner explained that she knew she was drifting out but didn't want to stop her horse's momentum. We explained that we wanted her to keep her mount on a straight path. We therefore issued the following suspension:

**LATL #005**

Apprentice Jockey LAURA WERNER, who rode PART OF MY HEART in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 14, 2017, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (July 21, 22 and 23, 2017) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey FELIPE MARTINEZ came to the office to review his crop use during the stretch run of the eighth race yesterday. After viewing the video, all agreed that he used his crop four times in succession without giving his horse the chance to respond. He was therefore issued the following ruling:

**LATL #007**

Jockey FELIPE MARTINEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of the California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in the last sixty days), during the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 14, 2017.

07/15/17<sup>2</sup>**COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN**

Bliss Canyon Stables Inc. withdrew its complaint (case number 17SA0174) against owner MOJALLALI STABLES when the two parties reached a signed financial agreement.

07/15/17<sup>3</sup>**BALLINGER RULING**

We reinstated owner JIMMIE BALLINGER when he contacted this Board regarding a licensing problem in Delaware. Apparently he had an outstanding financial complaint from 1995 here in California. Unfortunately, the CHRB, because the allegation is so old, has no information as to the identity of the complainant or the amount of the alleged debt. Mr. Ballinger was not aware of the original complaint either and in fact has been licensed in several other states in the interim. Kudos to Delaware for a thorough license search. We reinstated Mr. Ballinger's license with the condition that should the complainant resurface, the issue would have to be addressed.

07/15/17<sup>4</sup>**SALDIVAR HEARING**

We held an informal hearing (case number 17SA0183) to consider a methamphetamine positive from hotwalker LOURDES SALDIVAR discovered incident to a hearing held a few weeks ago for an unrelated matter. Ms. Saldivar also had a positive test and subsequent ruling here at Los Alamitos last year. Finally, she was directed to test today before the hearing and the field test yielded another positive which she attributed to cough medicine. Fortunately we asked Winners' Foundation representative Omar Lizaraga to attend the hearing; he offered some insight and help. We explained that she was going to be issued a ruling suspending her license for a length of time determined based on our discussion after the hearing and suggested she get help before reapplying for a license. Ruling and our decision based on the ruling to follow.

07/15/17<sup>5</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Milton Freewater – Stewards’ scratch, stake. Refund \$1,139.00.  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Sooner Boomer – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
 #5 Parched – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
 #8 Wondering Ways – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead. Refund \$1,881.00.

07/15/17<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,605	\$569,120.70
Off Track	6,161	\$2,157,966.20
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,717,576.83
Total	8,766	\$6,444,663.73

**SUNDAY**07/16/17<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey FELIPE MARTINEZ came to the office to review his ride in the first yesterday. We felt he could have made a stronger effort leaving the gate. He agreed but explained that his horse broke on the wrong lead. This coupled with the fact that another horse contributed to the interference his horse mostly caused, spared him a suspension. However he was warned that a better effort is necessary to prevent future suspensions.

07/16/17<sup>2</sup>**SALDIVAR RULING**

After considering the facts and circumstances of the hearing described yesterday, we issued the following ruling:

**LATL #008**

Groom LOURDES SALDIVAR, is suspended for ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS (July 19, 2017 thru November 15, 2017) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – engaged in the use of drugs – amphetamine and methamphetamine) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation).

Prior to reinstatement, subject must show proof of rehabilitation from an in-house recovery facility acceptable to Winners’ Foundation and participate in a license fitness hearing.

07/16/17<sup>3</sup>**INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the ninth race, we posted the Inquiry Sign to examine an incident shortly after the start. Video revealed that #11 I’M SASSY (K. Stra) ducks in sharply causing a chain reaction, which resulted in # 7 VALEDICTORIETTE unseating her rider Martin Pedroza. In an unanimous decision we disqualified #11 and placed her unplaced.

Original Order of Finish 6-4-3-2-5-10- (11) -8-9-1

Corrected Order of Finish 6-4-3-2-5-10-8-9-1

07/16/17<sup>4</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 AIKAU – Claimed – K. Casteneda, trainer  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 LOVELY STORM – Veterinarian’s scratch, sick – Dr. Grande. Refund \$220.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #11 BOOGIE – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible. Refund \$148.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

8<sup>th</sup> Race #6 BACKINTHEACADEMY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande. Refund \$321.00

9<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

07/16/17<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,887	\$494,584.40
Off Track	5,598	\$1,837,384.90
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,610,138.58
Total	7,485	\$5,942,107.88

**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 07/10/17 TO 07/16/17

Horses on Vet List	13
Horses off Vet List	11
Shock Wave Therapy	15
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 7/13	Fri 7/14	Sat 7/15	Sun 7/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	1	2	2
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	1	1	3	10
Claims	1	3	0	1	5	10
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	1	1
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	2	4
Refunds	3	3	2	3	11	23
Rulings	1	0	3	1	5	8
Voided Claims	1	0	0	0	1	2

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward