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

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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WEEK 2–Thursday, December 13, 2018 through Sunday, December 16, 2018.

WEDNESDAY

12/12/18¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Kim Sawyer was present to oversee entries for Saturday.

THURSDAY

12/13/18¹

FILM REVIEW

Apprentice jockeys KELLIE MCDAID and EDGAR PAYERAS came to the office as directed this morning to discuss their respective roles in the interference leaving the gate in Sunday’s ninth race. While each could have done a better job in preventing the interference and protecting their fellow riders, neither rider’s actions rose to the level of suspension. Warnings.

12/13/18²

MARTIN REINSTATEMENT

Having received evidence that owner MICHAEL MARTIN had satisfied his alleged debt to Equine Medical Surgical Group, we issued the following ruling:

LWTL #004

Owner MICHAEL MARTIN, having appeared and satisfied the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility- \$2,016.60 to Equine Medical Surgical Group), is restored to good standing. DFTD Ruling #008, issued at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on November 16, 2018 is set aside.

12/13/18³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$0
2 nd Race	#5 SCATTERING MINK – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande. Refund \$554.50
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$0
4 th Race	#2 HESA RANEGADE – Claimed – A. Aquino, trainer. Refund \$0

5th Race #3 CALLIE MESA – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
 #1 ESKENFORADRINK – Claimed – O. Heredia, trainer. Refund \$71.96
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 7th Race #2 BONNEVILLE FLATS – Veterinarian, sick – Dr. Stead. Refund \$756.00
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0

12/13/18⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	817	\$228,316.04
Off Track	2,746	\$802,483.96
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,851,298.52
Total	3,563	\$3,882,098.52

FRIDAY

12/14/18¹

GONZALEZ HEARING

Owner TINA GONZALEZ came to the office for an informal hearing into a complaint (case number 18SA0273) filed by trainer Jerry Hollendorfer alleging unpaid training bills in the amount \$4,996.00. After a discussion, Ms. Gonzalez acknowledged that the bill was owed but objected to some of Mr. Hollendorfer’s training methods and how her horses were treated. We suggested civil court to make those types of allegations and both parties signed a financial agreement.

12/14/18²

GARCIA HEARING

We held a formal hearing into case number 18LT0038 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against jockey MATT GARCIA alleging violation of CHRB rule 1701. The CHRB alleged that Mr. Garcia weighed back in after two races at Los Alamitos lighter than the 1 pound allowed by the rule. Present at the formal hearing were Mr. Garcia, representing himself along with his wife, Pam Garcia; CHRB Investigator Jim Hamilton represented the CHRB along with Chief Investigator Shawn Loehr. Michelle Derieg recorded the hearing. The CHRB called Clerk of Scales Matt Nichols, who testified that on two consecutive days Mr. Garcia weighed out at one weight (122 and 123.8) but then weighed back in lighter (120, and 121.6, respectively). Mr. Nichols testified that when jockeys weigh back in they do so with safety equipment (but not when they weigh out) which weighs 2-2.5 pounds. He also testified that he does not turn jockeys in to the Stewards unless they are lighter than the amount at which they weighed out. Given the safety equipment, weighing lighter than the amount at which jockeys weigh out would indicate that they are significantly under the 1 pound as allowed by the rules. Mr. Garcia testified that he had weighed out with a wet chamois and heavy girth channel but they had disappeared when he weighed back in. Mr. Nichols testified that those two items were not permitted at weight out and that from what he recollects, Mr. Garcia did not have those items when he weighed out. Evidence was clear that Mr. Garcia weighed in lighter than the weight at which he weighed out. Decision to follow.

12/14/18³

INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the sixth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident in the stretch involving the third place finisher #1 R B EYE (E. Roman). Video revealed that #1 ducks out sharply mid-stretch, interfering with #10 SILENT ALARM and to a lesser extent #9 RED CLEM. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we unanimously voted to disqualify and place him 7th behind #10.

Original order of finish: 7-2-(1)-6-5-4-10
 Corrected order of finish: 7-2-6-5-4-10-(1)

12/14/18⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #5 DEVIL’S BEAUTY – Claimed – A. Lerner, trainer. Refund \$0
- 2nd Race #6 LEAD ACTRESS – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead. Refund \$313.09
- 3rd Race #5 CONFIDENTIALLY – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead. Refund \$454.69
- 4th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 5th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 6th Race #8 WARRENSDIRTYDANCER – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande. Refund \$119.98.
- 7th Race #2 DANCING SUNSET – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
#4 BABY ICE – Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer
#5 LI’L GRAZEN – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer. Refund \$75.30
- 8th Race #1 SLEW THE WATERS – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound on track – Dr. Stead Refund \$7,437.13

12/14/18⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	816	\$248,134.69
Off Track	3,382	\$1,021,786.62
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,576,085.70
Total	4,198	\$4,846,007.01

SATURDAY

12/15/18¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey EVIN ROMAN came to the office to review his ride in the sixth race yesterday after which his mount was disqualified. He explained that his mount ducked out when he dropped the rein. Video verified that this occurred. We issued a warning but cautioned him that he should be more careful when his mount gives him the indication that it has a tendency to drift out. We issued the following ruling after jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ called and admitted to a crop rule violation:

LWTL #05

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of 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 within the past 60 days) during the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 14, 2018.

12/15//18²

RUIZ RULING

Exercise rider JUAN RUIZ came to the office yesterday to explain why he was galloping while the emergency lights were on. Not offering a valid excuse, we issued the following ruling:

LWTL #06

Exercise rider JUAN “OSCAR” RUIZ, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – galloping horse while the emergency lights were on).

12/15/18³

SOLIS HEARING

We held an informal hearing this morning into case number 18SA0244 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging that trainer WALTHER SOLIS had choked jockey JOHN JUDE in the barn area of San Luis Rey Downs. Mr. Solis explained the history between the two, admitted to some physical contact while downplaying the choke, and apologized for his actions, explaining that he simply “lost his cool.” Witness Jude confirmed the history between the two that led to this physical confrontation, but explained that choking was serious and lasted for a few seconds. Decision to follow.

12/15/18⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #6 SADDLE CLUB – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped on track – Dr. Stead
Refund \$10,473.14
- 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 4th Race #7 PRETTY HUSSAR – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande. Refund \$191.32
- 5th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 6th Race #1 TOP NOTCH – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
#4 SUNRISE ROYALE – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,456.98
- 7th Race #2 CHATTERMAN – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande. Refund \$335.02
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 9th Race #5 EARNEDNEVERGIVEN – Claimed – D. O’Neill, trainer
#10 RIDE TO THE WIRE – Claimed – R. DeLeon, trainer. Refund \$0
- 10th Race #1 SHAKE N FRIES – Rider change F. Pratt for D. VanDyke
#2 DRINKS ALL AROUND – Rider change – F. Martinez for M. Pedroza (sick)
Refund \$2.30

12/15/18⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,812	\$455,801.72
Off Track	5,047	\$1,673,323.01
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,448,196.85
Total	6,859	\$6,577,321.58

SUNDAY

12/16/18¹

SOLIS RULING

After considering the evidence presented yesterday in the Solis matter, we issued the following ruling:

LWTL #07

Trainer EDIN WALTHER SOLIS is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Additionally, MR. SOLIS must be evaluated by Winners Foundation for anger management issues.

12/16/18²

GARCIA RULING

After carefully considering the evidence presented in the Garcia matter heard Friday, we issued the following ruling:

LWTL #08

Jockey MATTHEW “MATT” GARCIA, is suspended for SEVEN (7) days (December 26, 2018 through January 1, 2019) days for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1701 (Weighing In – more than one pound under his assigned weight) on September 14 and 15, 2018, at Los Alamitos Race Course.

12/16/18³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 3rd Race #3 BRONZINO (FR) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
#2 CONQUEROR – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer
#4 SWORD FIGHTER – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer
#5 SPOKANE EAGLE – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer
#6 BEANTOWN BOYS – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer. Refund \$390.60
- 4th Race No changes; Refund \$0

5th Race #5 WE WILL RE JOYCE – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer. Refund \$0
 6th Race #3 HOT ON THE TRAIL – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer. Refund \$0
 7th Race #5 POPPY’S C NOTE – Stewards’ scratch, stake. Refund \$265.15
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 9th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 10th Race #11 LUCKY PATRICK – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
 #12 SPEND IT – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible. Refund \$714.20

12/16/18⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,448	\$391,989.28
Off Track	5,049	\$1,573,369.15
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,593,840.34
Total	6,497	\$6,559,198.77

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 12/10/18 TO 12/16/18

Horses on Vet List	15	Horses off Vet List	5
Shock Wave Therapy	28	Fatalities	0
Medication	0		

SUMMARY

	Thurs 12/13	Fri 12/14	Sat 12/15	Sun 12/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	2	2	4	10
Claims	2	3	2	5	12	17
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	1	3
Inquiries	0	1	0	0	1	5
Refunds	3	5	4	3	15	35
Rulings	1	0	2	2	5	8
Voided Claims	1	0	1	1	3	9

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Steward

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