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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of July 14, 2009 through July 19, 2009.

TUESDAY

07/14/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Randy Winick will attend to morning office duties this week as well as record the minutes of all racing activities.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Thursday was completed at 9:00 a.m. and resulted in one scratch and five rider changes.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Nine races were drawn at 11:45 a.m. for Friday night's card which will showcase six Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred events.

WEDNESDAY

07/15/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. promptly, resulting in one declaration, three rider alterations and one equipment adjustment.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries were drawn at 1:00 p.m. for Saturday and a ten race program was put together composed of eight Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred races.

THURSDAY

07/16/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time was held at 9:00 a.m. on this morning for Saturday's races. There were four rider changes and one declaration.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for Thursday, California-Bred maidens two years old, claiming price \$16,000 at 300 yards, failed to fill with only two entries and was called off.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Entries for Sunday were drawn at 1:15 p.m. and a card of nine races were put together consisting of five Quarter Horse and four Thoroughbred contests.

(4) HERNANDEZ DECISION (REFER 07/11/09 (6))

RULING #134

TRAINER HECTOR J HERNANDEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "FISH ON THE MOVE" IN THE SIXTH RACE ON APRIL 18, 2009, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE, IS SUSPENDED THIRTY (30) DAYS (JULY 27, 2009 THROUGH AUGUST 25, 2009) AND FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES # 1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND # 1844 (E)(9) & (F) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – CLENBUTEROL CLASS III).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF HECTOR J HERNANDEZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

RULING #135

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY OF THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT URINE AND BLOOD SAMPLE# LA11826, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "FISH ON THE MOVE", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 18, 2009, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CLENBUTEROL (CLASS III) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVELS, IT IS ORDERED THAT "FISH ON THE MOVE" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$2,750.00) EARNED BY OWNER SAUL CARRERA, TRAINER HECTOR J. HERNANDEZ AND JOCKEY ALEJANDRO LUNA BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY AUGUST 16, 2009 FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1ST ONE RARE DROP
- 2ND MYSTICAL STONE
- 3RD BLINKY STAR
- 4TH RASCALED
- 5TH TIME TO BET CASH

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARI-MUTUEL PAYOUTS.

The foregoing rulings were issued after due deliberation of the testimonial evidence presented at the formal hearing held on July 11, 2009 (refer 07/11/09 (6)). The amount of the fine was based on Mr. Hernandez's overall medication record being somewhat poor.

(5) FIRST RACE – OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Jockey Baltazar Contreras notified the Stewards upon returning after the finish of the first race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) that he wished to lodge an objection involving his horse, #8 “Anecdotal” (2nd), against #9 “Light Up My Heart” (1st – M. Carter) for drifting inward in late stretch, causing him to take up and lose a chance for a better placing. After talking to the rider of the winner and reviewing the taped replay, the Stewards unanimously voted for no change in the original order of finish. It was the Stewards opinion that although Ms. Carter did allow her mount to drift inward and was whipping right-handed, it did not cost Baltazar the win and he may have overreacted a bit in taking up so dramatically on a beaten horse. It should be noted that Mr. Contreras was aware of a horse to his inside and was trying to project that horse and rider. The Stewards will have Maggie Carter in to review her ride.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 3 What A Sequel (Tr. D. Smith) jockey Adolfo Rodriguez replaced jockey Manuel Segundo (out of town).

2nd Race - # 8 Leaving Corona (Tr. J. Flores) veterinarian - sick, Dr. Hackathorn. Refund: \$ 612.00.

3rd Race - # 7 Tootufforthedevil (Tr. D. Smith) jockey Adolfo Rodriguez replaced jockey Manuel Segundo (out of town).

4th Race - # 1 Little Miss Dasher (Tr. P. Jones) jockey Alejandro Luna replaced jockey Ramon Sanchez (flight connections).

5th Race - # 5 Precious Rene (Tr. R. Gonzalez) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Cheryl Charlton (sick).

7th Race - # 5 Flyin Express (Tr. P. Jones) jockey Eduardo Nicasio replaced jockey Ramon Sanchez (flight connections).

8th Race - # 2 Fire In The Hole (Tr. P. Jones) jockey Eduardo Nicasio replaced jockey Ramon Sanchez (flight connections).

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	704	On Track Handle:	\$106,905
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,310</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$235,714
Total:	3,014	Out of State:	<u>\$507,101</u>
		Total:	\$849,720

FRIDAY

07/17/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Sunday were completed at 9:00 a.m. and resulted in one declaration, one equipment adjustment and four rider changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the condition book for Friday, California-Bred maiden allowance two year olds at 300 yards, failed to fill with only two Cal-Breds but was taken open and went with a field of nine.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Alejandro Luna was in to review Thursday's sixth race where his mount came out through the stretch and came very close to interfering with the horse to his outside. The Stewards told Mr. Luna to make a better effort to maintain a straight course. Alejandro understood his miscue and would do a better job in the future.

Jockey Maggie Carter also was in to review film from the first race on Thursday evening where the rider aboard the second place finisher lodged an objection against her for coming in on him in the final sixteenth of a mile. There was no change to the order of finish as it did not cost the second place finisher a better placing, but nonetheless, the Stewards thought Maggie could improve her effort to maintain a straight course as she was on much the best horse. Ms. Carter was aware of her less than stellar performance and was apologetic. Maggie affirmed that she would do much better in future races.

No sanctions were deemed necessary in either rider's case, but warnings were given by the Stewards to be more careful.

(4) NUNEZ HEARINGS (CASE #09LA0150 & #09LA0151)

Trainer Jesus Nunez was in the Stewards' office to address the two above complaints informally.

The first case, #09LA0150, was regarding several of Mr. Nunez's horses being late to the Receiving Barn on June 26, 2009 and again on June 27, 2009 at Los Alamitos Race Course. Mr. Nunez gave testimony to the fact that the public address system was malfunctioning and that it was impossible to hear the 20-minute call to be at the Receiving Barn in a timely fashion. Jesus did report that it has since been corrected. Investigator Blake and the Stewards pointed out to Jesus that it is ultimately his responsibility to know what time he needs to have his horses in the Receiving Barn.

The second case, #09LA0151, concerns a high level of Phenylbutazone in the official blood sample taken from his horse "Kool Illusions" after a workout to remove him from the veterinarian's list for unsoundness. The level was 6.48, and the allowable level is 5.0. Mr. Nunez offered only that it was a possible mistake in the timing of his giving two bute pills the morning of the day before the scheduled workout for the veterinarian. His horse may have digested or eaten it very slowly.

The Stewards will deliberate on both these cases overnight and issue the appropriate sanctions during the next day's business hours.

(5) HERNANDEZ HEARING (CASE #08LA0149)

The above referenced complaint involved trainer Hector J. Hernandez's involvement in a financial dispute with groom Jamie Chavez Padillo over nonpayment of wages (\$1,400.00) for five weeks of work. Both parties were present and an agreement for payment was reached and signed with the Stewards after Mr. Hernandez admitted he did owe the specified amount. The agreement stated that Jamie will give a check for \$400.00 on Sunday to Mr. Padillo and \$400.00 every week thereafter until the debt is satisfied.

(6) SANCHEZ RULING

RULING #136

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENTS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

The above ruling was issued to jockey Ramon Sanchez due to his not being able to fulfill his riding engagements Thursday evening due to airline flight entanglements from Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico, where he rode earlier in the day. The Stewards told Ramon it is his responsibility to be on time for his engagements regardless of airline delays.

(7) RACING PROGRAM

Friday evening's racing went relatively smooth

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 2 Beautiful Storm claimed, Tr. H. J. Hernandez.

4 Don't Tell Sandi claimed, Tr. E. January.

2nd Race - # 1 AB Another Runner (Tr. P. Jones) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn. Refund: \$ 1,279.00

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 1,606	On Track Handle: \$166,608
Off Track Attendance: 3,858	Off Track Handle: \$490,525
Total: 5,464	Out of State: \$761,968
	Total: \$1,419,101

SATURDAY

07/18/2009

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the condition book for Saturday, California-Bred maidens three year olds, claiming price \$5,000 at 300 yards, failed to fill with only one entry.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The draw for Thursday was conducted at 2:00 PM with a program of eight races consisting of seven Quarter Horse contests and one lone Thoroughbred event.

(3) NUNEZ RULING (REFER 07/17/09 (4))

RULING #137

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1852 (REPORTING TO THE RECEIVING BARN) ON FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2009

RULING # 138

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ WHO WORKED THE HORSE "KOOL ILLUSIONS" IN ORDER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE VETERINARIAN'S LIST ON JUNE 27, 2009 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1866 (VETERINARIAN'S LIST) FOR VIOLATION OF CA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1844 (C)(1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION).

The above rulings were levied against trainer Jesus Nunez after deliberation of testimony and facts relating to cases #09LA0150 and #09LA0151 heard on 01/17/09. The amount of these fines were considered appropriate and in line with previous sanctions given and Mr. Nunez's license history.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Carlos Bautista was in to review a race where he came in on a horse to his inside, shaving it a little too close. The Stewards thought he should be a little more careful and to make sure he is clear when coming over. Carlos thought he had enough clearance, but realized after the review that he should have waited a bit longer. It should be noted that his horse was lugging inward and that he made an attempt to grab his outside rein to correct this. Another race that Mr. Bautista was in was also gone over to address a bumping incident.

Jockey Juan Andrade came in to review a race where he may have allowed his mount to drift out a little bit too much in the stretch. Mr. Andrade was counseled to do a better job in maintaining a straight course, to which he agreed. No sanctions were deemed necessary for those incidents.

(5) "WIENER NATIONALS"

Tonight is the 14th Annual "Wienerschnitzel Wiener Nationals" which will showcase close to one hundred dachshunds running for a prize of \$1,000 to be crowned "The Fastest Wiener in the West". This annual event is one of Los Alamitos' highlights of the season bringing out thousands of raucous fans.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 6 Juvie Champ claimed, Tr. H. Sanchez

#10 Count Your Own Money (Tr. G. Morales) veterinarian –
injured, Dr. Hackathorn
Refund: \$ 366.00

4th Race - # 7 Youbchassenme claimed, Tr. J. Romo, Jr

8 Nancys Flashy Dasher (Tr. J. Nunez) vet – unsound post
parade, Dr. Hackathorn
Refund: \$ 5,254.00

5th Race - # 3 Raise The Mark (Tr. S. Martinez) vet – unsound post parade,
Dr. Hackathorn
Refund: \$ 8,963.00

6 Branquino claimed, Tr. K. Craigmyle

7 Warside Attraction (Tr. O. Garcia) stewards – vets list
Refund: \$ 138.00

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 8,288	On Track Handle: \$222,214
Off Track Attendance: <u>3,002</u>	Off Track Handle: \$280,789
Total: 11,290	Out of State: <u>\$702,560</u>
	Total: \$1,205,563

SUNDAY

07/19/2009 (1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for California-Bred maiden two year olds, claiming price \$5,000 at a distance of 300 yards, failed to fill and was called off.

(2) JASON LOPEZ HEARING (CASE #09LA0147)

Trainer Jason Lopez was scheduled to appear before the Stewards to address the above noted financial complaint alleging his indebtedness to Gordon Feed Company for products purchased in the amount of \$279.61, Mr. Lopez was busy on the backside attending to a horse he had in this evening, so he sent in his wife to pay the amount in full, as he did not dispute the amount owed. The Stewards will transfer the funds to John Hall who works for Gordon Feed Company when he comes in the Stewards office in the near future.

(3) NO SHOW WAGERING

Racing Secretary Ron Church asked for and received approval from Executive Director Kirk Breed to cancel show waging on Sunday's Eighth Race due to there being a prohibitive favorite and the fear of a large minus pool.

(4) RACING PROGRAM

Sunday's racing was conducted without significant incident or mishap.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

4th Race - # 6 Deedashing (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) jockey J. Chavis replaced A. Bautista (injury)

5th Race - # 6 Power Tool (Tr. D. Fama) stewards – jockey request, unsound post parade
Refund: \$ 16,869.00

9th Race - # 6 Miracle On Bell Ave (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) jockey J. Chavis replaced A. Bautista (injury)

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 694	On Track Handle: \$133,376
Off Track Attendance: <u>2,254</u>	Off Track Handle: \$273,531
Total: 2,948	Out of State: <u>\$637,133</u>
	Total: \$1,044,040

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
7/16/2009	2	8	Leaving Corona	J. Flores	Sick	Hackathorn	\$612
7/17/2009	2	1	AB Another Runner	P. Jones	Sick	Hackathorn	\$1,279
7/18/2009	1	10	Count Your Own Money	G. Morales	Injured	Hackathorn	\$366
	4	8	Nancys Flashy Dasher	J. Nunez	Unsound	Hackathorn	\$5,254
	5	3	Raise The Mark	S. Martinez	Unsound	Hackathorn	\$8,963

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 17, 2009.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: 4 for soundness, 2 for injury and 2 for sickness.

8 horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and
removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Randy Winick

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 07/16	FRI 07/17	SAT 07/18	SUN 07/19	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	21
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	11
CLAIMS			R	1	2	3	0	6	313
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	33
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	0	0	1	70
REFUNDS		A		1	1	4	1	7	331
RULINGS			Y	2	1	2	0	5	138

Stewards' Attendance: Randy Winick and Albert Christiansen were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Randy Winick (Steward)

Albert Christiansen
(Steward)