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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley California
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, September 28, 2022, through Sunday, October 2, 2022.

WEDNESDAY

9/28/22¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Will Meyers** was present to oversee entries for Saturday, September 28, 2022. **Mr. Meyers** also joined the Veterinary Review Panel.

THURSDAY

9/29/22¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Will Meyers** was again on duty to oversee entries for Sunday, September 29, 2022.

9/29/22²**TRAINER STEVE SHERMAN (22GG0097)**

Trainer **Steve Sherman** appeared before the Board of Stewards to address the complaint filed against him by the California Horse Racing Board.

Mr. Sherman is charged with violating California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843 (a) (d), #1843.1 (b), #1843.4 (a), #1844 (d) (5) and #1887 (a).

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented the case for this tape recorded hearing. **Ms. Tolman** presented evidence indicating that the **Steve Sherman** trained horse **Drew Big** who finished fourth in the first race on May 14, 2022, was reported by the U.C. Maddy Laboratory to have Methocarbamol (8ng/ml) in the official blood sample which is in excess of the permitted level.

Mr. Sherman testified that "**Drew Big**" was administered Robaxin (Methocarbamol) orally on May 6, 2022, and treated the same by his attending veterinarian, **Kim Kuhlmann**, DVM, forty eight hours prior the race on May 14, 2022. Evidence was accepted and testimony was put on the record. Decision Forthcoming.

9/29/22³

ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEE JAMES C. REID (22GG0112)

James C. Reid appeared before the Board of Stewards to address a complaint filed against him by the by the California Horse Racing Board alleging violations of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1481 (a), #1489(3 & 8), #1874, #1890(a) and #1900.

Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board and according to the accusation, "**James C. Reid** went into the California Horse Racing Board licensing office in order to renew his Association Employee License. At that time, it was discovered that his license had been terminated for falsification (Oct. 30, 2020). He had failed to disclose two older prior felony arrests/convictions. During the contact he displayed several objective symptoms of stimulant influence. Upon having him empty his pockets, it was discovered that he was also in possession of Methamphetamines as well".

During the tape recording hearing **Mr. Reid** denied knowledge of his California Horse Racing Board license issued on September 17, 2020, being terminated for falsification on October 30, 2020.

Mr. Reid did acknowledge during this hearing that his prior felony convictions were drug related, specifically, use and possession of Methamphetamine. He further stated for the record that on September 14, 2022, he was in possession of and under the influence of Methamphetamine. Evidence and the testimony were submitted for the record and the Stewards decision to come.

FRIDAY
9/30/22¹

DECLARATIONS:

3RD Race # 4 **Dad's Lady** (Tr. **DW Baker**) Ineligible - Stewards Refund \$44.10
5TH Race #5 **Deise Delight (IRE)** (Tr. **Doug O'Neil**) Sick – DVM **Batten** Refund \$350.54
6TH Race #5 **Can'thelpfallin (IRE)** Panel – Vet History
#7 **Blossoming** (Tr. **Patrick Gallagher**) Sick – DVM **Batten** Refunds \$275.95
7TH Race #7 **Runaway Princess** (Tr. **Ivan Becerra**) Sick – DVM **Hassan** Refunds \$63.63
8TH Race #4 **Perfect Ice Storm** (Tr. **Jamey Thomas**) Injured – DVM **Batten** Refund \$316.48

The declarations in races 3, 5, 6 & 7 reduced the fields to four wagering interests and in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1954, no show wagering was offered.

9/30/22²

RULING #18 – STEVE SHERMAN

Ruling #18

Trainer **Steve Sherman** who started the horse "**Drew Big**", who finished fourth in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on May 14, 2022, is fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (a) (d) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1843.1 (b) (Methocarbamol-in excess of permitted level, 8ng/ml [Class 4]) (Penalty-Class C).

Furthermore, Trainer **Steve Sherman** is assessed (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4 (a) (Multiple Medication Violations-Expires 9/30/23).

The above ruling was issued subsequent to the hearing held on September 27, 2022.

9/30/22³

STEWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Stewards **Will Meyers**, **Grant Baker**, **Richard Lewis**, and **Dennis Nevin** joined the Stewards Committee Meeting on Microsoft Teams.

9/30/22⁴

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

9/30/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 323 | \$162,602.30 |
| Out of state | n/a | \$1,234,851.88 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$198,180.11 |
| Total | 1,039 | \$1,972,294.41 |

SATURDAY
10/1/22¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race #7 **J And M Express** (Tr. **Leanna Ekstrom**) Panel – Vet History Refund \$262.76

5TH Race #1 **Lisa’s Valentine** (Tr. **Ed Moger**) Injured – DVM **Parker**

#6 **Bob’s Vai** (Tr. **Faith Taylor**) Re-enter – Stewards Refunds \$655.07

7TH Race #1 **Otter Pop** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Full Field – Stewards

#2 **Big Sis Little Sis** (Tr. **Reid France**) Full Field – Stewards Refunds \$687.53

10TH Race #5 **Dr. Hoffman** (Tr. **Daniel Franko**) Sick – DVM **Hassan** Refund \$279.49

The declarations in race 2 reduced the fields to four wagering interests and in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1954, no show wagering was offered. No Rolling Super High Five.

10/1/22²

TRAINER FELIX RONDAN (22GG0105)

Trainer **Felix Rondan** responded to the complaint filed against him alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878 (b) (Workouts). California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented the case for this tape recorded hearing.

*According to the complaint, “On 5/20/2022 the horse, **Honey Doo**, a non-starter, was euthanized at GGF after discovering that she had a displaced hind fracture. During the fatality investigation I found that the horse had a history of four prior works but a pre-work examination by a veterinarian was not conducted*

Investigator **Noe Longoria** assisted **Mr. Rondan** by interpreting the proceedings. No evidence or testimony was presented that indicated “**Honey Doo**” was euthanized on May 20, 2022, as a direct result of her last workout on May 13, 2022. Decision Forthcoming.

10/1/22³

JOCKEY SANTOS RIVERA

Jockey **Santos Rivera** met with the Stewards for a review of his use of the riding crop during the running of the fourth race yesterday, September 20, 2022.

Although **Mr. Rivera** did not exceed the strike limit, he was reminded that underhand strikes away from the shoulder or not having his hands and being close to his mounts neck will count as strikes.

10/1/22⁴

CLAIM VOIDED – 1ST RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Isidro Tamayo** for “**Bossy Soul**” (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) upon notification from California Horse Racing Board Official Veterinarian **Kathy Jones**, DVM that the filly was unsound in the left foreleg. **Bossy Soul** was returned to **Mr. Wong’s** barn.

SUNDAY
10/2/22¹

DECLARATIONS:

1ST Race #5 **Colormemoney** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**) Sick – DVM **Parker** Refund \$1,017.37

3RD Race #2 **Austrian Navy** (Tr. **Monty Meier**) Injured – DVM **Hassan** Refund \$156.65

5TH Race #3 **Papapifas** (Tr. **Guillermo Preciado**) Panel – Stewards Refund \$244.21

7TH Race #2 **Incredible Shot** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – DVM **Batten** Refund \$171.94

8TH Race #2 **Vandenberg** (Tr. **Sergio Ledezma**) Full Field – Stewards Refund \$186.81

11TH Race #1 **Twilight Empire** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Injured – DVM **Hassan** Refund \$186.13

10/2/22²

RULING #19 - JAMES C. REID (22GG0112)

Ruling #19

Association Employee **James C. Reid** is hereby suspended sixty (60) days from October 9, 2022, through December 7, 2022; pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1489 (a - 3 & 8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1890 (Possession of Contraband) for use and possession of Methamphetamine on September 14, 2022, at Golden Gate Fields. Prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges **James C. Reid** must show proof of completion of an in house rehabilitation program acceptable to the Board of Stewards. Further, **Mr. Reid** will remain on probation for as long as he is licensed by the California Horse Racing Board.

As conditions of probation **Mr. Reid** must sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and enter into a contract with the Winners Foundation. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will result in actions taken against **Mr. Reid's** license privileges. During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **James C. Reid** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued following the hearing held on September 29, 2022. **Mr. Reid** was notified of his ruling telephonically and a copy of the ruling was mailed to his address of record.

10/2/22³

RULING #20 JAY ROBINSON

Ruling #20

Jockey Agent **Jay Robinson** is hereby fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for failure to handle his business in a proper manner resulting in a late declaration of "**Bob's Vai**" in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, October 1, 2022. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not Covered).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Agent **Jay Robinson** accepted responsibility for entering the filly "**Bobs Vai**" (Tr. **Faith Taylor**) in the wrong race, necessitating a late declaration.

10/2/22⁴

RULING #21 – FELIX D. RONDON (22GG0105)

Ruling #21

Owner/Trainer **Felix D. Rondan** is fined One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)* for multiple violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878 (b) (Workouts-Pre work examination required within 72 hours of workout – second offense).

Mr. Rondan's ruling was issued subsequent to the hearing held on October 1, 2022.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

| Date | Race | No. | Horse | Trainer | Reason | Vet | Refund |
|---------|------|-----|---------------------|--------------|---------|------------|------------|
| 30-Sept | 5 | 5 | Deise Delight (IRE) | D. O'Neil | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$350.54 |
| 30-Sept | 6 | 7 | Blossoming | P. Gallagher | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$275.95 |
| 30-Sept | 7 | 7 | Runaway Princess | I. Becerra | Sick | Dr. Hassan | \$63.63 |
| 30-Sept | 8 | 4 | Perfect Ice Storm | J. Thomas | Injured | Dr. Batten | \$316.48 |
| 1-Oct | 5 | 1 | Lisa's Valentine | E. Moger | Injured | Dr. Parker | \$655.07 |
| 1-Oct | 10 | 5 | Dr. Hoffman | D. Franko | Sick | Dr. Hassan | \$279.49 |
| 2-Oct | 1 | 5 | Colormemoney | J. Steiner | Sick | Dr. Parker | \$1,017.37 |
| 2-Oct | 3 | 2 | Austrian Navy | M. Meier | Injured | Dr. Hassan | \$156.65 |
| 2-Oct | 7 | 2 | Incredible Shot | I. Tamayo | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$171.94 |
| 2-Oct | 11 | 1 | Twilight Empire | C. DeLima | Injured | Dr. Hassan | \$186.13 |

SUMMARY

| | Fri 9/30 | Sat 10/1 | Sun 10/2 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Claims | 2 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 33 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Inquiries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Refunds | 8 | 10 | 11 | 29 | 112 |
| Rulings | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 21 |
| Voided Claims | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 11 |

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward