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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

### **Sonoma County Fair Santa Rosa, California**

#### TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**Report for the week of Wednesday, August 9, 2023, through Sunday, August 13, 2023.**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

8/09/23<sup>1</sup>

##### **DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward Richard Lewis was on site to oversee entries for Saturday, changes to Friday's overnight and to participate in an Entry Panel.

#### **THURSDAY**

8/10/23<sup>1</sup>

##### **HEARING AND ENTRY DAY**

Steward Lewis was available to assist the Racing Office in the entry process for Sunday. The full Board of Stewards, Lewis, Nevin and Rainey were present for hearings.

8/10/23<sup>2</sup>

##### **SOLTAU HEARING CASE #23BM0005**

The CHRB filed an official complaint against Cory Soltau, DVM, for alleged violations of CHRB Rules 1840, 1842, 1481 and 1930 while on the backside of the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Present for the hearing was the full Board of Stewards along with CHRB Investigator Louis Quezada, Court Reporter Stephanie MacMurtrie, and respondent Cory Soltau.

The hearing was chaired by Dennis Nevin. Testimony was presented from both sides and evidence submitted into the record. A decision will be forthcoming.

8/10/23<sup>3</sup>

##### **EATON HEARING CASE #23BM0006**

A CHRB complaint was filed against trainer Terri Eaton for alleged violations of rules 1530, 1894, 1895 and 1842.5 while in the Alameda County Fair barn area. Stewards Lewis, Nevin and Rainey represent the CHRB along with Investigator Quezada. The proceeding was

reported by Court Reporter Stephanie MacMurtrie. Trainer Terri Eaton was present and represented herself. Testimony was given and was submitted into the record along with evidence. Everything will be taken into consideration prior to a decision being made.

**FRIDAY**  
8/11/23<sup>1</sup>

### **GARCIA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Epifanio Garcia met with the Stewards to review two separate races from Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. CHRB Investigator Luis Quezada acted as translator for the rider.

The first incident occurred in the running of the Fourth race while horses were in mid-stretch. Mr. Garcia, aboard **TRIBUTE TO M**, came out bumping **SIPPIN WHISKEY** (ref. 8/6/23<sup>5</sup>). Mr. Garcia and his mount finished second, but had they won a disqualification may have been in order. After reviewing video and discussion with Jockey Garcia it was determined that he was guilty of careless riding.

The second issue took place during the running of the eighth race. This involved a possible crop violation which the films will be able to determine. In reviewing the race replay all parties agreed that the crop was used more than the six permitted strikes, seven. Jockey Garcia was found to have violated HISA rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

The following two rulings were issues:

#### **SCF RULING #03**

Jockey EPIFANIO GARCIA who rode GERLACH'S in the eighth race the Sonoma County Fair on August 6, 2023, is suspended one (1) day\*, August 18, 2023, and fined two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)\*\* pursuant to Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one (1) over the limit for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey EPIFANIO GARCIA is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on February 18, 2024, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey EPIFANIO GARCIA has now accumulated six (6) points. Ruling #7 Alameda County Fair June 24, 2023.

#### **SCF RULING #04**

Jockey EPIFANIO GARCIA who rode TRIBUTE TO M in the fourth race the Sonoma County Fair on August 6, 2023, is suspended three (3) racing days\*, August 19, 20 and 25, 2023, for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules Careless Riding).

8/11/23<sup>2</sup>

### **CHAVEZ RULING**

Jockey Alexander Chavez met with the Stewards to review race five from Sunday (ref. 8/6/23<sup>6</sup>). Video indicates that Mr. Chavez's mount, **THE LITTLE H MAN**, came out under left-handed urging bumping his foe, **CORAL CAT**, resulting in a disqualification. This Panel found the rider guilty of careless riding and the following ruling was issued.

#### **SCF RULING #05**

Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** who rode **ELEGANT BOY** in the fifth race on Sunday, August 6, 2023, at the Sonoma County Fair is suspended three (3)

racings days\*, August 18, 19 and 20, 2023, for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

8/11/23<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 2 – Scratch #2 BEA MISCHIEF (Tr. Isidro Tamayo) Sick–Karen Hassan, DVM

Race 3 – Scratch #5 IM IN IT TO WIN IT (Tr. Emilio Guerrero) Injured – Karen Hassan, DVM. NO SHOW WAGERING

Race 5 – Scratch #3 MARNAYS QUEEN (Tr. Sergio Perez) Panel (no exam) – Stewards. NO SHOW WAGERING

Race 6 – Scratch #6 WINE AND WHISKEY (Tr. Simon Hobson) Re-Enter – Stewards

Scratch #7 ROARING TIGER (Tr. D Wayne Baker) Sick – Karen Hassan, DVM

Change #9 GALLENT WARREN (Tr. Tim Bellasis) To Be Ridden by Irving Orozco (Francisco Monroy Sick)

Race 7 – Scratch #6 KERRY GOLD (Tr. Jesus Ramos) Sick – Karen Hassan, DVM

8/11/23<sup>4</sup>

**RACE 2 VOIDED CLAIM**

The Claim submitted for **AUSTRIAN NAVY** was voided when the Stewards Aide alerted us that the date was incorrect.

8/11/23<sup>5</sup>

**RACE 6 CLAIM**

#1 **GROWTH ENGINE** was claimed by Trainer Isidro Tamayo from Trainer Andy Mathis.

8/11/23<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,361	\$224,268.77
NCOTWinc	877	\$468,004.03
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$379,384.52
Total	6,238	\$1,071,657.32

**SATURDAY**

8/12/23<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 1 – Scratch #4 TOWN PERFORMER (Tr. Isidro Tamayo) Injured – Karen Hassan, DVM. NO SHOW WAGERING

Race 3 – Scratch #6 UNION COACH (Tr. Isidro Tamayo) Sick – Karen Hassan, DVM

Race 7 – Scratch #4 BOB'S BLUE MOON (Tr. Steve Sherman) Unsound–Karen Hassan, DVM

Race 8 – Scratch #2 MUCHO MACHISMO (Tr. Dan Franko) Re-Enter–Stewards

8/12/23<sup>2</sup>

**RACE 2 VOIDED CLAIM**

CHRB Vet Forrest Franklin contacted the Stewards that **WOUND UP**, claimed by Trainer Jack Steiner, was detected to be Unsound while cooling out post-

race. The Stewards voided the claim, as the horse was to remain in the care of trainer Jamey Thomas.

8/12/23<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,582	\$287,704.98
NCOTWinc	1,432	\$810,353.15
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$524,010.54
Total	7,014	\$1,622,068.67

**SUNDAY**

8/13/23<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 1 – Scratch #1 MISS PERU (Tr. Felix Rondan) Sick – Karen Hassan, DVM  
NO SHOW WAGERING

Race 2 – Scratch #6 MISTY CAT (Tr. Dan Franko) Sick – Karen Hassan, DVM

8/13/23<sup>2</sup>

**SOLTAU DECISION (ref. 8/10/23<sup>2</sup>)**

After deliberation and reviewing material presented for CHRB Case #23BM0005, this Board of Stewards found that there was no proof of violations to the charges listed in the complaint. CHRB Rule 1840 (Veterinarian Practices and Treatment Restrictions), no treatments by Dr. Soltau were confirmed by any parties other than him looking at the two horses he owned. CHRB Rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report), having not treated any horse there was no need for a Veterinarian Report. CHRB Rule #1481 (Occupational License and Fees), Dr. Soltau was in possession of an Owner's license. CHRB Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers), Dr. Soltau was not stopped at the Stable Gate nor was he detained when he came to pick his two horses up with his truck and trailer. In an unanimous decision, this Panel dismissed the Case.

8/13/23<sup>3</sup>

**EATON DECISION (ref. 8/10/23<sup>3</sup>)**

The Stewards came to a decision regarding CHRB Case # 23BM0006, a complaint against Trainer Terri Eaton. Four rules were cited as being violated and we looked at each one individually in our deliberations. CHRB Rule # 1510 (Knowledge of Rules), Trainer Eaton was able to answer questions when asked about the rules and had a good understanding of those she was cited for. Rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer), no violation to any section of this rule was found. Rule #1895 (Trainer's Duty to Insure Licensed Participation), Trainer Eaton's barn help are all licensed and the Owner at the barn at the time of incident. Cory Soltau, DVM, is currently licensed and in good standing. Rule 1842.5 (Trainer to Maintain Medication Treatment Records), It was our understanding that Miss Eaton had just shipped in, and the majority of her horses came from the Farm. There was no testimony that there were any medication treatments administered to any of the horse under her care within the enclosure. Had Miss Eaton been cited as being in violation of CHRB Rule 1843 (c) we would be discussing a penalty. Taking everything into consideration no penalty was warranted, and Stewards decided unanimously to dismiss the case.

8/13/23<sup>4</sup>

**LATE RIDER CHANGES**

The Medical Staff reported that Jockey William Antongeorgi was not feeling well after the 4<sup>th</sup> race. The Doctor recommended that the rider be excused from his remaining mounts. The Stewards approved the request. Replacement rider for **GORDY'S BOY** in the Sixth race was ADRIAN CASTELLANOS and in race Eight, EPIFANIO GARCIA took the reins on **BEROLIJEAN**.

8/13/23<sup>5</sup>

**RACE 5 DEAD HEAT FOR SHOW**

A photo finish was called for to determine who finished third in this five-furlong Turf dash. Both #4, **COBRE** and #8, **MR. FIGHTER** hit the wire together and we were unable to separate therefore a picture was asked for. The photo provided did not show any separation and we unanimously called the results a DEAD HEAT. Official Order of Finish: 3 – 6 - **4/8** – 5 – 2 – 7 – 1

8/13/23<sup>6</sup>

**RACE 6 - CLAIM**

#5 **LORD WINDBORNE** (Ire) was claimed by Trainer Jesus Ramos from Owner/Trainer Victor Trujillo.

8/13/23<sup>7</sup>

**RACE – DEAD HEAT FOR WIN**

The final race of the meet needed a Photo to determine the winner of this one-mile turf event #2, **QUE SERA SIR RALPH** and #5, **WINE AND WHISKEY** hit the wire so close that a photo could not determine the winner. The Placing Judges and the Stewards were all in agreement that the result was a DEAD HEAT. Official Order of Finish: **2/5** – 4 – 7 – 1 – 3 - 6

8/13/23<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,662	\$308,678.90
NCOTWinc	1,185	\$766,152.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$324,626.88
Total	5,847	\$1,399,458.58

**SUMMARY**

	Wed 8/9	Thurs 8/10	Fri 8/11	Sat 8/12	Sun 8/13	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	0	0	1	0	1	2	5
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Refunds</b>	0	0	4	7	2	13	32
<b>Rulings</b>	0	0	0	0	3	3	5
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	1	0	1	1

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Vet</b>	<b>Refund</b>
11-Aug	2	2	Bea Mischief	I. Tamayo	Sick	Hassan	\$62.00
11-Aug	3	5	Im In It To Win It	E. Guerrero	Injured	Hassan	\$11.00
11-Aug	6	7	Roaring Tiger	D.W. Baker	Sick	Hassan	\$72.00
11-Aug	7	6	Kerry Gold	J. Ramos	Sick	Hassan	\$89.60
12-Aug	1	4	Town Performer	I. Tamayo	Injured	Hassan	\$214.48
12-Aug	3	6	Union Coach	I. Tamayo	Sick	Hassan	\$185.50
12-Aug	7	4	Bob's Blue Moon	S. Sherman	Unsound	Hassan	\$60.64
13-Aug	1	1	Miss Peru	F. Rondan	Sick	Hassan	\$49.00
13-Aug	2	6	Misty Cat	D. Franko	Sick	Hassan	\$39.80

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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Cal Rainey, Steward

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Grant Baker, Safety Steward

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