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Report of the Board of Stewards

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Report for the period Wednesday, September 16, 2009 through Sunday, September 20, 2009.

Wednesday

09-16-09¹ **NON-RACING / HEARING DAY**

The stewards were present to preside over several hearings including this complaint (Case #09GG272) filed by trainer **Jerry Hollendorfer** against a former owner, **Bliss Canyon Investments**, which is owned by **Jose Mercado Mora**. The complaint alleged \$4,693.00 due from a past due training bill.

Assistant Trainer **Janet Hollendorfer** appeared but Mr. Mora did not. Should Mora's absence persist he will be suspended tomorrow.

09-16-09² **RE-INSTATEMENT - PART I**

Jockey **RODRIGO MATIAS** appeared seeking re-instatement of his license privileges. Matias had been suspended by the stewards at Del Mar for a substance abuse problem. His suspension was over on September 9, 2009.

Matias demonstrated compliance with the conditions contained in the ruling:

- 1) proof of completion of a 90-day in-house rehabilitation program
- 2) signed contract with the Winners Foundation
- 3) testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board

Matias explained that while he is currently licensed as a jockey he only wants to exercise horses at the present time.

09-16-09³ **RE-INSTATEMENT – PART II**

Groom **ADRIAN ALBA** appeared with Winners Foundation counselor Armando Calero seeking re-instatement of his license privileges which were suspended for 90 days by this Board of Stewards on June 6, 2009 for alcohol related rule violations. As part of the ruling Alba was ordered to enter a 90 day in-house rehabilitation program and today he showed proof of completion thereof. He was placed on probation for the term of his license (03-31-10) and as conditions of probation he signed a contract with the Winners Foundation and a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

Thursday09-17-09¹**LATE DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

5th race: #7 SKYWRITER (Tr. Ed Moger) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 90.10

6th race: #10 GETOUTTHEWAY (Tr. Ed Moger) also eligible
Stewards REFUND: \$ 377.60

09-17-09²**RULING NO. 3 – MARTIN, JR.**

In the Matter of:

Owner/Trainer Francisco “Frank” Martin, Jr.

Having failed to abide by the terms of a financial payment agreement with San Francisco Equine, Inc., trainer FRANCISO MARTIN, JR. is hereby suspended pending satisfaction of the debt for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of FRANCISCO MARTIN, JR. 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 after we received written notice from San Francisco Equine that Martin had paid approximately \$1500 on a \$11,700 debt and no payments have been received since June. Attempts to contact Martin were unsuccessful.

09-17-09³**RULING NO. 4 – MERCADO MORA**

Owner JOSE MERCADO MORA (dba Bliss Canyon Investments), having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Wednesday, September 16, 2009, to answer charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is hereby suspended pending appearance before the Board of Stewards for violation of CHRB rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Jose Mercado Mora (dba Bliss Canyon Investments) 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 foregoing ruling was issued after Mora's non-appearance at yesterday's scheduled hearing.

09-17-09⁴**LATE SCRATCH – REFUND – Eighth Race**

#3 CEESCREEN, trained by Alex Sywak, was scratched on the recommendation of track veterinarian Heather Kerr, D.V.M., during the warm-up after she diagnosed the mare as off in the right hind. On Vet's List. The refund totaled \$5,140.57.

09-17-09⁵**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,054	\$	243,909.90
NCOT	1,973	\$	604,119.90
SCOT		\$	261,839.30
Out of State		\$	724,615.19
TOTAL	3,027	\$	1,834,484.29

Friday09-18-09¹**EARLY DECLARATION – REFUND**

1st race: #5 PLEASED TO SQUEEZE (Tr. Andy Mathis)
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell

sick
REFUND: \$ 211.50

09-18-09² **ALL ROUTINE**

All activity during morning office hours and the afternoon's eight race program was categorized as unremarkable.

09-18-09³ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	921	\$	258,740.60
NCOT	1,949	\$	699,990.50
SCOT		\$	241,042.80
Out of State		\$	742,890.96
TOTAL	2,870	\$	1,942,664.86

Saturday

09-19-09¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1st race: #3 DRASTIC TACTICS (Tr. Bruce Dillenbeck) injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 247.30

2nd race: #3 RONNIE GODDESS (Tr. Steve Miyadi) injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 473.90

6th race: #12 MOTEADO (Tr. Sergio Ledezma) also eligible
Stewards REFUND: \$ 34.90

9th race: #7 RESSIE THE CAT (Tr. Michael Lenzini) injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 83.80

09-19-09² **TARDY RULINGS NO. 5 – 6 – 7**

Jockey **CHRIS RUSSELL** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for reporting late to the jockey's room on Thursday, September 17, 2009; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report).

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Apprentice Jockey **MICHEAL JAMES** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for reporting late to the jockey's room on Thursday, September 17, 2009; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report).

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Jockey **DAVID G. LOPEZ** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for reporting late to the paddock for the seventh race on Friday, September 18, 2009.

The above rulings were issued after the jockeys appeared and acknowledged they failed to follow proper procedures.

09-19-09³ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Eighth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident in the clubhouse turn involving #4 **MCMURTRY** (4th, **Francisco Duran**). After a thorough review the stewards disqualified MCMURTRY from fourth and placed him seventh.

Tapes showed the MCMURTRY failed to negotiate the first turn and took three horses off their path. The three were #2 NAUGHTY CAL (7th, Michael Martinez), #5 MR. WOLVERRINE (6th, Alex Bisano) and #8 SUFFOLK PUNCH (3rd, Julio Garcia). SUFFOLK PUNCH came on to outfinish MCMURTRY but, in the stewards' opinion, NAUGHTY CAL

and MR. WOLVERINE were cost the opportunity at a better placing. Duran will review the tapes of the race with the stewards in the morning.

Original Order of Finish: 1 – 3 – 8 – **(4)** – 6 – 5 – 2 – 7

Official Order of Finish: 1 – 3 – 8 – 6 – 5 – 2 – **(4)** – 7

09-19-09⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,526	\$	478,529.10
NCOT	3,000	\$	983,802.20
SCOT		\$	484,701.60
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>928,878.60</u>
TOTAL	4,526	\$	\$2,875,911.50

Sunday

09-20-09¹ **RULING NO. 8 – MARTIN**

The following ruling was issued after the stewards received written notification that San Francisco Equine was withdrawing the complaint against owner/trainer **Francisco “Frank” Martin, Jr.**

In the Matter of:

Owner/Trainer **Francisco “Frank” Martin, Jr.**

Complaint #08BM0081, having now been withdrawn by San Francisco Equine, Inc., Golden Gate Fields – CARF II ruling #03, dated September 17, 2009, is set aside and the license privileges of owner/trainer FRANCISCO “FRANK” MARTIN, JR. are restored to good standing.

09-20-09² **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 st race:	#4 MTN RANCH WILLY	(Tr. Bud Klokstad)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 752.30
4 th race:	#8 STOHLONG	(Tr. Roger Hansen)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 128.80
5 th race:	#10 TASTE OF BATTLE	(Tr. Mike Larson)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 19.30
6 th race:	#1 SEA CANDY RIDE	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 449.00
8 th race:	#5 MEAN JOLEENE	(Tr. Debbie Winick)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 248.80

09-20-09³ **ROJAS EXTENSION – RULING NO. 9**

In the Matter of:

Apprentice Jockey **ALVARO O. ROJAS**

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1500 (b) (Apprentice Jockey) and for good cause, the apprentice allowance of Alvaro Rojas is extended ninety-two (92) days from October 8, 2009 to January 7, 2010 or until Mr. Rojas has ridden forty (40) winners, whichever comes first.

The above ruling was issued after Rojas documented he was unable to compete while mending from injuries incurred in a riding mishap.

09-20-09⁴ **LATE DECLARATION – REFUND – Sixth Race**

#2 VENITO, trained by Jesus Mendoza, was scratched after Dr. Kerr observed the horse was off on the left front when it reached the starting gate. On Vet's List. Refund was \$6,312.83.

09-20-09⁵ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE – Sixth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an accident just before the finish line involving #3 **BROTHER JOHN**, ridden by **David Lopez**. The horse broke through the inner turf course rail causing Lopez to be thrown into the break-away rail. After a thorough review the stewards affirmed the order of finish posted on the tote board.

Tapes of the race show that the two year old, who was making his second start and first on the turf, ducked from a right handed whip and broke through the inside rail just before the finish line. Lopez was thrown and landed on a portion of the inside rail. No other horses were involved.

BROTHER JOHN suffered severe lacerations on the right hip which required extensive suturing and will keep the horse off the track for quite some time. Lopez complained of head pain and contusions to his arm but the injuries did not seem serious in nature. He was taken to Highland Hospital for observation.

09-20-09⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3,135	\$	467,344.80
NCOT	2,542	\$	818,969.60
SCOT		\$	422,617.60
Out of State		\$	800,889.25
TOTAL	5,677	\$	\$2,509,821.25

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each racing day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
17-Sep	5	7	SKYWRITER	Moger	sick	Isbell	\$90.10
18-Sep	1	5	PLEASED TO SQUEEZE	Mathis	sick	Isbell	\$211.50
19-Sep	1	3	DRASTIC TACTICS	Dillenbeck	injured	Isbell	\$247.30
	2	3	RONNIE GODDESS	Miyadi	injured	Isbell	\$473.90
	9	7	RESSIE THE CAT	Lenzini	injured	Isbell	\$83.80
20-Sep	1	4	MTN RANCH WILLY	Klokstad	sick	Isbell	\$752.30
	4	8	STOHLONG	Hansen	injured	Isbell	\$128.80
	5	10	TASTE OF BATTLE	Larson	sick	Isbell	\$19.30
	6	1	SEA CANDY RIDE	Hollendorfer	injured	Isbell	\$449.00
		2	VENITO	Mendoza	unsound at gate	Kerr	\$6,312.83
	8	5	MEAN JOLEENE	Winick	injured	Isbell	\$248.80

VETERINARY REPORT**Euthanized / Died**

- None Reported -

Veterinarian's List

There were nineteen (19) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 4

Injured: 6

Unsound: 8

Medication: 1

There were twenty-two (22) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 8
Injured: 7
Unsound: 7
Bled: 0

Shockwave Therapy: There were three (3) shockwave therapy treatment reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	99	\$32,437.70
Bakersfield	256	\$71,815.90
Fresno	263	\$105,508.20
Fresno One Club	68	\$49,531.30
Monterey	0	-\$1.00
Pleasanton	1164	\$591,530.40
Sacramento	951	\$383,794.00
San Jose	1290	\$455,854.90
San Mateo	2219	\$1,004,595.00
Santa Rosa	501	\$139,293.40
Stockton	700	\$269,803.60
Tulare	139	\$43,113.70
Turlock	350	\$130,236.00
Vallejo	558	\$237,520.30
So. California		\$1,410,201.30
Out of State		\$3,197,274.00

	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	1	1	1
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	2	2	1	1	6	13
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	1	0	1	1
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	1	1	2	2
REFUNDS	3	1	4	6	14	41
RULINGS	2	0	3	2	7	9

Respectfully submitted,

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Darrel McHargue, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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