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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING RACING ASSOCIATION

Hollywood Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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For the period: Wednesday, May 21, 2008 through Monday, May 26, 2008.

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MINUTES – FIFTH WEEK of HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING MEETING

WEDNESDAY

05/21/08¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 3rd race #2 Seven Lucky J's (Vet – unsound)
#6 Aquicksting (Vet – injured) refund of \$3,667.80
- 5th race #8 First Take (Vet – sick) refund of \$854.30
- 6th race #7 Belleacton (Vet – sick) refund of \$1,792.20
- 7th race #3 For Sure For Sure (Vet – sick) refund of \$523.20

05/21/08²

RULINGS

HRTH Ruling #30

Trainer ALFREDO MARQUEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1852 (Reporting to the Receiving Barn – Late) and #1894 (Duties of Trainer) with his horse “Red Ticket” on May 03, 2008 at Hollywood Park.

HRTH Ruling #31

Trainer SAL GONZALEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1852 (Reporting to the Receiving Barn – Late) and #1894 (Duties of Trainer) with his horse “Lake Meza” on May 03, 2008 at Hollywood Park.

These rulings were issued after both trainers responded to the complaint filed against them and acknowledged their guilt.

05/21/08³

RULING

HRTH Ruling #32

Pony Rider EVA WHEELER is fined FIFTY DOLLARS* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – abusive language toward outrider).

This ruling was issued after a hearing with Ms. Wheeler, during which she admitted using choice language to Outrider Jesus Camacho. Ms. Wheeler felt that Camacho was demeaning both she and her horse, and chose to confront him on the issue. Jesus said he was discussing a horse’s condition, but it was his own pony to which he was referring.

05/21/08⁴

RULING

HRTH Ruling #33

Exercise Rider EMILY MODE is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS* (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations –loose dog at Fairplex) on May 15, 2008.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Ms. Mode sent a check to cover the citation for a loose dog at Fairplex.

05/21/08⁵

RULING

HRTH Ruling #34

Jockey SALVADOR INIQUEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement) and #1683 (Maximum Overweight) on May 03, 2008 at Hollywood Park.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Iniquez appeared in the office to explain his failure to make his assigned weight on May 3rd. Iniquez said he tried to reduce in the sauna, but it was to no avail. He also said he was going to cease riding races and limit himself to morning gallops.

05/21/08⁷

ROUTINE PROGRAM

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	2,794	770,386.70
SATELLITES	5,025	2,166,456.10
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	742,228.10
OUT OF STATE	n/a	3,563,131.32
TOTALS	7,819	\$7,242,202.22

THURSDAY
05/22/08¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 1st race #6 Siberzar (Vet – injured) refund of \$1,653.00
2nd race #4 Speed Passport (Vet – sick) refund \$2,100.10
5th race #6 Stylin Deputy (Vet – injured) refund of \$1,611.10

05/22/08²

RIDER EXCUSED

Corey Nakatani, who was unseated following the running of the first race yesterday afternoon, was excused from his mounts as he was still suffering from a major headache. Replacement riders were named.

05/22/08³

RULINGS

HRTH Ruling #35

Groom SANTOS GARCIA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1890 (Possession of Contraband). Mr. Garcia is required to undergo evaluation by the Winner's Foundation and abide by the terms set forth by that organization. Mr. Garcia is further ordered to enter into a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and his license will be considered probationary for its term.

HRTH Ruling #36

Groom MIGUEL LOPEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1890 (Possession of Contraband). Mr. Lopez is required to undergo evaluation by the Winner's Foundation and abide by the terms set forth by that organization. Mr. Lopez is further ordered to enter into a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and his license will be considered probationary for its term.

These rulings were issued after both grooms appeared in response to complaints filed against them for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(H) (Engaged in the Use of Drugs).

The two had been observed by stable area security using what proved to be cocaine in the track kitchen. They were tested and both showed positive for the drug. LeRoy Martinez, of Winner's Foundation, accompanied the pair and spoke on their behalf. He said that Garcia has been coming to meetings since the incident, and his conversation with Lopez led him to believe that the young man was sincere in wanting help with his problem.

05/22/08⁴

ROUTINE PROGRAM

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	3,474	759,421.50
SATELLITES	5,341	2,292,592.80
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	826,574.00
OUT OF STATE	n/a	3,733,473.12
TOTALS	8,815	\$7,612,061.42

**FRIDAY
05/23/08¹**

A. M. DECLARATIONS

- 2nd race #6 Cadeaux Du Monde (Vet – injured) refund of \$4,886.90
- 3rd race #7 Totally Phat (Vet – injured) refund of \$3,503.50
- 6th race #2 Golftiludrop (Vet – injured) refund of \$2,706.70

05/23/08²

RIDER EXCUSED

Corey Nakatani, who was excused from his riding assignments yesterday, was once again excused. Replacement riders were named (Ref. 05/22/08²).

05/23/08³

RULING

HRTH #37

Trainer JUSTIN TREASURE is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (a) (Authorized Bleeder Medication) at Hollywood Park on May 23, 2008.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Treasure accepted responsibility for failure to register his horse, "Snowinout West", as a bleeder. Treasure, who normally races in Arizona, was not cognizant of the California requirements.

05/23/08⁴

RULING

HRTH #38

Owner JOHN MIKE KALLAS, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is restored to good standing. LATS ruling #177, issued at Santa Anita on March 29, 2008, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after the stewards were informed that Mr. Kallas had fulfilled his obligation to a local veterinary group.

05/23/08⁵

STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the eighth race to review the stretch run, during which the winner, #5 Bodacat (V. Espinoza), came in on two occasions to bump the second place horse, #7 Scotty Jones (I. Enriquez). Enriquez also lodged a claim of foul.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judge and reviewing tapes of the stretch run, the Stewards voted to disqualify Bodacat from first to second position. Tapes show that, as observed, Bodacat came in twice during the stretch run to solidly bump and impede Scotty Jones. The incident, in the Stewards' opinion, cost Enriquez and his mount the opportunity for a better placing.

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	6,038	953,745.60
SATELLITES	5,715	2,015,868.30
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,128,478.30
OUT OF STATE	n/a	3,168,832.28
TOTALS	11,753	\$7,266,924.48

SATURDAY
05/24/08¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

6th race #9 Don't Think Twice (Vet – injured) refund of \$2,061.32

8th race #3 Eva Beaver (Vet – injured) refund of \$2,802.92

05/24/08²

RULINGS

HRTH #39

Trainer BRUCE HEADLEY is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (a) (Authorized Bleeder Medication) at Hollywood Park on May 24, 2008.

HRTH #40

Trainer TED WEST is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (a) (Authorized Bleeder Medication) at Hollywood Park on May 24, 2008.

These rulings were issued as neither trainer submitted a timely request for bleeder treatment authorization. Mr. Headley maintained that he had turned a slip in, but had not put down a name as he had not received approval from the Jockey Club for the name submitted. Mr. West offered no excuse.

05/24/08³

RIDER EXCUSED

Martin Pedroza was excused from his mounts this afternoon as he injured his left elbow when his horse hit the side of the starting gate in the eighth race on Thursday. Replacement riders were named.

05/24/08⁴

VIDEO REVIEW

Victor Espinoza was in the office to review video of the eighth race from last night in which his mount was disqualified for interference during the stretch run. Victor maintained that he had made a good effort on a horse which was trying to lug in rather severely. After a review and taking into account his explanation, the Stewards were unanimous in their decision to place blame on the horse rather than the rider.

05/24/08⁵

RULING

HRTH #41

In order to satisfy HRTH ruling #50 dated December 21, 2007, and after the California Horse Racing Board adopted the Hearing Officer's proposed decision; jockey TYLER BAZE, who rode "All Done Up" in the tenth race at Hollywood Park on Sunday, December 16, 2007, is suspended for TWO (2) DAYS (June 1 and 4, 2008).

Terms of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

This ruling was issued as the Stewards were in receipt of the decision of Hearing Officer Steffan Imhoff, which had been accepted by the California Horse Racing Board, imposing a reduced suspension of two days for a riding infraction at the Hollywood Park Fall meeting.

05/24/08⁶

MINUS POOL

A minus pool of \$30,498.98 was created in the second race when #2 Madeo, the prohibitive choice at odds of 1/5, finished in the Place position.

05/24/08⁷

ACCIDENT / INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign immediately following the seventh race to review a spill approaching the finish. The accident involved two horses directly; #10 Waveland Avenue, with Jose Valdivia, Jr. aboard, and #11 Gobbler's Knob, ridden by Tyler Baze. Several others were peripherally involved.

After speaking with the Patrol Judge at the finish line and reviewing video of the race, the Stewards unanimously voted to make the race "Official". Video showed that #10 Waveland Avenue suffered a catastrophic injury to its left foreleg approximately fifty yards from the finish, causing it to fall. #11 Gobbler's Knob, racing directly behind the ill-fated horse, could not avoid the fallen competitor and fell over it.

Fortunately, the field was well spaced, although several riders checked their mounts when the spill occurred. The Stewards declined to call the race "no contest" as the scenario did not fit the criteria for doing so. This latest incident once again calls for a clarification of rule #1544 (Calling Off Race), as opinions vary with respect to the dynamics needed to call a race off.

Neither Valdivia nor Baze were injured and were cleared to ride after examination by the track physician. Waveland Avenue was euthanized at the scene by Racing Veterinarian Bailey, while Gobbler's Knob escaped injury. Commendations are in order for the assistant starters, Racing Veterinarian, equine ambulance personnel and Clerk of Scales Ruben Hernandez, all of whom were on the scene immediately and performed their duties admirably. Additionally, screens were up very quickly and shielded the public from the scene.

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	5,655	1,747,868.80
SATELLITES	8,865	4,229,082.40
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,577,773.00
OUT OF STATE	n/a	6,364,578.83
TOTALS	14,520	\$13,919,303.03

SUNDAY
05/25/08¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

5th race #7 Demon Inside (Vet – unsound)
#10 Lardog (entered back) see minute entry #4

9th race #11 Worldly One (Vet – unsound) refund of \$1,390.82

05/25/08² RULING

HIRTH #42

Trainer JOHN SADLER is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$500.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse "Evolution" which ran in the first race at Hollywood Park Race Track on April 20, 2008. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

This ruling was issued after the trainer acknowledged his failure to report the castration of his horse Evolution. He said the connections simply forgot to relay the information to the racing office staff.

05/25/08³ REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #1 Sarazens Hibrite failed to warm up to the satisfaction of Racing Veterinarian Bailey and was declared on her recommendation. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$29,263.90.

05/25/08⁴ REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #11 Lost Paradise was off behind during warm up and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Bailey. The refund, combined with the early declarations from this race, totaled \$133,091.05.

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	5,756	1,659,643.80
SATELLITES	8,459	3,719,753.10
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,551,607.80
OUT OF STATE	n/a	5,583,384.05
TOTALS	14,215	\$12,514,388.75

**MONDAY
05/26/08¹ A.M. DECLARATIONS**

- 1st race #8 Scumpy (Vet – injured) refund of \$2,729.10
- 6th race #8 Wild McDreamie (Vet – injured) refund of \$4,560.01
- 8th race #5 Master Plan (Vet – sick) refund of \$2,200.80
- 9th race #4 Get Funky (Stakes) refund of \$4,052.92

05/26/08²

RULING

HIRTH #43

Trainer JEFF MULLINS is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1852 (Reporting to the Receiving Barn – Late) and #1894 (Duties of Trainer) with his horse “Applaud Dubai” on May 11, 2008 at Hollywood Park.

This ruling was issued after the trainer pleaded no contest to the charge of being late to the Receiving Barn with his horse Applaud Dubai. Mullins said that while he had no legitimate excuses for the tardiness, speakers near his barn were not functioning properly that day.

05/26/08³

ROUTINE PROGRAM

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

LOCATION	ATTENDANCE	HANDLE
ON TRACK	10,532	2,579,064.30
SATELLITES	9,570	4,679,785.00
TVG/XPRESS/YOUBET	n/a	1,835,319.40
OUT OF STATE	n/a	6,547,893.80
TOTALS	20,102	\$15,642,062.50

Additions/Removals from Vet List

Week of: 5-19-08 – 5-25-08

Track: Hollywood

Horses on Vet List:	<u>19</u>
Horses off Vet List:	<u>20</u>
Shockwave Therapy:	<u>31</u>
Deceased:	<u>04</u>

SUMMARY

	5/21	5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	0	0		1	5
Cal-Bred Races	2	0	2	1	3	0		8	33
Claims	3	6	0	0	1	3		13	68
Disqualifications	0	0	1	0	0	0		1	4
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	0	0		2	13
Refunds	4	3	3	2	3	4		19	133
Rulings	5	2	2	3	1	1		14	43

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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attachments