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## **OUR MISSION**

**T**o regulate and build a strong and credible horse racing industry which ensures honesty and integrity through the promulgation of rules to govern the conduct of licensed personnel, promoters and race meetings, thereby protecting the interest of the racing public.

**THE JAMAICA RACING COMMISSION  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2008/2009**

TO:           The Hon. Audley Shaw M.P.  
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This report summarizes, in terms of Section 12 of the Jamaica Racing Commission Act, the activities of the Jamaica Racing Commission in the Financial Year 2008/2009, in fulfilling the regulatory, financial, judicial and administrative functions assigned by the Act.

The report also presents the audited financial statements of the Commission and data indicating performances and trends in the horse racing industry.

**THE JAMAICA RACING COMMISSION ACT  
(ACT 3 OF 1972 AMENDED BY ACT 4 OF 1979)**

The Jamaica Racing Commission was established under the Jamaica Racing Commission Act, 1972:

- to regulate and control horseracing and the operation of racecourses in the island;
- to grant such licenses and permits as may be required by virtue of the provisions of the Act;
- to recommend to the Minister the method of utilizing sums, under the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act, for assistance to breeders of horses and horse racing generally;
- to introduce and implement, or to assist in or undertake the implementation of any scheme for the development of the horse racing industry.

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**COMMISSIONERS:**

Rudolph Muir - Chairman  
Graham Brown  
Edison Chai  
Mark Croskery  
Kenneth Gooden  
Bruce Levy  
Robert Martin

**OFFICIALS:**

Ruth A. Smith-Sutherland - General Manager  
Ainsworth Carroll - Director, Finance Administration  
Lloyd A. Cobran - Director, Racing  
St. Aubyn Bartlett - Senior Veterinary Officer  
Lawrence Brown - Information Technology Manager (To Apr. 2008)  
Andrew Davidson - Information Technology Manager (Fr. Dec. 2008)  
Alva Belnavis - Finance Manager  
Haldene Johansen - Operations Steward  
Desmond Riley - Operations Steward  
Eustace Williams - Operations Steward  
Ina Lawrence - Administrator/Welfare & Training  
Sophia Ramlal - Veterinary Officer

**DELEGATEES:**

- (1) Operations Stewards
- (2) The First Instance Tribunal:
  - Carlton Williams - Chairman
  - Walter Campbell
  - George McPherson
  - Colin Ifill
  - Audrie McNab
  - Derrick White
  - Operations Stewards

## **SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Rudolph Muir	-	Chairman
Robert Martin	-	Commissioner
Edison Chai	-	Commissioner
Ruth Smith-Sutherland	-	General Manager
Ainsworth Carroll	-	Director, Finance & Administration
Alva Belnavis	-	Financial Manager
Beverley Adams	-	Personnel & Administrative Officer

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Robert Martin	-	Chairman
Rudolph Muir	-	Commissioner
Edison Chai	-	Commissioner
Ruth Smith-Sutherland	-	General Manager
Ainsworth Carroll	-	Director of Finance & Administration

### **OBSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Walter Campbell	-	Chairman	
Mark Croskery	-	Member	- From 12 <sup>th</sup> May, 2008
Bruce Levy	-	Member	- From 12 <sup>th</sup> May, 2008
David Levy	-	Member	- To 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2008
Hugh Levy	-	Member	- To 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2008
George Lawson	-	Member	
Kenneth Mattis OD	-	Member	- From 19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2008
Lloyd McFarlane	-	Member	

### **EQUINE DRUG TESTING COMMITTEE**

Rudolph Muir	-	Chairman
Ruth Smith-Sutherland	-	Member
St. Aubyn Bartlett	-	Member
Sophia Ramlal	-	Member
Racing Chemists	-	Member
Racing Analyst	-	Member

**HALL OF FAME TRUSTEES**

Rudolph Muir - Chairman  
 Ed. Barnes - Trustee  
 Walter Campbell - Trustee  
 Vincent Edwards - Trustee  
 David Levy - Trustee  
 Noel Levy - Trustee  
 Denzil Miller Jnr. - Trustee  
 Howard Hamilton - Trustee

**RACING INDUSTRY INSURANCE SCHEME COMMITTEE**

Bruce Levy - Chairman  
 Edison Chai - Commissioner  
 Ruth A. Smith-Sutherland - Member  
 Alva Belnavis - Member  
 Haldene Johansen - Member  
 Denzil Miller Jnr. - CTL Representative  
 Dalton Lawrence - Trainers' Representative  
 Ian Spence - Jockeys' Representative  
 Paul Pancho - Grooms' Representative

**EMOLUMENTS SENIOR STAFF 2008/2009**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>ANNUAL BASIC SALARY</b> \$	<b>ANNUAL ALLOWANCES</b> \$
General Manager	3,556,800.00	909,251.00
Director – Finance & Administration	2,201,355.00	811,500.00
Director Racing	2,429,884.00	855,756.00
Senior Veterinarian	3,617,847.00	1,527,188.00
I.T. Manager	1,810,003.00	420,000.00



## **CHAPTER 1**

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### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The primary goals of the Commission are to build a strong and credible industry and to serve as the central racing body on which the industry and the public can depend to preserve and maintain high standards of sport, honesty and fair play, and to promote the health and safety of the animals and personnel involved in racing.

The Commission's main objectives during the year under review were to:

- maintain the development of horseracing in Jamaica
- maintain close supervision of the operations of race meetings to assure the public and the competing owners of horses and other participants that race meetings are conducted fairly by responsible management;
- ensure proper registration and identification of horses in conformity with international standards, to institute measures to protect animal health and welfare and the production of the Jamaica Stud Book Volume XIV;
- continue welfare and training programmes for persons in the industry and ensure the maintenance of a comprehensive Insurance Scheme for persons holding occupational permits;
- improve the standard of professionalism in racing by providing training courses for future jockeys and trainers;
- ensure that horses are fit to race and are allowed to run on their merit;
- prevent and detect the use of prohibited substances in competing horses;
- establish criteria and grant occupational permits/licenses;
- ensure that applicants for registration as racehorse owners are of good character and with sufficient means to maintain their horses in training;

- advise Government on the extent of subsidies in support of horse racing and breeding and administer subsidies approved;
- act as coordinator between the various groups in the industry and adjudicate on complaints, objections and appeals received from persons in relation to horse racing;
- maintain racing and breeding statistics and disseminate them to the public locally and internationally;
- maintain and strengthen links with the Caribbean racing countries and other racing jurisdictions.

## **CHAPTER 2**

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### **IMPACT OF HORSE RACING ON THE NATION**

The new Minister of State has approached the business of horse racing with a level of seriousness which has seen a number of new initiatives. Hence the product continues to be a major contributor to the country's revenues.

#### **2.1 PUBLIC SUPPORT**

Horsereading promoted locally by Caymanas Track limited (CTL) at the single racetrack on the island continued to attract wide public support. The promoter not only put on local race meetings but simulcasted races from the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia, and transmitted these races local and overseas via satellite to their sixty-six off-track Betting Parlours across the island.

During the period under review CTL conducted Eighty Three (83) local race meets and Three Hundred and Six (306) days of simulcast races.

#### **2.2 RACES AND PURSES**

**Table 1** below provides details on racing activities and purse earnings over the past five years for comparison:

**TABLE 1**

	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2006/2007</b>	<b>2005/2006</b>	<b>2004/2005</b>
RACEDAYS	83	80	83	81	79
NO. OF RACES	850	846	871	849	841
TOTAL NO. OF RUNNERS/STARTS	7689	7465	8261	7976	8041
AVERAGE NO. OF STARTERS PER RACE	9.05	8.82	9.48	9.39	9.56
RACEDAY SALES BY PROMOTER (LOCAL RACING)	2,755,324,306	\$2,834,021,621	\$2,185,770,000	\$1,918,740,750	1,650,283,220
RACEDAY SALES BY PROMOTER (SIMULCAST)	2,065,329,786	\$1,888,791,938	\$1,776,112,000	\$1,493,190,000	1,372,068,222
TOTAL PURSE MONEY PAID OUT	\$430,143,615	\$386,343,750	\$351,310,050	\$319,937,731	304,693,950.00

## 2.3 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE INDUSTRY

**TABLE II**  
**GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TO RACING**

	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2006/2007</b>	<b>2005/2006</b>	<b>2004/2005</b>
<b>Lab Analyses and repairs to equipment</b>	18,761,104	12,694,127	11,220,337	10,411,863	11,258,645
<b>Publication of Racing Year in Jamaica</b>	182,000	177,662	166,977	504,023	217,613
<b>Other Development Projects (See notes in Financial Statement)</b>	14,323,378	17,434,703	17,930,875	17,602,361	19,852,066
<b>Total Subsidies</b>	<b>33,266,482</b>	<b>30,306,492</b>	<b>29,318,189</b>	<b>28,513,247</b>	<b>27,705,467</b>

## **CHAPTER 3**

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### **ACTIVITIES**

The Commission's activities over the year comprised.

#### **3.1 FINANCE**

- advising the Government on the allocation of funds for the various purposes under the Bookmakers' Levy Schemes;
- administering the Schemes and monitoring the expenditure of funds in relation thereto; and
- preparing annual estimates of revenue and expenditure, and monitoring the expenditure of funds.

##### **3.1.1 ACCOUNTS**

The Commission's Annual Statements of Accounts for 2008/2009 and the Auditor's report thereon are attached.

#### **3.2 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRY**

Advising the Minister on the necessity to have a retooling and modernization of all physical aspects of racing, to garner more customer support, increase throughput, improve bloodstock, enliven the atmosphere and produce a horse friendly environment.

### 3.3 REGULATORY

Some areas that received special attention during the period include the following:

The continuous administration of the Jamaica Racing Commission Racing Rules 1977, including amendments to the existing ones. These amendments are explained below ( rules 7, 19, 34, 39, 41, 44, 45, 50, 80, 94, 113, 117, 120, 128, 142, 150, 157, 158, 161, 162, 164, 192, 205, 219, 237, 240, 253 & 259)

- Rule 7 - To increase the maximum fine which can be imposed by the Stewards from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00.
- Rule 19- (i) to increase the fee for lodging a complaint from \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00
- (ii) to increase the amount deductible from amounts collected by the Commission, from 5% to 10%.
- Rule 34 To increase the deposit for lodging an appeal against the Handicapping Committee from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00.
- Rule 39 To increase the limit of a fine that may be imposed by the Clerk of the Scales from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.
- Rule 41 To reduce the time allotted to clear a race after it has been completed from 5 to 3 minutes.
- Rule 44 To increase the amount of fines which can be imposed by the Starter on a Jockey from (\$500.00 to \$2,500.00 & \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00).
- Rule 45 To limit the validity of a Starter's Certificate to a period of 3 months.
- Rule 50 To increase the level of fines which can be imposed by the Starter on any trainer or groom from (\$400.00 to \$2,000.00 and \$1,000.00 to \$4,000.00).

- Rule 80 To increase the accompanying fee for an application for a Certificate of Eligibility to Claim from \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 and reduce the refundable amount from 90% to 50%
- Rule 94 To increase the fines to be imposed for late registration of horses, with the minimum from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 and maximum from \$12,000.00 to \$25,000.00.
- Rule 113 To include as declarable items, a figure-eight, cheek pieces and a tongue-tie, and to provide that a horse shall not be disqualified should the tongue-tie become loose between leaving the Parade Ring and the end of the race.
- Rule 117 To reduce the percentage of the fee (refundable) accompanying an application for registration as and owner, from 90% to 50%, and to increase the said application fee from \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00.
- Rule 120 To increase the fee payable for correcting an omission or error affecting entries from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00
- Rule 128 To provide that no horse shall remain on the Assured Starter's list longer than six months from the date it was placed on the list.
- Rule 142 To increase the following fees:
- (1) Jockey's licence – from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00
  - (2) Apprentice's licence - from \$750.00 to \$1,100.00
  - (3) Jockey's day Licence - from \$200.00 to \$1,500.00 and to provide that in the event the application is refused, that 50% be refunded.
- Rule 150 To increase the fee for registering an agreement at a racecourse from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00.
- Rule 157 To increase the fees for a Trainers' and Assistant Trainers' Licence from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 and \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 (respectively) as well as providing that should the application be refused 50% of such fee be refundable to the applicant.

- Rule 158 To increase the licence fee for each stable employee from \$400.00 to \$500.00 as well as providing for an amount equal to 50% of such fee to be retained by the Commission if such application is refused.
- Rule 161A To increase (a) the fee for registering a Training Agreement from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00, (b) the fee for reporting a delinquent owner from \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00 and (c) the percentage payable in respect of sums collected by the Commission on behalf of the Trainer from 5% to 10%.
- Rule 162 To increase the fine on an owner who runs a horse without first registering his colours from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00.
- Rule 164 To increase the fine on the person responsible for a jockey weighing out in the wrong colours or those in a bad state from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00.
- Rule 192 To increase the maximum fine to be imposed on a jockey for overweight from \$100.00 to \$500.00 (in respect of the first 1.5 kg) plus from \$100.00 to \$200.00 for each additional 0.5 kg. As it relates to Trainers from \$100.00 to \$500.00 for the first 1.0 kg and from \$100.00 to \$200.00 for each additional 0.5 kg thereafter.
- Rule 205 To provide that should a disqualified person earn a breeders bonus that it be forfeited and paid to the next qualified breeder.
- Rule 219 To provide for the 'Official' sign to be displayed only after (a) three minutes have elapsed since the first horse passed the Winning Post (b) the jockey who rode the first horse pass the Winning Post has weighed in and (c) any objection lodged has been decided.
- Rule 237 To reduce the time for lodging an objection at the race course from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.
- Rule 240 To increase the fee for lodging an objection from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.
- Rule 253 To increase the fee for:
- (i) acting for an owner from \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00



- (ii) registration of an Assumed name from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00
- (iii) registration of a transfer from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00
- (iv) registration of colours from \$3,000 to \$4,000.00
- (v) registration of a change of name from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00
- (vii) registration of an agreement with a jockey from \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00
- (viii) registration of a contingency from \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00
- (ix) registration of a horse from \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00
- (x) every stud book certificate from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00
- (xii) every performance record from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00

Rule 259 To reduce the number of doses of Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug (NSAIDS) a person who is not a licensed Veterinarian is permitted to have on a racecourse from 20 to 10, and to ensure that such doses are for a specified horse or horses. To also identify the type of paraphernalia prohibited as well as to authorize the Commission's Veterinarian or Stewards to take samples of medications or drugs found on a racecourse and having them analysed subject to Rule 14.

These amendments were gazetted to become effective as at December 1 2008 but after protests from several racing groups, implementation was placed on hold.

### 3.4 REGISTRATION/LICENCES/PERMITS

The Commission continued to discharge its responsibility under the Jamaica Racing Commission Act 1972 and the Jamaica Racing Commission Racing Rules 1977 in relation to the issuing of licenses and permits. At March 31, 2009 a total of 498 permits and licenses for members of the occupational group had been issued. This is broken down as follows:

<b>OCCUPATIONAL GROUP</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>
Trainers	111	123
Assistant Trainers	40	25
Jockeys	63	62
Apprentice Jockeys	1	1
Grooms	248	268
Stable Assistants	8	10
Exercise Riders	27	24

The total number of owners registered at the end of the period was as follows:

<b>OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>
Owners (Individuals)	659	501
Owners (Registered Companies)	8	6
Owners' Agents	7	8

When compared with the previous year the total for individuals is much less (501 as opposed to 690). This is however normal as March 31, 2008 represents the end of month two (2) of a 24 month licensing period and some owners do not renew their registration unless they have a horse in training.

### 3.5 PROMOTING COMPANY

#### 3.5.1 Racedays

The promoter, Caymanas Track Limited again applied for permission to conduct races on 82 days, which the Commission approved.

### **3.5.2 Review of Racing Programmes**

The Operations Stewards to whom the Commission delegated the responsibility to monitor, and ensure that all horses and persons who participated in races were eligible, performed their duties in a judicious manner. This task (which is very critical in the management of race meetings) ensured fairness and adherence to the Rules of Racing 1977.

## **3.6 VETERINARY**

### **3.6.1 Veterinary “On Call” System**

The veterinary “on call” system (introduced by the Commission in the 1990s) continued to ensure that horses declared to race, were legitimately withdrawn on racedays. The system requires that all declared horses which become sick or lame subsequent to the close of entries, be examined by a Jamaica Racing Commission Veterinarian, who would then report his or her finding to the Stewards of the meeting, along with appropriate recommendations. During the period under review a total of 96 such visits were made.

## **3.7 REVIEW OF RACEDAY FILMS**

The Stewards continued their weekly review of races and conducted hearings into riding infringements as well as investigations into breaches or possible breaches of the rules. Below is a table of hearings conducted with jockeys and the actions taken.

No. of Summons issued	Penalties	
	Suspension (Racedays)	Fines
144	255	\$102,000.00

### **3.8 OBSERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Observation Committee continued its review of films of races, advising the Stewards of their findings. The Stewards would then, (if not already done) conduct further investigations. An e-mail address was given inviting the public's view on the performance of horses on racedays – [observationcommittee@jrc.gov.jm](mailto:observationcommittee@jrc.gov.jm).

### **3.9 EQUINE DRUG TESTING PROGRAMME**

The equine sample collection centre, (Testing Barn) continued to be managed professionally by the Veterinary Department and maintained its status of being a very critical element in ensuring the integrity of horseracing in Jamaica. The centre supervised the collection and preliminary processing of 1790 urine plus 1527 blood samples during the period. After these were analysed by the Racing Chemist, 14 were reported as being positive for prohibited substances as under.

Diclofenac	-	8
Lidocaine	-	3
Ephedrine	-	3

The use of the raceday medication (Salix) increased over the previous period by 18 percent and continued to assist in the reduction of horses bleeding at the nostrils on racedays. For the period under review the number of doses administered was 5753 compared to 5325 the previous year.

### **3.10 REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

The Operations Stewards in their management of the Registration Department endeavoured to continue the process of improving the functions of the department. A tally of the various documents processed up to March 31, 2009 is set out below:

- (a) 424 applications for the registration of Native Bred horses were processed with 27 pending.
- (b) 93 applications for the registration of imported horses were processed with 16 pending.

- (c) 415 samples were sent to the laboratory for DNA typing, blood typing and parentage verification while another 231 horses were awaiting sampling.
- (d) 317 microchips were affixed with 91 to be done.
- (e) 347 names for horses were approved, 7 denied while 13 were still being processed.
- (f) 81 applications for the registration of racing colours were approved
- (g) 191 certificates of registration of deaths of horses were received and recorded.
- (h) 30 applications for the registration of nom-de-plumes and syndicates were received and approved.
- (i) 639 applications for the transfer of ownership of horses were approved
- (j) 669 applications for the registration of Training Agreements were approved.

### **3.11 JAMAICA STUD BOOK**

The Jamaica Stud Volume XIV was completed and published. Work on Volume XV was also far advanced.

### **3.12 FIRST INSTANCE TRIBUNAL**

The First Instance Tribunal convened eighteen (18) investigations into reports from the Racing Chemist on positive findings returned in samples tested. One trainer/owner was found “not negligent”, another admonished while a third case was adjourned pending the appearance of the groom who was off the island. For the remaining 15 cases, fines were imposed totalling \$1,645,000.00.

The Commission held six (6) investigations of which 4 were completed during the period. The results are as under:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
Paul Smith (Trainer)	Horse Path of Bliss racing without visor	Horse disqualified
Patrick Lynch (Trainer)	Horse River Styx racing without blinkers	Horse disqualified, Trainer and C.T.L. fined \$100,000.00 each, Clerk of the Saddling Barn/Parade Ring fined \$10,000.00
O'Neil Mullings (Jockey) & Donovan Alveranga (unlicensed person)	Brawl/fight at the racetrack	Mullings – suspended for 2 months, Alveranga cautioned
Linton Calder (Trainer)	Poor condition of Phantom J	Incomplete
Lazel Khwalsingh (Trainer) v/s GGC Syndicate (Owners)	Outstanding training fees and alleged forgery	Incomplete
Richard Todd (Trainer) v/s Trainers Association	Complaint regarding election process	Commission found that the election was not held in a procedurally fair and equitable manner and that the image projected by its conduct was negative for the horse racing industry

The Commission also heard a total of 8 appeals against its delegates during the period with the results as under:

<b>DELEGATEES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>RESULT</b>		
		<b>DISMISSED</b>	<b>ALLOWED</b>	<b>VARIED</b>
Stewards	7	6	1	-
First Instance Tribunal	1	1	-	-
Total	8	7	1	-

## **CHAPTER 4**

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### **PROTECTIVE MEASURES**

The Commission and Track Veterinarians maintained their vigilance in the area of “pre and post race” examination of all horses declared to race, with a view to detecting lameness and other chronic problems present. This offered additional protection to the horses, owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms as well as punters, by assisting in the prevention of serious injuries to man and beast. This ultimately amounts to financial savings to all parties.

#### **4.1 COMPULSORY VACCINATION**

The Commission’s Veterinarians and Operations Stewards maintained their vigilance in the monitoring of the programme which seeks to ensure that each horse entering and those housed at Caymanas Park, have been properly vaccinated, and that the expiry date of each vaccination are vigilantly monitored.

#### **4.2 CULLING**

These veterinarians also conducted other examinations (periodically) of the horse population at Caymanas Park, to identify chronically lame horses. These in addition to horses aged eight years and older, that have not earned any purse in the preceding twenty-four (24) months, were culled from racing at December 31, 2008. The number culled for this period was fifteen (15) as opposed to twenty-five (25) in the previous year.

#### **4.3 HORSE WELFARE**

There were no reports of any horse being abandoned during the period under review. However, one case of neglect or poor treatment was received from the Commission’ Veterinarian which resulted in the trainer being warned by the Commission to ensure the proper care of horses in his charge in the future.

#### **4.4 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR JOCKEYS & EXERCISE RIDERS**

The Welfare Officer with the assistance of Caymanas Track Limited's surgeons and other presenters continued to counsel members of the Occupational Group on the benefits of a healthy and drug free lifestyle.

Drug testing of all Jockeys and Exercise Riders was also continued. The use of safety helmets, vests and boots was continuously monitored by the Stewards, and the Welfare Officer as well as Caymanas Track Limited's raceday and non-raceday officials.



## **CHAPTER 5**

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### **VETERINARY SERVICES**

The period under review was uneventful for most of the year but some striking achievements were made. It was the first year that micro-chipping completely replaced lip tattooing as an identification method in Jamaica's Thoroughbred racing industry. The Commission engaged a third part-time veterinarian for the Salix programme and facilitated the participation of private practitioners in a 'webinar' (on-line seminar) on Foal Care at the offices of the Commission. In the second half of the year nineteen Assistant Trainers participated in Part One of the Commissions two-part Trainers' Training Programme. Further reduction was recorded for race-day Exercise-Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage (EIPH), demonstrating the effectiveness of the race-day Lasix programme for bleeders.

Arguably the most striking intervention was the introduction of random sampling for drug-testing of horses post-race. The department recommended and had implemented the random selection of horses and collection of urine and blood samples from horses finishing second to last in each race. The programme required mandatory testing for the winner and random selection for a second sample from any other finisher in each race. During the period August to December eight positive findings were confirmed; 75% (6) of these positive findings were from samples taken from randomly selected horses and the other 25% (2) from winners.

#### **5.1 REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

##### **5.1.1 Micro-Chipping**

Whilst the micro-chipping of foreign-bred horses commenced in 2007 with nine horses, 2008 was the first year that Jamaican racing thoroughbreds were identified using micro-chip technology. Four Hundred and eight local and foreign-bred horses were fitted with micro-chips by the Commission veterinarians during the period under review.

### **5.1.2 Horse Welfare**

The department reported one incident of horse neglect involving “*Phantom J*” to the Commission.

## **5.2 DRUG-TESTING/SAMPLE – COLLECTION**

Five Hundred and twenty five (vs. 403 in 2007) hair and blood samples were submitted for parental verification purposes. This represented a 24% increase in sampling activities. Approximately 30% of samples were submitted by breeders in the Commission’s pilot programme and the remainder collected by the veterinary department.

### **5.2.1 Testing Barn (Equine Sample Collection Centre)**

A total of 3358 samples (1816 urine and 1542 blood) were collected and submitted for testing during the period. This represents a significant increase (9%) over collections for 2007/2008 (urine 1648; blood 1401; Total: 3049). The significance of the increase coupled with unchanged staff numbers and unchanged processing times in the barn are indicative of increased efficiencies on the part of the equine sample collection centre (testing barn) staff.

### **5.2.2 Lasix**

This programme continues to show improvement in its usage and acceptance by the industry players. There was a nine per-cent improvement in the overall number of administrations for 2008/09 over 2007/08 (5805 vs 5410). This represents 71% of the declared starters which is slightly higher than the 2007/08 figure (69.4%), but is some way off the 85-90% average recorded in most North American jurisdictions. Lasix’s continued effect on race-day epistaxis was significant with 28 incidences in 2008/09 versus 41 in 2007/08. Prior to race-day Lasix administration yearly epistaxis exceeding 130 incidences have been documented in Jamaican horse-racing.

### **5.2.3 Endoscopy/ Bleeding**

The number of endoscopic examinations in 2008/09 exceeded 2007/08 by twenty-seven (27). This again reflects the continued and growing interest in the Lasix programme.

#### **5.2.4 Horses**

More horses (306 vs 271) were recommended for pre-race disqualification on veterinary grounds in 2008/09 when compared to 2007/08. A further 192 horses were suspended post-race for reasons ranging from EIPH to lameness. Ninety-five “on-call” visits and four hundred and fifty-five pre-race fitness certifications were done in the past year.

### **5.3 Training**

#### **5.3.1 Continuing Education:**

The veterinary department did not participate in overseas continuing education in 2008, but membership in the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) was maintained. Senior Commission Veterinarian attended the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Annual Conference, Texas in March 2008. While there he attended the conference of the Association of Official Racing Chemists (AORC), and invited them to consider Jamaica as the venue for their international conference in October 2009.

#### **5.3.2 International Racing:**

Pre-embarkation testing of two horses - *ALSAFRA* and *MAJOR MAYER*- was done in preparation for their participation in the Caribbean Classic/Confraternity Cup. The Senior Commission’s Veterinarian accompanied Jamaica’s single participant - *ALSAFRA*- in the Caribbean Classic to pre-race quarantine in Puerto Rico in November and participated in the mid-year meeting of the Racing Confederation (Trinidad and Tobago) in July. The Commission’s Veterinarian attended the annual meeting of the Racing Confederation, and the Confraternity/Caribbean Classic weekend of racing, Puerto Rico, December.

#### **5.3.3 Trainers Training Programme:**

Part one of the trainers training course for the class of 2009 was conducted in the last half of 2008.

#### **5.3.4 Summer Employment Programme:**

The department provided lectures in the JRC’s second summer employment programme for high-school students, held at Caymanas Park, July-August, 2008.

## CHAPTER 6

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### JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES

The Commission continues to discharge its responsibility under the Jamaica Racing Commission Act 1972 and the Jamaica Racing Commission Rules 1977.

#### 6.1 DELEGATION

In addition to Appeals and Investigations conducted by the Commission; during the year the First Instance Tribunal, appointed as delegates of the Commission, continued to investigate cases involving the use of prohibited substances.

The First Instance Tribunal conducted 18 investigations into reports of Positive Findings:

SUBSTANCE	NO OF CASES
CHLORPHENIRAMINE	1
DICLOFENAC	9
LIDOCAINE	2
CHLORPROMAZINE	1
EPHEDRINE	3
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL	1 from 1995
METHAMPHETAMINE	1 from 1995

**Note: Penalties were not imposed in 3 cases.**

#### 6.2 OUTSTANDING POSITIVES

The following Positive Finding cases remained pending as at March 31, 2009 due to a technicality with respect to Rule 14 which governs the functions of the Racing Chemist:

ENCHANTING EYES  
PRIME POSSESSION  
MAKE THEM LAFF  
MY BABY GIRL  
WE WILL SEE

### **6.3. INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION**

During the period under review the Commission conducted 2 investigations – one into a complaint against a jockey and the other into a report regarding the racing of a horse without the declared blinkers.

### **6.4. APPEALS**

During the year the following appeals were heard and determined:

#### **6.4.1 Against the First Instance Tribunal:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>FINDING</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2008	Tensang Chung	Trainer of Token on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2007- An application for leave to appeal was denied

#### 6.4.2 Against the Stewards of the race meetings:

DATE	NAME	FINDING
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2008	P. Andrew Azar	Owner of Ransom Man on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2008 – Appeal dismissed
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	Clive Lynch	Jockey who rode Ransom Man on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2008 – Appeal dismissed
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2008	Phillip Clunis	Jockey who rode Melindagata on 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2008 – Appeal dismissed
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	Grace Daley-Smith	Owner of Georgette Tasha on 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2008- Appeal dismissed
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	Robert Darby Snr.	Trainer of Nasatol on 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2008 – Appeal allowed
2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2008	Percival Hussey	Trainer of Hurricane Watch on 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2008 – Appeal dismissed
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2008	Jeffery Mordecai	Owner of Chadman on 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2008. Appeal dismissed
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2008	Raphael Gordon	Owner of the horse Twenty Nine on 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2008 – Appeal dismissed
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2008	Fredrick Watson	Trainer of American Don on 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2008 – Stewards decision upheld

### 6.5 COURT CASES

#### 6.5.1 Suits against the Commission

The suit filed by Dr. Paul Wright against Dr St Aubyn Bartlett and the Jamaica Racing Commission was settled.

#### **The suit filed by the JRC against Owner Romel Wallen and TVJ:**

TVJ settled. Mr. Wallen filed a defence and the next step will be mediation

## CHAPTER 7

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### SPECIAL PROJECTS

#### 7.1 JOCKEYS' TRAINING PROGRAMME

During the year under review the apprentices of the 2006 graduating class continued to perform well and Omar Walker, top apprentice was again champion jockey for 2008. Jason Simpson, Carlton Malcolm and Javour Simpson also finished 2008 in the top ten jockeys standing. During this period the apprentices were involved in their community service programme at the St. Monica's Home for the aged. They fed and groomed the residents. The apprentices also attended classes at the Gregory park Primary School two hours weekly where they did Mathematics, English Language and basic computing.

Their apprenticeship is scheduled to end in July 2009.

Below is a table which sets out the apprentices' performance for the period 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2006 to 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2009:

**TABLE 1**

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>WINS</b>	<b>RIDES</b>	<b>EARNINGS \$</b>
Omar Walker	268	1148	<b>9,669,127.50</b>
Jason Simpson	84	887	<b>3,335,220.00</b>
Carlton Malcolm	106	904	<b>4,162,302.50</b>
Javour Simpson	111	793	<b>3,795,372.50</b>
Andre Martin	57	494	<b>2,312,082.50</b>
Harriston Lewis	45	382	<b>1,528,460.00</b>
Oral Bennett	38	504	<b>1,445,375.00</b>
Ryan Wilson	36	458	<b>1,589,175.00</b>
Delroy Beharie	37	540	<b>1,559,260.00</b>
Everton Bennett	15	353	<b>829,052.50</b>
Omelio Francis	18	410	<b>761,077.50</b>
Kevin Blake	15	259	<b>645,695.00</b>
Lenroy Collins	8	146	<b>329,837.50</b>
Sandre Ridley	2	47	<b>73,340.00</b>
<b>Du'von Litchmore</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>94,315.00</b>

## **7.2 HALL OF FAME**

There were no inductions into the Hall of Fame of Thoroughbred Racing during the year under review.



## **CHAPTER 8**

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### **WELFARE PROGRAMME**

#### **8.1 BENEVOLENT FUND**

At the beginning of the period under review there were seventeen (17) former racing persons enrolled in the Jamaica Racing Commission's Benevolent Fund. One person, Mr. Donald Beswick, was added during the year and three persons died as follows:

1. Roy Kennedy – June 15, 2008
2. Renford Baugh – December 6, 2008
3. Renford McIntosh – October 7, 2008

Beneficiaries at the end of the period totalled fifteen persons:

- Donald Beswick
- Byron Binns
- Roy Brown
- Keith Davis
- Garfield Dwyer
- Lloyd Ennis
- Warren Flemmings
- Norris Gray
- Roy Hewitt
- Ivanhoe Johnson
- Joseph Levy
- George Reid
- Manley Sappleton
- Vincent Sappleton
- Barrington Smith

Below is a table which sets out payments from the fund during the period under review which includes five funeral grants:

### 8.1.1 Benevolent Fund Payment

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>PENSION \$</b>	<b>FINACIAL ASSISTANCE \$</b>	<b>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE \$</b>	<b>FUNERAL GRANT \$</b>
April 2008	170,000	15,000	-	-
May 2008	170,000	3,000	-	-
June 2008	170,000	3000.	-	40,000
July 2008	160,000	3,000	-	
August 2008	160,000	21,860	-	-
September 2008	160,000	3,000	334,400	-
October 2008	245,000	3,000	-	40,000
November 2008	160,000	6,000	-	25,000
December 2008	235,000	3,000	-	118,000
January 2009	150,000	26,520	-	-
February 2009	150,000	3,000	-	-
March 2009	225,000	3,000	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,155,000</b>	<b>\$91,160</b>	<b>\$334,400</b>	<b>\$198,000</b>

### 8.2 RACING INDUSTRY INSURANCE SCHEME

The Racing Industry Insurance Scheme provides Health, Accident and Life insurance benefits to all persons licensed in the occupational groups. Individual participation in this scheme is compulsory for all occupational licensees who contribute approximately 30% of the total annual premium.

Twenty accidents were reported for the financial year, seven claims were submitted and six settled at the end of the period under the Racing industry Insurance Scheme.

Three racehorse grooms died during the period:

1. Daniel Thompson - November 1, 2008
2. Ian Brown - March 21, 2009
3. Woodie Osbourne - February 9, 2009

### 8.2.1 Accidents:

<b>OCCUPTATIONAL GROUP</b>	<b>NO.</b>
Trainer	1
Jockeys	6
Grooms	9
Exercise Riders	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>

### 8.2.2. Claims submitted:

<b>OCCUPTATIONAL GROUP</b>	<b>NO.</b>
Jockeys	3
Grooms	2
Exercise Rider	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>

### 8.3 DISPUTES

Four disputes were reported to the Welfare Officer, three were settled and one was sent to the Operations Stewards for investigation.

## **CHAPTER 9**

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### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **9.1 COMMISSION'S MEETINGS**

The Commission convened fifty (50) meetings during the year, which included forty (40) general meetings of the full Commission, one (1) Finance Committee Meeting, one (1) Insurance Committee Meeting, four (4) meetings of the Jockeys' Training School Committee, one (1) Equine Drug Testing Committee Meeting, three (3) extra-ordinary meetings to consider matters such as irregularities in Levy payment by bookmakers with the Betting, Gaming & Lotteries Commission and representatives of the Inland Revenue Department and with representatives of the Jamaica Constabulary Force to discuss security at Caymanas park and in racing in general.

#### **9.2 STAFFING**

The Commission closed the year with a staff complement of forty-four (44); thirty-four (34) full-time employees and ten (10) part-time and relief employees. Two (2) members of staff were separated from the Commission and one (1) individual was recruited during the year. At the end of the year there were two (2) vacant positions.

#### **9.3 TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT**

Staff at all levels participated in various training programmes. These included Leadership Skills (I.T. Staff) Computer Technology (Accounts & I.T. Staff) Money Management (All Staff).

In addition senior staff participated in the Annual JEF Convention, as well as a Leadership Development Conference and one Operations Steward attended a continuing education course for Accredited Stewards in order to maintain his accreditation as a racetrack Steward.

#### **9.4 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME**

During the year members of staff received financial assistance to pursue degree courses in the following disciplines:

1. Accounts
2. Information Technology
3. Management Studies.

The total amount granted during the year was \$579,268.

#### **9.5 PENSION PLAN**

During the year the Financial Services Commission approved the registration of the Pension Plan (a joint plan for employees of the JRC and the BGLC) as well as the registration of the eight trustees for the plan.

Two meetings of the trustees were held during the year.

#### **9.6. PUBLICATIONS**

The 2008 Racing Year Book was published and Volume XIV of the Jamaica Stud Book.

## **CHAPTER 10**

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### **INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

#### **10.1 MEMBERSHIPS/ASSOCIATIONS**

Jamaica's participation internationally in several thoroughbred horseracing organizations continues. The level of involvement has now returned to normal however there are still some constraints and challenges.

Our membership is with the following international and regional organizations namely:

- Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI)
- Caribbean Racing Confederation (CRC)
- Association of Racing Chemist (AORC)

These organizations provide the avenue for the exchange of racing information and ideas for improvement in the administration and management of horseracing and breeding. In addition, organization such as CRC promote international horseracing events to which member countries are invited thus providing the opportunity to gain international racing exposure. This adds great value to our racing and in particular our breeding industry.

The Commission, in an effort to remain relevant and abreast with international development in racing must also interface with several racing organizations, namely:

- The Jockey Club of North America
- Weatherbys – Great Britain
- The International Stud Book Committee (ISBC)
- International Cataloguing Standard Committee – France
- International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA)
- The Jockey Club Information System
- Bloodstock Research Information Services Inc.
- Equibase Company
- Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority (TTRA)
- Barbados Turf Club (BTC)
- American Association of Equine Practitioner (AAEP)
- Racing Commissions Regulator of North American States, Britain and Ireland

plus numerous racetracks and racing regulators/Commissions in other racing jurisdictions throughout the world, from time to time.

Organizations such as those listed above provide accepted industry standards, information for the movement of horses, authentication of identity and pedigree of horses and numerous other racing related matters.

The main benefits derived from Jamaica's involvement with those international and regional organizations are in the areas of:

- Training;
- Access to information and services; and,
- Access to racing technology

To this end, Jamaica's four Stewards have been internationally accredited as Racing Stewards and each attends courses every two year in order to maintain that accreditation.

Jamaica has also fully established itself, since December 2008, on the Worldwide Web Racing Hub website, run by the Jockey Club Information Services Inc., giving information such as breeding, breeding methods such as nicks, racing and other statistics for all horses running in member countries such as United States, England, Ireland and now Jamaica.

This process of establishment of Jamaica's Racing on the Racing Hub has been a long one going back to statistics on breeding and racing information from 1999 to present. This process is now kept current by the submission of information once weekly.

The Commission also continued to maintain its relationship with organizations which provide specific scientific services to the horseracing industry and to horseracing regulators in particular. These are:

- University of Lexington – Veterinary Science Department
- The Gluck Equine Research Centre – Lexington Kentucky
- University of the West Indies – Chemistry Department
- University of Florida – Laboratory, Gainesville, Florida
- Ohio State University – Laboratory
- University of Louisville, College of Business – Accreditation of Stewards

Organizations providing services in the areas of Bloodtyping, DNA genetic testing, parentage verification, equine drug testing, and equine research and training.

The Annual thoroughbred yearling sales conducted by Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association of Jamaica (TOBA) was a resounding success. Once again members of the racing fraternity of the English Speaking Caribbean Islands namely, Barbados and Trinidad were in attendance.

There were 224 foals catalogued for sale of which 196 were offered. However, 172 were finally sold, an increase of 70.3% over last year's figure of 101 sold. The number of foals catalogued, broke a seventeen year old record of 219 foals catalogued in 1991 and by all indications the number of foals sold also set a new record.

The highest price paid for a yearling is now \$2.7 Million up from last year's figure of \$1.8 Million. This price was paid for a bay colt by IMAGE MAKER (USA) out of DE BARRELL COME (USA) consigned by Argyll Farms Limited and purchased by Elias Haloute.

Gross sales for 2008 Yearling Sales were \$104.83 Million, an increase of a whopping 87.5% over the 2007 figures. Average sale once again was up by 10% to \$609,477.00.

The usual participation by Caribbean horses in major regional races such as:

- Barbados' Sandy Lane Gold Cup;
- Trinidad's Royal Oak Derby;
- Jamaica's Superstakes; and,
- WITRA Classic

did not occur bilaterally due to transportation problem. However Jamaican horses did participate in the Royal Oak Derby with PRIDE 'N' GLORY of Jamaica winning the race.

Jamaica continued its membership in the Caribbean Racing Confederation by its entry of one horse namely, ALSAFRA in the Caribbean Classic for 3 year olds in December, 2008. While we did not win the race, the horse ALSAFRA gave a creditable performance.

## **10.2 SUPERSTAKES**

The thirtieth (2008) renewal of the Superstakes Raceday was held on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2008. This raceday was to be sponsored by Megafone, but due to the demise of the company, this sponsorship was picked up by Caymanas Track Limited.



Superstakes day saw the running of:

i The C.T.L Superstakes

A Grade 1 Invitational Race for Native-bred 3 year olds and upwards over a distance of 2000 metres;

ii The C.T.L. Caribbean Sprint Championship

A Grade 1 Invitational Race for Native-bred 3 year olds and upwards over a distance of 1200 metres;

iii The C.T.L. Mile

A Grade 1 Invitational Handicap Race for Imported 3 year olds and upwards over a distance of 1600 metres

iv The C.T.L. Claiming Sprint

A claiming race for 3 year olds and upwards who raced for \$160,000 in a specific period over a distance of 1100 metres.

There was no Jockeys' Challenge held during this year due to economic difficulties. Nevertheless, the day's racing provided some exciting and spectacular performances.

### **10.3 VISIT ABROAD**

During the fiscal year 2008/2009 Jamaica's racing jurisdiction was represented in several international and regional forums, providing needed training information and standards to our racing regulators, these include:

- (1) Racing Commissioners International, Inc. (RCI)  
Training for new Commissioners and senior staff  
Phoenix, Arizona, USA  
April 18-19, 2008
- (2) University of California & University of Florida  
Joint workshop on "Detection of Androgenic Anabolic Steroid"  
Sacramento, California, USA  
April 27- 30, 2008

- (3) Caribbean Racing Confederation  
Mid-year Meeting  
Port of Spain, Trinidad  
June 16-19, 2008
- (4) Racing Commissioners International Inc (RCI)  
Board meeting  
Saratoga Spring, Albany, New York, USA  
July 30- August 3, 2008
- (5) University of Louisville  
Continuing Education for Accredited Stewards  
Louisville, Kentucky, USA  
November 17-18, 2008
- (6) Caribbean Racing Confederation  
Annual General Meeting & Caribbean Classic  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
December 4-8, 2008
- (7) Racing Commissioners International (RCI)  
Symposium on Racing  
Tucson, Arizona, USA  
December 8-12, 2008
- (8) University of Louisville  
Continuing Education for Accredited Stewards  
Turfway Park  
Florence, Kentucky, USA  
March 16-17, 2009

## **CHAPTER 11**

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### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Commission's Annual Statement of Accounts for 2008/2009 and the Auditor's report are set out at Appendix 1.