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OSAF BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER

On Thursday, 21st of October the members of OSAF Board met, via Zoom platform, presided by Mr. Miguel Crotto Sojo (Jockey Club Argentino). In attendance, the representatives of Valparaiso Sporting Club, Jockey Club Argentino, Hipódromo Argentino de Palermo, Club Hípico de Santiago, Hipódromo Chile, Jockey Club Brasileiro, Jockey Club del Perú, Hípica de Panamá and HRU S.A, Mr. Horacio Espósito (OSAF Advisor in International Affairs), OSAF CEO and OSAF Executive Secretary.

The main issues addressed, were:

1. LONGINES GRAN PREMIO LATINOAMERICANO and LONGINES CUP 2021:

Only 3 days away from the race meeting, a summary was made of all the provisions made towards the running of the races sponsored by Longines and OSAF. A review was made on the nominated runners and extraclassified applicants, where a starter gate of 13 competitors was ratified for Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano, and a total of 15 mares for the Longines Cup - featuring an Argentine mare, ESCABIAR, as the only foreign runner.

As regards the travelling arrangements for the foreign horses travelling to Uruguay to compete on Sunday 24th, it was noted that all of them arrived timely. For the first time, the use of RCN (Racing Clearance Notification) was introduced and used in South America as means for the exportation of horses from their countries of origin to Uruguay, replacing the Export Certificate - which was the document always used until now. The runners' return date to their country of origin is set for Monday, 25th of October.

Regarding the health measures currently standing in Uruguay to allow the entry of foreigners into the country, it was noted that the management of OSAF, submitting all the necessary documents to the National Health Department to ensure the proper authorizations for all the attendants from abroad, was very successful, having achieved a total number of 200 authorizations which came through in only 10 days. A review was made of the guests attending the race meeting at Maroñas Racecourse.

Emphasis was made on what a remarkable accomplishment it has been for our region to be able to stage the 2 races sponsored by Longines and OSAF in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. Let us remember that these races had to be rescheduled from their original venue and date (March 2021, Monterrico Racecourse, Lima). After a series of intense negotiations with Longines, OSAF members, the authorities from Maroñas Racecourse, and the Uruguayan National Authorities through their General Department of Casinos, a decision was reached with the possibility of counting with Maroñas Racecourse to act as staging venue during the last quarter of the year.

A summary was made of the Media, Marketing and Promotion actions taken by OSAF regarding Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano, both at a regional level as domestically, in Montevideo.

2. EQUINE WELFARE

One of the issues of equine welfare which has been gaining strength during the last years is the use of the whip. OSAF has issued a series of e-newsletters featuring recommendations (August 2019 and March 2020), in line with IFHA's guidelines as established in Article 32A of the International Agreement of Breeding, Racing and Wagering, addressing this matter. Emphasis was made on the importance of establishing limits to the number of hits to a horse during a race, and the initiative towards the trend to completely avoid its use, except when deemed necessary, for ensuring the security of the participants.