

## OSAF BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER

On Thursday 17th of December, the members of OSAF Board convened via web meeting, for their last meeting of 2020. Presided by Mr. Miguel Crotto Sojo (Jockey Club Argentino), the attendants were the representatives of Valparaiso Sporting Club, Argentine Jockey, Hipódromo Argentino de Palermo, Club Hípico de Santiago, Hipódromo Chile, Jockey Club de Sao Paulo, Jockey Club del Perú, Hípica de Panamá, HRU S.A and OSAF Advisor in International affairs, Mr. Horacio Espósito.

The main issues addressed, were:

### **1. LONGINES GRAN PREMIO LATINOAMERICANO AND LONGINES CUP, 2021 EDITION:**

**Hipódromo Nacional de Maroñas (Uruguay)** was ratified as the venue for the upcoming LGPL and Longines Cup, to be staged on **Sunday 24th of October 2021**.

The **LGPL** shall be run over a distance of 2,000 meters, on dirt track, with a maximum starter capacity for 16 runners, and shall have a total purse of USD 300,000.-

The deadline for receiving extra-classified applications shall be Friday 30th of July, and the deadline for the nominations appointed by OSAF member racecourses shall be Wednesday 15th of September.

The race to be sponsored by Longines and OSAF to be run as **LONGINES CUP** shall be Clásico URUGUAY, a black-type race for fillies and mares 3 year old and older, over a distance of 1,600 meters on turf track.

**THE 2022 EDITION OF LONGINES GRAN PREMIO LATINOAMERICANO AND LONGINES CUP SHALL BE STAGED NORMALLY IN MARCH.**

### **2. IFHA:**

A summary was made of the web meetings carried out between September and December, where all of IFHA Committees have normally convened to address the topics relevant to the International racing industry: ISBC, IRPAC, TAC and IFHA Executive Committee, and the International Harmonization of Raceday Rules, Handicappers, Forbidden Substances and Practices and Equine Welfare Committees.

Some of the main aspects to highlight, include:

- Amendments to the IFHA International Agreement of Racing, Breeding and Wagering.
- Publication of the Minimum Standards for Equine Welfare

#### ● ISBC (Stud Books):

\* Emphasis was made on the requirement for trainers in all racing jurisdictions to include in the Export Certificates of horses in their care, a sworn statement that they have not been subject to any blistering treatment.

\* New methods and technologies for parental validation: SNPs (single nucleotide polymorphism)

\* Gene doping: A presentation was made on the studies for detecting gene doping, and the ethical aspects of this practice were discussed.

- The Sessions of IFHA Annual Conference were aimed at addressing the scenario around the COVID-19 pandemic: Impact and management of the racing activity, media coverage, the work of trainers and jockeys during the pandemic, and post-pandemic resuming of activities and sustainability.

- Handicappers: the names and approved ratings of the South American Thoroughbreds discussed in the last meeting of the International Committee were informed. Such ratings shall be included in IFHA's January 2021 release of LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings.

At the top of the South American ratings approved we find TETAZE (ARG) with a rating of 117.

### **3. UPDATE OF THE IMPACT IN SOUTH AMERICA DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:**

OSAF carried out a survey amongst its member racecourses to evaluate the impact of the COVID pandemic throughout its member countries. The aspects assessed included the amount of racedays and races cancelled due to the standing quarantine, births and breeding statistics, and purse money and betting volumes once racing resumed.

From a total number of 17,000 races originally scheduled to be run throughout 2020 (calendar year), 40% of them have been cancelled, with Argentina and Chile being the countries who have suffered the greater impact due to the longest local quarantines.

At present, racing activity has resumed in all OSAF member racecourses, with the relevant health protocols applicable according to the local dispositions.

### **4. OSAF COMMITTEES MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2021:**

The activity of OSAF Technical Committees scheduled for the first half of 2021 shall be carried out via web meetings, depending on the evolution of the sanitary conditions.

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