

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Oceania Council Regional Finals Meeting Minutes**  
**Video Conference Call**  
**7<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Members Present: Lyndon Hale (Chair), Wayne Hinder, Anthony Ross, Marie Wetherell, Michele Delbridge, Pam Watson, Peter Bartolo, Tim Shelley, Michele Delbridge

Apologies:

Meeting Secretary: Sam Oldfield

Members Not Present:

Guests Present: Ed Smith

*Meeting called to order 8:05pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (5:05am Central Standard Time)*

**Correspondence**

In:

To: (Name)	Subject
Japan Reining Horse Association	Logo
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Sara Honegger	Enquiry where to post copies Reiner Magazines for the 2021 NRHA Oceania Championships organising affiliate
Collie Oceania Delegate	2022 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Awards – Proposal/Idea
Calliope Sliders	Oceania Championships funding of bronze statues
Collie Oceania Delegate	Affiliate Incentive Program – Proposal/Idea

Out:

To: (Name)	Subject
All Delegates	Japan Reining Horse Association - Delegate alternate
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**General Updates**

Merchandise is now available online from Stitch Em On. Samantha Oldfield will reach out to see if they will be at the Oceania Championships to sell merchandise.

**Eligibilities**

The Oceania Council eligibility sub-committee gives an update on their research with the policy for the 2023 season. The sub-committee presents that as the policy is new and there have not been enough events with high added money to see and consider a drastic change, they present that the policy should remain with the same limits using 2022 earnings, with the exception of the Rookie 1 which should be set at \$500. The sub-committee feels that as the Green Reiner 2 cap is \$350, the Rookie should have a higher cap so riders can move into it from the Green (currently the Rookie 1

for Oceania is set at \$200). A motion is made to leave the eligibility limits as they are currently for 2022, updating to use 2022 earnings to determine the eligibility when applicable, and editing the Rookie 1 earnings cap to \$500 from \$200. The motion passes unanimously.

*Michele Delbridge joins 8:16pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (5:16am Central Standard Time).*

There is a discussion on whether the futurity age for horses should be based off January 1<sup>st</sup> rather than July 1<sup>st</sup>. Samantha Oldfield explains that this would potentially be a rule change, and it would affect not only Australia but South America as the rule revolves around southern hemisphere born horses. It is noted that the Council can submit a rule change however it would be easier to handle internally through conditions for an event. The Council decides to not submit a rule change, and should there be interest, it could be handled internally per event.

## **2022 Oceania Regional Finals Update**

*Ed Smith joins at 8:25pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (5:25am Central Standard Time).*

The event organizers of the 2022 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championships provide an update of how the preparations are going. The approval has been submitted, awards ordered, and they are working on sponsors.

There is a discussion on international transaction fees and how to best provide funds internationally.

## **IAP Account**

The account under the Oceania Council is discussed. Samantha Oldfield gives an overview of how the account came to be and what it potentially will look like moving forward. Ideas are discussed on how these funds can be used to grow the sport of reining in the Oceania region and support the affiliates.

A request is made to use these funds for the purchase of trophies at the Oceania Championship. It is discussed that these trophies help drive participation and will in turn be given to members of the Oceania region. It is discussed that as the host for the 2022 Championships is having to turn the event around quickly, it would be appropriate to support this event in this way. However, for future events they should have enough time to help plan for these expenses and the Council will review support each year. A motion is made to use the IAP funds to support Calliope in purchasing the Rob Lawson trophies for the 2022 NRHA Oceania Championship (total of 8 at \$254 per trophy for a total of \$2,032 before shipping), or an applicable award of equal value. The motion passes unanimously.

Other ideas are discussed to determine what might move the needle for reining in the Oceania region, such as an affiliate incentive program or high point program. It is discussed that however the funds are used they should be used efficiently and respectfully.

## **Awards**

It is proposed to the Council to create an award to present to an affiliate that goes above and beyond the others in terms of leadership and volunteering. This award would be created and donated by the affiliates and called Affiliate of the Year.

It is discussed that there would be a need for criteria on what would determine if an affiliate is going above and beyond the others. It is also discussed that NRHA does a yearly Volunteer of the Year award as it's a great way to say thank you to someone who works hard for the sport of reining. It is suggested that a sub-committee convenes to work on what those criteria might look

like and if there are additional awards that could be presented such as Professional of the Year or Youth Coach of the Year. This sub-committee will consist of Marie, Michele, and Pam with the involvement of Samantha Oldfield and will be presented at the next Council meeting.

### **Youth World Cup**

Samantha Oldfield provides an update on the youth world cup.

### **Future NRHA Oceania Regional Finals**

Samantha Oldfield reminds the Council that the deadline for proposals is July 31<sup>st</sup> and that a reminder will be sent out to the membership. The Council is informed that there are two affiliates looking to work together to submit one.

### **Judges Update**

An update is provided on the progress of the judges' program throughout Australia. Samantha Oldfield will reach out to Patti Carter to keep on the agenda a school for 2023.

### **Matters From Affiliates**

Orana – No update.

Calliope – No update. Thank you to everyone for the support.

SARHA – No update.

GVRHA – Inquiry on past disciplinary letter. Samantha Oldfield will research.

VRHA – No update.

CWRA – No update.

JRHA – Inquiry on if an additional member of their affiliate may participate on the Oceania Council meetings as an observer. The Council unanimously is in support of this.

Inquiry is made if South Africa should join the Oceania Council. They are currently on their own and being a part of the Council could benefit them. In addition, the eligibility policy could offer them opportunities they currently do not have. The Council is unanimous in offering them a seat, whether observatory or participating. Samantha Oldfield will reach out to the South African affiliate and inquire if they are interested and will inform the Council of their decision. Samantha Oldfield will also bring the request to the NRHA Board of Directors at their next meeting.

NSW- Request for a yearly calendar for next years' events. Samantha Oldfield requests that all affiliates send their end of year and 2023 event dates to be organized onto a calendar and shared with the Council for planning.

### **Next Meeting Schedule**

1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

*Adjourned at 9:57pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (6:57am Central Standard Time)*