

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Oceania Council Regional Finals Meeting Minutes
Video Conference Call
17th March 2022

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

Meeting Secretary: Samantha Oldfield

Members Not Present: Greg Peters

Guests Present: Shane Watts (VRHA), Paul Barrett (VRHA)

Meeting called to order 8:03pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (4:03am CST)

Correspondence

In:

From: (Name)	Subject
Calliope Sliders	Calliope Sliders Oceania Regional Championship Tend
Sam Oldfield	2022 NRHA Oceania Survey Results
Sam Oldfield	Communication to Oceania Membership on 2022 Oceania Championships
Pam Watson / Sara Honegger	NRHA Global Youth Cup
VRHA	Request for confirmation of NRHA Financial support to the Oceania Finals
VRHA	Following up 2021 Oceania awards
Emails from Judges School Attendees	2022 NRHA Oceania Judges School
NRHA	Affiliate Renewal Reminder
Calliope Sliders	Tender requirements
Sam Oldfield	Japanese Seat
Calliope Sliders	Calliope Sliders Oceania Regional championships tender
VRHA	OC Rookie award -Vrha state show
Guy Wiseman	Awards
Rick Sciberras	Oceania Council Concept
Sam Oldfield	Affiliate Reconciliation
Multiple Emails	NRHA Judges School Nominations

Out:

To: (Name)	Subject
Emails to Unsuccessful Judges School Nominations	2022 NRHA Oceania Judges School - Unsuccessful
Emails to successful Judges School Nominations	2022 NRHA Oceania Judges School - Successful
Guy Wiseman	Acknowledgement of correspondence received - Awards
Rick Sciberras	Acknowledgement of correspondence received - Oceania Council Concept

VRHA	Reply to email regarding OC Rookie award -Vrha state show
NRHA	Request for confirmation of NRHA Financial support to the Oceania Finals
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Oceania Regional Finals Update

An update is given on the success of the 2021 NRHA Oceania Regional Finals. Paul Barrett and Shane Watts provide background on the sponsorship interest and the quality of the event and the excitement that was driven by it.

Oceania Sponsorship

It is discussed that there was a lot of interest from sponsors at the 2021 NRHA Oceania Regional Finals. The Council discusses the importance of having someone in place to handle these sponsors for future versions of the Oceania Finals to allow for long-term support and sponsorship.

A motion is made to explore interest for an individual who is willing and able to work with the sponsors for the Oceania region, where they would receive a commission from the sponsorships obtained. This motion is seconded, and all are in favor. NRHA staff member Samantha Oldfield will create a job description and will send it along to the Council for their review and posting.

Samantha Oldfield gives an overview of an upcoming meeting on how to handle sponsorships with NRHA former Director of Corporate Partnerships and Sponsorships Sammi Miller. Oldfield explains that this is not an official meeting, but an informational one where Council members can invite whomever they like to sit in and learn on working with and handling sponsors and their contracts. This meeting is intended to help the affiliates of the Oceania region move forward in growth and opportunity, and is set for 9am on Saturday, Australian Eastern Time. Oldfield will send out the link to the meeting for the Council members to share.

Paul Barrett and Shane Watts leave.

2022 Survey Results

The Council discusses the results from the survey that was sent to all Oceania NRHA members on the age of the futurity horse class at the Oceania Regional Finals and how to handle the year-end award program.

It is discussed that the point system came in number one as a means to run the year-end awards. The Council discusses parameters that could be used as a means to create a system that is equal and fair to all affiliates.

A motion is made to create a system based on an aggregate of scores from four shows that each affiliate has nominated as counting for year-end. This motion is seconded. It is clarified that at the start of each year, each affiliate will be requested to submit their four shows that they would like to designate as counting for the year-end awards. These shows will be put in a document and sent to the membership for their knowledge, as well as posted on the NRHA website for view at any time. It is further clarified that there may be more than one show at an event, and that the term “show” refers to the full slate of classes, of which more than one slate may be held at an event. This is clarified to help the smaller affiliates who are concerned about having to host four separate events.

The motion is edited to include that the year-end will start as of January 1, 2023. The seconder accepts this edit. It is discussed that as it is already March, it is too late for events to coordinate and members to adjust their show schedules and it is only fair to start off with a clean slate. Motion goes to vote; all are in favor.

Pam Watson will create a set of parameters based off this decision and will distribute to the Council and the Oceania membership.

The survey results regarding the 3-year-old versus 4-year-old age stipulation for the Oceania futurity is discussed. The survey results overwhelmingly are in support of a 4-year-old futurity. There are concerns raised that some trainers felt that a 3-year-old futurity would be more in line with the common practice of

the industry. It is noted that the NRHA European Futurity is and has been a 4-year-old futurity, and that NRHA does not specify age requirements for futurities, derbies, or maturities.

It is suggested that the futurity be for horses that are 4 as of July 31st.

Due to the results of the survey and the Oceania membership in support of a 4-year-old futurity, the Council will move forward with having a 4-year-old futurity for horses that are 4 as of July 31st.

It is asked if the survey results can be shared with the membership and posted on the social media page of Oceania. This request is approved.

IAP Account

Samantha Oldfield provides an overview of what the IAP account is and how the funds are allocated to the account. An overview of what funds are available for use is provided to the Council. It is noted that these funds must be used for the support and growth of reining in the Oceania region. The Council discusses potential use of these funds and where they would make the most impact.

It is requested to know how much annually ends up being allocated to this account. Samantha Oldfield will work with the NRHA accounting team to provide this information at the next meeting.

Oceania Flag Invoice

The invoice for the Oceania flags is discussed. It is discussed that Lyndon Hale will speak with the team of the inaugural Oceania Championships to see what is possible.

Disciplinary Incident for discussion

Council goes into Executive Session for this item.

Future NRHA Oceania Regional Finals

It is discussed that the next Oceania Regional Finals will be held in Queensland on October 25-30, 2022. A request for proposal (RFP) draft for the 2023 Oceania Finals was sent to the Council for their review. The Council are happy with the draft RFP and request that it is sent to all Oceania members. Samantha Oldfield will send the RFP to all Oceania members for their consideration.

Qualification for the 2022 NRHA Oceania Regional Finals

It is discussed that there should be a qualification process for the future Oceania Regional Finals now that the world is starting to open back up. It is further discussed that for these upcoming finals it would be best to ease the membership back into a qualification process with simple stipulations as some areas are still recovering from economical and environmental impacts.

A motion is made to make the qualification process for the 2022 NRHA Oceania Regional Finals the following: A competitor is required to be a member of an affiliate and to have competed at least once in that class (*No Scores* will not be considered for qualification). The qualification timeline will be 1/1/2022 through 60 days prior to the start of the event. This motion is seconded, and all are in favour.

Samantha Oldfield will create a set of official conditions for the Council to share with their membership, to be emailed out to the Oceania membership and to be posted online on NRHA.com under the "Affiliate" page.

Youth

The Council discusses the process of selection of the youth delegates who will represent the Oceania region at the Global Youth Cups.

A motion is made to invite all the youth of the Oceania region who would be interested in competing in the Global Youth Cups to submit a resume and letter of interest to the Council of why they wish to represent the Oceania region, along with a copy of their NRHA show record. These will be due back from the youth for the Council's review by May 1st. This motion is seconded and passes unanimously. Samantha Oldfield will send out communication to the youth members of the Oceania region with the exact criteria for applying.

Judges

An update is given on the success of the NRHA judges school and seminar.

Show Secretaries

A reminder is made to all show secretaries to make sure they update their exchange rate in their show software as it has changed for 2022.

Matters From Affiliates

Orana – All updates and topics covered in meeting already

SCRHA – Not present

Calliope – Will move forward with the promotion of the 2022 Oceania Championships

SARHA – All updates and topics covered in meeting already

GVRHA – Looking forward to their upcoming show and hope to see everyone there

VRHA – All updates and topics covered in meeting already

CWRA – Had to postpone their March show to May

Further Updates

It is noted that an email will go out introducing Tim Shelley as the official representative for the Japanese affiliate, and he is to be included on all further communication regarding the Oceania Council.

It is also noted that Thailand has been checked in on and they are starting to get the ball moving again after coming out of a tough two years and are hoping to be able to jump back in as an affiliate soon. In addition, a meeting is organized to speak with a representative of New Zealand to potentially start thinking about an affiliate.

In addition, it is asked of the link to the Oceania merchandise can be shared with the Council so that it can be forwarded on to the Oceania membership.

Next Meeting Schedule

5th May 2022

Meeting Adjourned 10:01pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (6:01am CST)