

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Oceania Council Minutes
Video Conference Call
March 5, 2022**

Pending Approval

Members Present: Lyndon Hale, Marie Wetherell, Michele Delbridge, Pam Watson, Peter Bartolo

Members Not Present: Greg Peters, Wayne Hinder, Anthony Ross (In the judge's chair)

Guests Present: Wendy O'Sullivan, Ed Smith, Paul Sharp, Tracy Sharp

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield

Meeting called to order 3:11pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (10:11pm Central Standard Time-March 4).

Overview of 2021 Oceania Championship

Wendy O'Sullivan provides a detailed summary of the current running 2021 Oceania Championships. The event in total has over 540 runs and 130 horses.

2023 Oceania Championship Location

It is discussed that at this time, there is only one affiliate that is willing and able to put on the 2022 NRHA Oceania Championship. Furthermore, there is support behind the Calliope Sliders hosting this event in terms of success. There are representatives present from Calliope Sliders who provide an overview of the possibilities for the event and offer for anyone to ask any questions.

It is discussed the concern over entry level riders making the trip up to Queensland for this event. The representatives note that they have already thought of this concern, and plan to communicate with the membership on ways to travel to Queensland that may be more economical or will provide more of a vacation so that it does not seem so daunting.

The dates are announced as October 25-30, 2022.

A motion is made to award the 2022 NRHA Oceania Championship to the Calliope Sliders. This motion is seconded. It is noted that the representatives who are not present were contacted before the meeting to see if they had any concerns over Calliope hosting this event. It is also asked one final time if any affiliate feels that they possibly could want to host. No other affiliates wished to host at this time. All are in support, motion passes.

NRHA Sponsorship Package

NRHA staff member Samantha Oldfield will submit the previous support package from NRHA to the NRHA Executive Committee for review and approval for the 2022 NRHA Oceania Championship.

2023 Oceania Request for Proposal

NRHA staff will update the previous request for proposal and will submit it to the Council for their review, before sending it to the membership for review.

Professionals Page Reminder

NRHA staff member Samantha Oldfield gives a reminder to the Oceania Council representatives that there is an NRHA professionals Facebook page that they are all encouraged to join and to encourage their members to join. It is explained that there are resources provided on this page that

are meant to help professionals with their business or training.

Ideas for the 2023 Oceania Championship

A collection of ideas for the next Championships is presented, they are as follows:

Keep a high score chart throughout the event for members to see.

Keep a chart for an affiliate competition to create a “team” atmosphere.

Consider Oceania branded items for awards through 10th

Hire a steward

Consider sponsors for classes and divisions (classes can be named with the sponsor’s name)

Update the award ceremony where ribbons are given outside the arena and ribbon winners lope in as they are called and do a victory lap, with the winner last.

Do the lead line class before the Derby finals.

Consider start and end times of classes to allow the photographer enough time to get from place to place and not miss anyone.

Include a traditional saddle stand at the awards picture area to keep trophies and award product on for photos.

Block off photo area with a plastic chain or fence to keep horses and people who are not necessary in the area out.

For ribbons that go around the horse’s neck, make sure they include a little piece of Velcro so they are easy to put on quickly.

Have a rider meeting at the beginning of the event to talk about review process, what is reviewable, pattern placement, etc.

All buckles can be shipped in wooden boxes (seem to be able to get through customs OK).

Reminders

A reminder is given that there will be a sponsorship meeting soon to allow affiliate representatives to ask about how to handle sponsors moving forward. In addition, a reminder is given that Japan will be joining in the next meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (10:40pm Central Standard Time-March 4).