

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Oceania Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
January 12, 2023

Approved January 19, 2023

Members Present: Lyndon Hale (Chair), Wayne Hinder, Todd McCormick, Michele Delbridge, Pam Watson, Tim Shelley, Heath Whiteaker, Elisa Reuter

Guests Present:

Members Not Present: Peter Bartolo

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM/ 19:09 AEST- 3:09 AM CST

NRHA Oceania Council Bylaws Review

The Council review the Oceania Council bylaws. The process of how future Board of Director seats will be selected is discussed. There is consensus that the individual who holds this position could come from outside of the Council, however, must be a member of an Oceania affiliate. Samantha Oldfield will create language to insert into the Oceania Council bylaws that will include the following:

- Nominations for individuals who wish to run for the Board of Directors seat must be submitted to the Oceania Council for review and voting.
- Nominees may come from anywhere so long as they are at minimum an NRHA member in good standing and a member of an Oceania affiliate.
- Board of Director seat-holder must attend the Oceania Council meetings, so they have the pulse of what is happening across all of Oceania.
- Seat will be held for a two-year term with the possibility for re-election following the term-limits set by the NRHA bylaws.
- Council has the right to replace the Board of Director seat-holder at the end of any year should the consensus on the Council be that this individual is not fulfilling their role appropriately or successfully.

IAP Fund Request Process

The Council discusses options of how to evenly spread the IAP support across Oceania, while also supporting good works done by affiliates and the Oceania Affiliate Championships.

Samantha Oldfield will draft a few options for affiliate incentive lists and fund-request forms for the Council to review at their next meeting.

Review of Updated Oceania Affiliate Championship Conditions

The Council review the updated conditions for the 2023 Oceania Affiliate Championships. The Council unanimously supports including South Africa in participation without the restriction of qualification. Samantha Oldfield will update the conditions accordingly and will post online.

Matters from Affiliates

NRHA SA- A judge's school is planned with the potential for an event in conjunction. The show season is starting up and they are looking forward to a busy year.

VRHA- First event is happening in February, they have 3-4 clinics planned, and they are looking forward to working in conjunction with Orana on the Oceania Affiliate Championships.

Orana- Entries are coming in for the state show, they are starting off their year with clinics and have a couple of events in Queensland planned. They are looking forward to co-hosting the Oceania Affiliate Championships with VRHA. They have been working with APHA and AQHA to have some unique opportunities available at this event.

GVRHA- The show season has started, and they are considering a saddle series to encourage support across all levels of competition.

SARHA- The year is starting off with a clinic and then on into events, with their championship show to be held in early December. They have incorporated trotting classes to encourage involvement and participation at the ground level.

CWRA- Summer break is in progress after a successful state show; however they will be starting back later in January with a clinic, events, and a state show to cap the year off.

Calliope- A clinic is in the works to kick the year off, as they work with the new management of the facility to schedule potential event dates.

NSWRHA- Not present

Eligibility Reminder

The Council is informed that the eligibility tool is now up and running on ReinerSuite as of Monday, January 9th- all members should double check their eligibility for the year before competing. Samantha Oldfield will check on any members put forward whose address resides outside of the Oceania region, but they live and compete in the Oceania region.

Tim Shelley joins.

Japan Update

An update was given on the Japan Reining Horse Association. The affiliate event in November was successful, and there are interested parties who potentially will want to come to the Oceania Championships.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2023.

Social Media Update

An update was given to the Council letting the members know if they have ideas for social media to let Mel Dennis know.

Affiliate Renewal Paperwork

NRHA staff remind the Council that affiliate renewal paperwork is due in office by January 31st. In addition, the Council is reminded to make sure they and their members check out the 2023 fees policy and the show approval and results guidelines as the competition starts back up in 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM - 20:33 AEST/ 4:33 AM CST.