

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Oceania Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
July 6, 2023

Approved September 7, 2023

Members Present: Lyndon Hale (Chair), Wayne Hinder, Lisa Tietz, Tim Shelley, Heath Whiteaker, Elisa Reuter, Glenn Winsor

Guests Present:

Members Not Present: Matt Charles, Pam Watson, Todd McCormick

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM/19:02 AEST- 4:02AM CST- 11:02AM CET

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion is made to approve the previous meeting minutes. This motion is seconded, and all are in favor. Motion passes.

Host for 2024 Oceania Affiliate Championship Discussion

The committee discusses the importance of the Oceania Affiliate Championships moving to different regions to allow as many riders the opportunity to show at it as possible. There is interest in a collaboration from Victorian Reining Horse Association (VRHA), Goulburn Valley Reining Horse Association (GVRHA), Orana Reining Horse Association (Orana), and Indian Ocean Reining & Western Performance Association in 2024 (Indian Ocean), and then to head back to Queensland in 2025 with the Calliope Sliders Reining Horse Club (Sliders).

A motion is made to approve for 2024 a combined effort of VRHA, GVRHA, Orana, and Indian Ocean at Tatura in Victoria, and for 2025 in Queensland with the Calliope Sliders. This motion is seconded. None are opposed.

There is interest in hosting an Oceania Nations Cup. The concept is discussed and will be looked into as an option for 2024.

Language for the Oceania Affiliate Championship Conditions

The Council discusses the need for language to be inserted into the Oceania Affiliate Championship conditions that allow the substitution of a horse in specific circumstances.

The following language is discussed:

“A qualified Youth or Non Pro rider may substitute a horse for the Oceania Affiliate Championships if the qualified horse is deceased, injured and unfit for competition, or has been sold. A substitution fee of \$50 will be charged for any substitution made. Payment must be submitted to the NRHA office prior to Oceania Affiliate Championships. In the instance that a horse has been sold, a transfer must be completed with the NRHA office. If the transfer is not available, then either a bill of sale or a letter from the agent providing proof of purchase to the new owner must be received by the NRHA office prior to the Oceania Affiliate Championships. If a horse is deceased, the original NRHA competition license must be returned to the NRHA office to be marked “Deceased”. If the horse is injured and unfit for competition, a veterinarian statement showing such must be submitted to the NRHA office prior to the Oceania Affiliate Championship.”

It is suggested an edit to remove the physical license to say “notify the office so we can mark it as deceased”.

It is suggested an edit to change that the fee is retained by the show office.

It is suggested to edit language to say “A qualified rider...” removing the youth or non pro restriction.

A motion is made to accept the following language:

“A qualified rider may substitute a horse for the Oceania Affiliate Championships if the qualified horse is deceased, injured and unfit for competition, or has been sold. A substitution fee of \$50 will be charged for any substitution made. Payment must be submitted to the show office prior to Oceania Affiliate Championships. In the instance that a horse has been sold, a transfer must be completed with the NRHA office. If the transfer is not available, then either a bill of sale or a letter from the agent providing proof of purchase to the new owner must be received by the NRHA office prior to the Oceania Affiliate Championships. If a horse is deceased, the original NRHA competition license must be returned to the NRHA office to be marked “Deceased”. If the horse is injured and unfit for competition, a veterinarian statement showing such must be submitted to the NRHA office prior to the Oceania Affiliate Championship.”

2024 NRHA Restricted Oceania Eligibility Policy

The Council discussed the 2024 Eligibility policy. The task force presents their findings after researching with all of the rankings lists that were provided by NRHA.

A motion is made to update the applicable years (i.e. “monies earned in...”) and to approve the policy as presented. This motion is seconded, and all are in favor.

It is suggested to provide to the membership an educational document, article, seminar, etc. to help members better understand eligibility.

IAP Fund Request Process Discussion

The Council requests that NRHA verify if this is the last year of membership rebates or if last year was the last year for membership rebates.

The Council discusses the best way to use the funds in the IAP account so that they benefit all affiliates or specific programs in the Oceania region.

The following guidelines are discussed:

The bulk of the IAP funds should be for an emergency fund, meaning in 5 years there would approximately still be \$5-\$8,000 in the account. The Council will consider reasonable requests from each Oceania affiliate for use of these funds; however, the affiliates must show the direct benefit to their membership and the ability to match the funds for the cause.

High Point/Year End Award Program Discussion

It is discussed that it still might be too early to discuss this. Many of the countries are still developing their show schedules after the pandemic and do not have the opportunity on hand at the moment to offer events that will make their competitors eligible for this kind of program.

It is discussed to bring this topic to the November meeting, additionally considering the idea of a volunteer of the year award either regionally or at the affiliate level.

Executive Session

The Council moves into executive session.

Matters from Affiliates

NRHA SA- Had a youth at the World Youth Cup, came third and had a great time. Additionally had a reining youth at the AQHA Youth World Cup who came fourth. Postponing the August show to November.

Orana- Not present

GVRHA- Not present

SARHA- A clinic was held last month that was successful.

CWRA- Have their AGM this weekend. State show coming in the spring. Additionally, they have an introduction to Reining clinic in March which was good.

Calliope- Held their state show at a new venue. Timing was tough with other events, but it was good and a lot of fun.

NSWRHA- Not present

JRHA- Scheduled to have Japan Reining Classic Oct 6-8, hired first Australian judge. Additionally, they are planning to have a judges applicant seminar. Their affiliate show added money was increased to close to \$10,000 and are working with APHA to have a Chrome Cash incentive possibility.

IORHA- Have held a couple of clinics. They have had record rainfall for June and July but are hoping for more clinics in October. They host a monthly club day to keep everyone involved.

VRHA- Busy organizing events and are still looking for a quality surface to compete on. Currently they are going up to Tatura to see what's possible. All looking forward to going to Tamworth.

Event Scheduling Reminders

NRHA provides a few reminders on event scheduling of classes by having them run concurrently. NRHA will update the Council on the opportunity to attend a show secretary/manager seminar at a decent time for them.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31PM – 21:31 AEST/ 6:31AM CST- 1:31PM CET