

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Oceania Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
March 2, 2023

Approval March 9, 2023

Members Present: Lyndon Hale (Chair), Wayne Hinder, Todd McCormick, Michele Delbridge, Pam Watson, Tim Shelley, Matt Charles, Greg Garland, Marie Wetherell

Guests Present:

Members Not Present: Heath Whiteaker, Elisa Reuter

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM AEST- 3:02AM CST

Introduction of New Council Members

New Council members are asked to introduce themselves to the Council.

NRHA Oceania Council Bylaws Review

The Council review the Oceania Council bylaws and the language added to include NRHA Board of Director Oceania seat selection. Amendments to the edits are asked in the following:

- Clarify that if the Board of Director seat-holder is separate from the original Council members, this individual will not have a vote on the Oceania Council and will be present for conversation only.
- Edit the language to make clear that the Board of Director seat holder will be reviewed and voted on by the Council.
- Edit "all nominees" to "The Board of Director seat hold".

Samantha Oldfield will update the bylaws and present them at the next meeting for voting by the Council.

2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship Request For Proposal

The Council are requested to review the request for proposal (RFP) for the 2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship before NRHA staff circulate it to the membership.

There is conversation that a multi-year location would help the event grow and give breeders and trainers confidence in the event. There is discussion that a multi-year bid might be financially difficult for an affiliate to consider.

This topic will be discussed at the next meeting. Prior to, Samantha Oldfield will create a document with the following questions for each affiliate liaison to take back to their affiliates to discuss:

Should the location of the Oceania Affiliate Championships maintain a position at a location for at least two-years, or is rotating locations year to year more palatable?

What is the core focus of the Oceania Affiliate Championships? Is it the OAC classes, the aged events- where do the members want to see the focus highlighted on?

2023 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship Conditions Clarification

NRHA staff ask for clarification on the 2023 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship Conditions in terms of when the cut-off for qualification is. The conditions reference competing at least once 12-months out from the Championships; however, qualification lists need to be provided to the host 45-days out.

It is inquired to the Council if at this time any affiliates are planning on hosting NRHA-approved events between June 22nd and August 6th (which is 45 days out from the event). It is clarified that there are events planned in this timeframe. The secretary for the 2023 Oceania Affiliate Championships clarifies that she does not need the qualification lists 45 days out, and that 20 days out is appropriate. This would move the cut-off date to July 17th for events in the Oceania region to count towards qualification for the 2023 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championships.

A motion is made to update the Oceania Affiliate Championship conditions from the qualification lists being provided to the host of the event 45 days out to 20 days out. This motion is seconded, and all are in favor. Samantha Oldfield will update the conditions accordingly and will post the cut-off date for qualification of July 17th so it is clear for everyone.

Rule Change Proposal Review

The Council reviews the 2024 NRHA Proposed Rule Changes and provides their official feedback.

20-1-24: Support- unanimously- however understand that how it can be tested is still a topic for discussion.

37-1-24: Do not support- unanimously.

42-1-24: Support- unanimously.

47-1-24: Support- unanimously.

54-4-24: Do not support- unanimously. Higher added money brings in more competitors, and with the limited number of judges in the Oceania region, the majority of them will have conflicts of interest which will lead to judges from other regions of the world having to be flown in. The cost to do this is insurmountable for many Oceania affiliates, especially if 5 judges are required.

61-1-24: Support- unanimously.

66-1-24: Support removal of requirement, amend to include that the champion of these \$2,000USD added classes can purchase the trophies should they wish to have one as noted on page 66. M. If a show does not offer NRHA awards, class winners may purchase the official trophy from NRHA. Only the costs from NRHA trophies can be deducted from payouts. Unanimous.

132-1-24: Support- unanimously.

TBD-1-24: Do not support- unanimously.

South African World Youth Reining Cup Delegate Discussion

NRHA South Africa has requested the Council review the applicants for the World Youth Reining Cup for South Africa. The Council will take their time to review the applications set before them, and Samantha Oldfield will send out a poll that the members can respond with the delegate they feel is most appropriate for the 2023 World Youth Reining Cup. South Africa as a vote has abstained due to their proximity to close delegates.

Next Meeting

The remainder of the agenda will be moved to the next meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02PM AEST/ 5:07AM CST.