

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Oceania Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
May 4, 2023**

Approved July 6, 2023

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

Guests Present:

Members Not Present:

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM - 19:03 AEST- 4:03AM CST

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.

Wayne Hinder and Todd McCormick join at 7:06PM – 19:06 AEST– 4:06AM CST

Welcome to New Council Members

The new Council members are introduced and welcomed by the chair.

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. A motion is made to approve the bylaws as presented. The motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship Request for Proposal Feedback from Affiliates

The Council are requested to review the request for proposal (RFP) for the 2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship feedback from affiliates who discussed with their membership the idea of a multi-year bid, the event rotating to different locations each year, and what the core focus should be for the event. Each affiliate will discuss amongst themselves the opportunity if they would be interested in hosting the event, either as an individual affiliate or together with other affiliates.

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. Each affiliate will discuss the options with their members to get feedback to present at the next meeting. NRHA staff will research how many funds are coming in each year to note what could be used as the incentive amounts.

High Point/Year End Program Discussion

The Council revisits the concept of a high point/year end awards system. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

2023 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship Support Request

The Council discusses a proposed request for an awards support package for the 2023 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship. NRHA staff update the Council on the fund support that will be aimed at increasing awards instead of straight dollars.

Discussion on the Animal Welfare and Medications Policy

The Council discusses the newly updated NRHA Animal Welfare and Medications policy. It is requested that NRHA staff review the necessary steps to include the romifidine restriction for the Oceania region in addition to the European region. The Council unanimously puts their support behind the restriction against the use of romifidine in NRHA competition.

Judge's Workshop and School

The Council discusses the judge's school needs for the Oceania region. The idea of bringing a judge over for an event to then follow up with a school is discussed. NRHA staff recommend the Council send in their request for when they wish to have their school to the NRHA judge's liaison so preparations can begin.

Matters from Affiliates

NRHA SA- Recently had a judge's school with 16 participants and are working on have events with clinics to follow.

Orana- Have been to the Southeast of Queensland with a successful event and are looking forward to another event coming up. Oceania Affiliate Championships are well underway with preparations.

GVRHA- Their Waterwheel event is coming up on the 14-20, which will be followed by a clinic with the judge. In addition, they have started their saddle series with the first event counting in March, the second at the Waterwheel and the final in November.

SARHA- Recently had an event that was successful and are looking forward to a clinic in June.

CWRA- There is a lot going on and they are working towards their State show.

Calliope- Had their first affiliate event which made the local news and are looking forward to their State show as it will introduce reining to a new area.

NSWRHA- Looking forward to their State show which will be followed by a two-day clinic.

JRHA- Looking forward to their first event which will be the first weekend of October.

IORHA- Are working towards their club day with more clinics later in the year and are looking forward to working with Collie on some of their events.

VRHA- Still going strong, are working towards their State show and are currently working with Orana on the Oceania Affiliate Championships.

VRHA Saddle Series

The Victorian Reining Horse Association representative presents a concept that their affiliate is working on and invite all Oceania youth to participate.

Eligibility Policy

The Council is reminded that the NRHA Oceania Restricted eligibility policy will go before the NRHA Board of Directors in August for approval, and therefore needs to be discussed and proposed prior by the Council. The Council sets a task force to investigate the current policy and to bring recommended changes (if necessary) to the next Council meeting. That task force will consist of Pam Watson, Wayne Hinder, and Matt Charles.

Sponsorship Training

NRHA staff offer the Council and their affiliate boards the opportunity to discuss sponsorship retention and obtainment. The Council are in favor of this idea and NRHA staff will work on a day and time where this seminar can happen.

Timing of Meetings

The Council are asked if the timing of the Council meetings is working for each of them. The Council are in favor of the 7pm AEST.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12PM - 21:12 AEST/ 6:12AM CST.