

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

*Approved November 23, 2023*

Members Present: Shane Watts, Tim Shelley, Heath Whiteaker, Pam Watson, Elise Reuter, Michele Delbridge, Wayne Hinder, Todd McCormick, Matt Charles

Guests Present:

Members Not Present: Lyndon Hale, Glenn Winsor

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm/19:05 AEST/10:05am 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.

**Review of Bylaws**

The Council review the bylaws. A motion is made to make no changes. That motion is seconded. Motion passes.

*Todd McCormick joins at 7:11pm/19:11 AEST- 10:11am CET.*

**Event Calendar**

The Council are asked to review the event calendar.

**Judges School**

An update is given on the upcoming judges school in Victoria. It is discussed that information will be disseminated to the members of the Oceania region from the host.

NRHA staff provide an update on virtual schools and their possibility.

**Youth World Cup**

The Council discuss the 2024 World Youth Cup and its location in Brazil in August for 2024.

South Africa requests to send all submitted youth applications as they did in 2023 for the Council to vote on.

It is discussed that the process for selection for Australia should be made more obvious to members. NRHA staff suggest that they send to the Council the email communication that goes to the youth so they can help share the information. The email will include the details of the event and a request for the following from any interested youth:

Resume  
Show Record  
Letter of Intent  
Demonstration Video

It is suggested that the Council as a whole will create a shortlist from the applications submitted and then the Council members not from Australia will vote on the youth that represents Australia based off their submission so as to avoid a conflict of interest.

A motion is made to communicate to the youth of Australia that to apply for the World Youth Cup they must submit their resume, demonstration video, show record and letter of intent and the Council will narrow down to a short list of top 3. These top three will be sent on for voting to additional Council members that reside outside of Australia. The motion is seconded. The motion passes.

It is suggested to have the submissions in by January 12<sup>th</sup> and to have a special meeting at the end of January to select the representative.

NRHA staff are asked to verify with Joao the same schedule is being utilized for the event.

Additionally, it is requested that NRHA staff send the communication to South Africa as well as Australia.

### **High-Point Year-End Award Discussion**

The Council discuss the possibility of a high-point year-end award. They discuss that they would like to see it created but will need to use 2024 to brainstorm how to make it possible and fair for all Oceania countries. NRHA staff will put this topic on an agenda for a meeting at the end of next year.

### **Review of 2023 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship**

#### **Matters from Affiliates**

**NRHA SA-** Just completed the Cape Summer Classic- the affiliate has grown to 34 members, show organizers are coming up, but entry numbers are declining.

**Orana-** Recently completed the Dubbo show, wasn't a big show but it was a good time with new people. Members stood up and came on board- there is another show at the middle of the month that is a memorial show. Their AGM is in February. Next year, first show is in Queensland combining with Calliope.

**GVRHA-** This weekend is the last show of the year. Their AGM is on Saturday- in the afternoon high point saddle winners will be presented. Numbers look good for this weekend.

**CWRA-** Good clinic with Matt Charles. Their state show is with Indian Ocean this weekend. Flexible with dates for next year but locking them in.

**Calliope-** Their 10 Year Anniversary is this weekend- will have lots of fun. Shows are locked in for next year- trying to do a few beginner classes to attract new people.

**NSWRHA-** Their AGM is on the 11<sup>th</sup> with a training and fun day. 4-5 shows booked in for next year.

**JRHA-** Just had an affiliate show, increased the added money by 40%, next years dates are October 16,17,18. Did implement a domestic breeders award this year (high score on horse bred in Japan).

#### **IORHA- Not Present**

**VRHA-** Still looking for a venue- found one that they will try out in early November. Their AGM is coming up in November, starting to find sponsorships for Derby/state show in March.

### **Updates**

NRHA staff review updates that are coming in for 2024.

### **Dates for Next Year**

The 2024 proposed meeting dates are presented by NRHA staff:

January 11, 2024

March 7, 2024

May 2, 2024

July 4, 2024

September 5, 2024

November 7, 2024

The Council agrees on these dates.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm/ 20:16 AEST- 11:16am CET*