

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION  
Oceania Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes  
Conference Call  
March 7, 2024**

*Approved May 2, 2024*

Members Present: Pam Watson, Ed Smith, Wayne Hinder, Todd McCormick, Lyndon Hale, Glenn Winsor, Heath Whiteaker, Matt Charles

Guests Present:

Members Not Present: Tim Shelley, Elise Reuter

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm/19:05 AEST/3:05am CST

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

A motion is made to approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion is seconded. All are in favor.

**Cut-Off for Qualifying for the 2024 Oceania Affiliate Championships**

There is discussion on when the cut-off should be for the qualifying for the 2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship to allow enough time for show management to verify entries.

A motion is made to cut off the 2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship qualifying on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The motion is seconded. All are in favor.

**2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship Update**

The VRHA representative provides an update on the planning with the 2024 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship.

**2025 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship Discussion**

NRHA staff request the Council to review the next years Oceania Affiliate Championship event locations and to solidify them so NRHA can communicate to the Oceania membership.

It is discussed that the 2025 NRHA Oceania Affiliate Championship will be held in Maryborough in 2025 in Queensland per a motion from a previous Council meeting, the event will be held at the end of August.

A motion is made to lock-in the rotation of

2025: Queensland

2026: New South Wales

2027: Victoria

for the Oceania Affiliate Championships with the hesitation on making it public until confirmed by New South Wales affiliates. When communicated with the membership, it will be made clear that the Oceania Affiliate Council is looking for ways to assist the riders from States/Countries that do not have the ability to bring horses in due to distance to make the event a truly obtainable Oceania Affiliate Championships. The motion is seconded. All are in favor and motion passes.

**Confidentiality Agreement Reminder**

NRHA staff remind the Council to fill out the Confidentiality Agreements.

**Matters from Affiliates**

**NRHA SA-** Not Present

**Orana-** Previous show was good! Show coming up in April in Dubbo- first show in NSW this year. It will run at the same time as another non-NRHA event, but it should be OK.

**GVRHA-** Hosted a couple of shows as a leadup to the VRHA state show, had some good numbers at the last weekend using the new lope-in patterns. Everything on track for Water Wheel in May.

**CWRA-** Have an upcoming clinic and event and have previously had club days and have picked up new members.

**Calliope-** Had a beginner "Come Try" reining show- 80 runs for the weekend. Went very well.

**NSWRHA-** AGM last weekend and had first show with 80-90 runs over two days. New beginner series started and new members have joined. Will update about the State show at the May OAC meeting.

**JRHA-** Not Present

**IORHA-** First club day coming up, affiliate show coming up in June followed by a clinic, and in August doing a Championships followed by a clinic.

**VRHA-** Had first show at the new facility (3 hours east of Melbourne). Picked up new members, excited for new facility. Have another 3 shows scheduled there and the State show at Tatura, after which will be the judges' school with several new sitting and re-sitting. OAC in September in Tatura.

**SARHA-** Started off with a "Come and Try" day which was successful with new faces. Next event will be in April.

### **World Reining Championship**

NRHA staff update the Council that they have sent the contact for World Reining if the Council are interested in reaching out.

### **Professional of the Year Award**

NRHA staff update the Council that the NRHA is supportive of the Oceania region doing a "Professional of the Year" award for the region. The nominations and process would be handled by the Council and the award could be ordered using funds from the IAP account.

It is requested to take this subject back to the next meeting to discuss after Council members have talked with their committees.

### **South African World Youth Cup Delegate**

The Council review any submitted applications submitted for the 2024 World Youth Reining Cup from the South African Youth.

A motion is made to accept Stella Rugani as the South African representative for the World Youth Reining Cup 2024. The motion is seconded. All are in favor.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm/ 20:15 AEST- 4:15am CST*