

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Oceania Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Conference Call**  
**May 2, 2024**

*Approved July 11, 2024*

Members Present: Pam Watson, Ed Smith, Wayne Hinder, Lyndon Hale, Glenn Winsor, Liz Tresidder, Matt Charles, Tim Shelley, Elise Reuter

Guests Present:

Members Not Present: Todd McCormick

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm/19:07 AEST/4:07am CST

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

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

**IAP Support Requests**

A motion is made to approve a \$600USD grant to South Africa from the IAP funds. The motion is seconded. Motion is approved unanimously.

A motion is made to give NSW \$600USD from the IAP fund to increase membership and support sponsors. The motion is seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

**Professional of the Year Award**

A motion is made to create an award recognition program for the Professional of the Year, Non Pro of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year starting in 2024, where affiliates would submit applications for these three positions by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year to be reviewed by the Oceania Affiliate Council and presented during the following Oceania Affiliate Championship. The award program would rotate countries in the Oceania region, starting with Australia and moving to the next longest tenured Oceania affiliate, and then back to Australia, and so forth. These three individuals would be awarded NRHA Oceania plaques.

The motion is seconded. This motion passes unanimously.

**Update on Medications Policy**

NRHA staff update the Council on their request.

**New South Wales to Host OAC in 2026**

New South Wales is keen to start organizing but needs the support of the other affiliates. NRHA will announce in the Oceania newsletter the planned rotation for the host of the Oceania Affiliate Championship, and it will be announced at the 2024 Oceania Affiliate Championship.

**NRHA Strategic Plan**

NRHA staff walk the Council through the strategic plan.

The Council would like to invite Billy Smith to a meeting to discuss the strategic plan and how they can grow the sport and address the IAP rebate concept for award credits. NRHA staff will invite Billy Smith to the next meeting.

**Oceania Affiliate Championship Website**

NRHA staff will research if the Oceania Affiliate Championship website can be included on the NRHA website and if it's a separate page or a separate website.

### **Update from Each Affiliate**

**SA RHA**: Show season is underway in the North and South, have a beginner series combined with ranch classes which helps bring people over to reining. Organizing a few South African judges to go to the European school to get certified for their worldwide card.

**Orana**: First show in Dubbo was a successful qualifier. Club is growing in camaraderie. June 8-9 having a horsemanship weekend, in the end of June there will be another qualifier show.

**GVRHA**: Not Present.

**CWRA**: Successful show at the beginning of April, it was a ranch riding and reining show, looking at next show for November and a clinic in September.

**Calliope**: Show next weekend and entries are coming in- quite a few new people coming, State championship is in July, had a clinic that was very successful with new people in attendance.

**NSWRHA**: Started introducing ranch riding into events, a clinic will be held with the next show and is booked up, will have a State show.

**JRHA**: The AJRC are October 18-20. A judges' seminar will be hosted in July 5-7. Several new to testing, a few recertifying, and several auditing with translators.

**IORHA**: Had their first show, second show coming up with a clinic. Membership numbers are growing. Looking forward to hosting the Western Australia affiliate championship this year.

**VRHA**: Had a successful show with over 300 runs, had another great show with half of the participants never being to an NRHA event before. Looking to create a good premier event for the Oceania Affiliate Championship.

**SARHA**: Had a show a couple of weeks ago, there is a clinic in July and September, the next NRHA show will be in October.

### **Eligibility Reminder**

A subcommittee is created to review the current policy in preparation for the next meeting to approve the 2025 policy. The subcommittee will consist of Pam Watson, Wayne Hinder, and Matt Charles. The Council is asked to speak with their members and gather feedback on the current policy to communicate by June 1<sup>st</sup> to the subcommittee.

### **Next Meeting**

There is a date conflict with the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the meeting is moved back to July 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm/ 20:58 AEST- 5:58am CST*