

27<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Circular 2406

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 1.00 pm

Under clause 8.5 of the Constitution of Harness Racing New Zealand Inc (HRNZ), the Board has directed the Acting Chief Executive to convene a Special General Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is for Clubs and Kindred Bodies to vote on the amended Constitution of Harness Racing New Zealand Inc, a copy of which is provided with this notice.

## A Special General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 1.00 pm.

The Board is conscious of costs to Clubs and Kindred Bodies to attend this Special General Meeting. Therefore, appointed Club and Kindred Body representatives (or substitute representatives) can attend the meeting either:

- In person at HRNZ's office at 114 Wrights Road, Addington, Christchurch; or
- By Zoom video conference using a link to be provided by HRNZ

An "Appointment of Club/Kindred Body Representative (or Substitute Representative)" form, indicating who and the method by which they will be attending, will be provided for completion.

No other business may be decided at this meeting for which formal notice has not been given to Clubs and Kindred Bodies within the prescribed timeframe.

## Background

HRNZ's Constitution was amended at its AGM in October 2023. Whilst the amendments were adopted as presented, it was agreed there were some matters that may require clarification. On 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, HRNZ emailed Clubs, Kindred Bodies, Affiliates and the National Forum with an amended Constitution which had been re-drafted to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 legislation, for consultation. Following receipt of valuable feedback, and HRNZ reviewing and seeking advice on that feedback, further consultation was undertaken with Clubs, Kindred Bodies, Affiliates and the National Forum by email on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Having considered all feedback, HRNZ is now in a position to present the final draft Constitution to the Special General Meeting and allow eligible Clubs and Kindred Bodies to vote.

Dated at Christchurch this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

Mauro Barsi Acting Chief Executive