MIDLAND ZONE OF P.C.A.V. INC.

MINUTES OF THE 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Bendigo Pottery, Bendigo – 14th September 2001.

The President of the Midland Zone, Mr John Lane welcomed 51 Members and friends from nine Clubs to our Annual General Meeting.

APOLOGIES: were received from Clarrie and Angela King, Michelle Mulvenney, Stawell; Peggy Mills, Harcourt; Lorraine & Geoff Krantz, Hopetoun; Kevin Blanchard, Rosemary Williams.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2000:

Moved – P. Hedger - that the Minutes as circulated be found as a true and correct record.

2nd. – L. Cole..............carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Ms. Christine Linton - see attached.

Moved – C. Linton- that Treasurer's report be accepted as reported.

2nd. – S. Robinson............carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - Mr John Lane – see attached.

ZONE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: - Mrs Kaye Blanchard – see attached.

ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT: - Mrs. Aileen Marshall – see attached.

ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY'S REPORT: - Mrs. Gail Baggendorf – see attached.

REPORT ON SPEED TO SAFETY EVENT: - Mrs Sue Robinson – see attached.

**ELECTION OF ZONE OFFICE BEARERS:**

The President Mr John Lane, declared all positions vacant and asked Mr. Laurie Cole to take the chair.

With the nomination of two people for Zone Senior Vice President, (Mrs Pat Hedger and Mrs Sue Robinson) ballot papers were sent to all clubs. Scrutineers were chosen by the two candidates and one representing the Zone. After votes were counted the position of Zone Senior Vice President was decided.

President Nominated by Bendigo PC Mr John Lane

Sn. Vice President " Charlton PC Mrs Sue Robinson

Jn. Vice President " St Arnaud PC Mrs Angela King

Zone Secretary " Harcourt PC Mr Don Roach

Zone Treasurer " Maryborough PC Ms Christine Linton

Zone Exam. Secretary Maryborough PC Mrs. Gail Baggendorf

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE ZONE JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

President: Carly Lane from Bendigo Pony Club

Vice President : Amanda Bowden from Maldon Pony Club

Secretary/Treasurer: Clinton Hedger from Bendigo Pony Club

**JUNIOR COMMITTEE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - Miss Carly Lane – see attached**

Balance of Junior Committee account stands at $1,560.83. Horses Mouth newsletter subscriptions are $4.50.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Carly Lane introduced the guest speaker Debbie Browell, a 3 Star Event Rider and former Pony Clubber.

Debbie spoke on the theme: "What does it take to be a 3 Star Event rider?"

She showed some slides and told us how she started off in 3 Day Eventing and explained what is involved.

What does it take? – You have to be:

Committed

Brave (have respect for the course plus fear)

Passionate

Have a Zillion $s

Have a You-Beaut horse

Debbie's talk was interesting, amusing and informative.

**ZONE AFFILIATION FEES:**

Moved – C Linton - that Zone affiliation fees remain at $50.

2nd - P. Hedger.....carried.

**ZONE SECRETARY'S HONORARIUM:**

Moved – K. Blanchard - that Secretary's remuneration be raised to $20.

2nd. – P. Hedger..............carried.

**ZONE CAMP:**

As noted in the last Zone minutes, discussion on the Zone Camp took place.

Moved – L Molesworth – that the Zone Camp we held at Maldon Pony Club in March

2nd – S. Robinson.....carried.

The President Mr John Lane thanked the Office Bearers for the previous year's work and all those present for attending. He then presented retiring Secretary, Sandra Pollock, with a gift in appreciation of 5 years' in the position. He then wished everyone a safe trip home.

Meeting closed 10.35 pm

**REPORTS**

***Zone Representative's Report - 2001 AGM Kaye Blanchard***

*It gives me great pleasure to give my Report as Zone Representative for the last 12 months.*

*The President, John Lane, has covered the Zone events and happenings; Gail, as Zone Examining Secretary will let us know how many certificates we have achieved; Aileen, the Chief Instructor, will let us know how to do it and our Treasurer, Christine, is not as well off as she would like to be.*

*This year we have seen a new Discipline added to our Pony Club agenda and that is Speed to Safety. This was started with the Riding for the Disabled and the VRC.*

*Sue Robinson coordinated the trial day at Avoca and I will let Sue give the report.*

*The AGM for the State at Lilydale was different – I came away a little confused. I feel they want to change Pony Club as we know it to take us into the next 50 years.*

*As I see it, we will have a Board of Directors of about eight people, the Zone Reps will meet twice a year and then tell the clubs what to do – but they tell me that is not how it will be! The State President, Mr Stephan Coffey, is willing to visit our Zone to sell the idea, and I believe we will have to have him visit because I think I have the wrong idea.*

*The State Council is combining the Handbook and Bylaw Book so there is only one book instead of going from one to the other.*

*Congratulations to all Clubs and riders who have represented the Zone at State Champs.*

*Wannon Zone hosted the State Horse Trials at Stoney Creek. Great championships – nearly as good as ours in '99! We were well represented with our Grade 1 & 2 riders who, although no in the winners' circle, did us proud. Next year's Horse Trials Championships will be introducing Club teams again.*

*Thank you to Castlemaine Pony Club for hosting the Grade 3 & 4 Inter Zone Horse Trials.*

*Good luck to Clinton and Jessica at Melbourne Royal Show next week. On a sadder note – the Pony Club jumping has been dropped from Barastoc.*

*I would like to thank everybody that has helped in anyway, especially the Executive – John, Christine, Gail, Aileen, and last but not least, Sandra (who is retiring), for her generous ability as a secretary to make sense out of my scribble.*

**Zone Chief Instructor's Report – 2001 AGM Aileen Marshall**

*This year I tried a new format for our Instruction Schools – just having the two schools on the same day, one at each end of the Zone, and then on our second nominated day repeating the same schools, but rotating the lessons and instructors. Both of these days were well attended at each Section. Thank you to Castlemaine, Stawell, Horsham and Bealiba Pony Clubs for hosting these days. I received some great feed-back from those attending.*

*As it was so successful I am planning to run next year's two Instruction Schools the same way. The dates for these schools are already set, so please mark them down and keep them free. Please, if a club has a subject they would like in next year's schools, let me know as I will be booking up our instructors and presenters within the next month.*

*We have also set down a day in July for our Dressage Judges School. I have also spoken to John Barlee about coming to Castlemaine for a Course Building and Stewarding school early April or late March, before the Horse Trials start. The idea of this school is for old and new members and families to gain enough confidence to be able to do whatever job at Horse Trials.*

*We have also talked about running a two day Camp. Clubs were asked to bring back their discussion on this tonight.*

*Thank you to all who have helped the Zone in any way throughout the year.*

***Zone Examining Secretary's Report – 2001 AGM Gail Baggendorf***

In the past year 1 Candidate, Carly Lane from Bendigo, passed her "K" Certificate exam.

Successful "C" Certificate Candidates were:

5 from Maryborough Pony Club

1 from Stawell Pony Club

3 from Neangar Park Pony Club

3 from Ararat Pony Club

There are applications from the following Clubs for "C" Certificate exams later this year:

8 "C"s from Maryborough Pony Club

7 "C"s from Neangar Park Pony Club

3 "C"s from St Arnaud Pony Club

7 from Mandurang South Pony Club