**midland zone of p.c.a.v. inc.**

**minutes of general meeting held 7th August, 2001**

**church hall, queens avenue, st arnaud.**

**Meeting started at 8.10 pm**

**Present:**

J. Lane, President; P. Hedger, Jnr Vice President; S. Pollock, Z Sec C. Liston, Z.Treasurer; K. Blanchard, Zone Representative; G. Baggendorf, Z Exam Sec.; A. Marshall, Z Chief Instructor.

**Delegates** from Bealiba, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Charlton, Donald, Horsham, Maldon, Mandurang South, Maryborough, St. Arnaud.

**Apologies:**

P. Mills, Snr Vice President, Harcourt P/C; A & C. King, M. Mulvenney, Stawell, C. Hanley, Donald.

**Clubs not in attendance:** Ararat, Harcourt, Hopetoun, Marong, Neangar Park, Nhill, Spring Gully, Stawell.

**Moved –– P. Hedger - that apologies be accepted.**

**2nd - R. Hannigan…..carried.**

**Confirmation of June minutes:**

**Moved –– R. Hannigan - that Minutes of 5th June be accepted.**

**2nd - B. Pearse.….carried.**

**Business arising from minutes:**

1. Proposed Zone Camp dates are 19th & 20th January 2002.
2. Qualifying horses on home grounds only – To be clarified in rule book.

**Correspondence inward:**

1. Spring Gully P/C – cancelled Horse Show on 12/8/01, now running PCAV & EFA Unofficial Dressage Day.
2. Hopetoun P/C – Zone fees and Instruction School fees. Have not received Zone Booklet. Open Gymkhana on 16/9/01.
3. Ballarat Lungeing Workshop – 21/7/01.
4. Maldon P/C – Pony Club badges – would like badges to stay compulsory to display disks for certificates.
5. PCAV – Council Meeting Minutes, Speed to Safety, Club Officials & Instructors consent form, Smoke Free Policy, Sun Safe Policy, Sponsorship for State Representative Teams, various nomination forms for National Mounted Games.
6. Zone Showjumping & Flat Ride – Maldon 26th August.
7. Northern Zone – agrees to 3 riders in teams for Inter Zone Horse Trials.
8. Thank you note from Francis Corry for Get Well Card.
9. Horses Mouth newsletter.
10. Central Zone Minutes.
11. **Donald P/C – D/C – Liz Russell, PO Box 26, Donald 3480 ph 5497 1682**
12. Northern Zone Inter Zone Horse Trials information.
13. Barwon Zone minutes
14. PCAV – AGM & Conference information
15. Northern Zone minutes
16. Neangar Park P/C – Freshmans Showjumping/Novelties & Activities Day – 16/9/01. Open Gymkhana now 28/10/01 instead of 14/10/01. CTD on 11/11/01 cancelled.
17. Section D – Venue for State Dressage & Showjumping State Champs in 2004 (Midland Zone to host) – suggested venue Victorian Equestrian Centre, Werribee.
18. Section D – as State Games & Flat Ride is same weekend as Melbourne 3D event, suggest that PCAV run Games & Flat at Werribee in conjunction with 3DE.
19. Marong P/C – CTD on 16/9/01 cancelled.
20. Cheques from Horsham P/C – Zone fees & instruction schools, Neangar Park P/C – Zone fees, Hopetoun P/C – Zone fees & Instruction schools, Marong P/C – Zone fees, Neangar Park P/C – Instruction schools, Bealiba, Stawell P/Cs – Zone fees. $45 cash from outside instructors at Instructors school at Horsham.
21. Harcourt – Change of structure of Showjumping Teams in Zone Shield Event. Award of Merit – mistakes made at Zone level concerning an award.
22. Junior Committee – permission asked to run a Special effort at Zone event & AGM.
23. Bealiba P/C – proposed camp at difficult time of year in January – suggest a weekend of a 1st Sunday in a month, eg June, July, September.
24. Horsham P/C – Thank you letter to Zone Secretary, **change of address – secretary: Mrs Kristine Austin, RMB 5002C, Stawell 3380**.

**Correspondence Outward:**

1. Northern Zone – Teams of 3 in Inter Zone Horse Trials.
2. PCAV – P/C badges to remain compulsory
3. Course Accreditors School flyer to all clubs.
4. Minutes to all Clubs including Zone Dinner invitation.
5. PCAV - Midland Zone Report
6. Ararat Prison – sashes & ribbons.

**Moved – P. Hedger – that Correspondence Inward be accepted and Correspondence Outward be approved.**

**2nd - D. Roach…..carried.**

**Business arising from Correspondence:**

1. Section D – 2004 Dressage & Showjumping State Champs

**Moved – P. Hedger – that we investigate further the use of Werribee Park Equestrian Centre for 2004 Dressage & Showjumping State Champs run by Midland Zone and to make tentative booking for venue.**

**2nd – B. Pearse.....carried.**

Secretary to write to Alan Bruno for quote for 2004 and to ask whether we can have the use of the permanent dressage arenas, showjumps and yard facilities.

Secretary to write to Melbourne Showjumping Club to ask about hiring showjumps as above.

1. Section D – Games & Flat State Champs - suggestion that they be run in conjunction with Melbourne 3 Day Event on the Sunday.

**Moved – B. Pearse – that Secretary write to PCAV to suggest holding the Games & Flat Team State Champs at Werribee Park Equestrian Centre on the Sunday of the Melbourne 3 Day Event.**

**2nd – R. Hannigan.....carried**

1. Junior Committee Special Effort –

**Moved – D. Roach – that the Zone Junior Committee be given permission to hold a Special Effort in the form of a raffle for a brow band at the Zone Shield & AGM provided none is held by the Senior Committee.**

**2nd – P. Hedger.....carried**

1. Harcourt Pony Club – change of structure of Showjumping Teams in Zone Shield.

**TO TAKE BACK TO CLUBS:**

**The suggestion is that teams be made up of more than one rider from lower grades if Clubs do not have sufficient riders in higher grades to fill teams. – eg - two D grade riders with a C grade and E grade rider instead of one rider from each of grades A or B, C,D & E.**

**This would allow bigger Clubs to make up more teams and for smaller Clubs with younger riders to be able to have teams.**

**It would also mean that team members from lower grades would be taking points from each other.**

**Moved – A. Marshall – that Zone Representative and Zone Secretary put together guidelines to be sent to Clubs for discussion on Showjumping Teams having more than one rider from lower grades in a team of 3 – 5 riders.**

**Moved – P. Hedger – that information and directions for Award of Merit be sent out to Clubs in January Zone minutes each year.**

**2nd – G. Baggendorf.....carried.**

Secretary to write to Harcourt Pony Club to let them know of discussion and outcome.

1. Zone Camp

**Moved – K. Blanchard – that Clubs discuss Zone Camp including date and bring result to AGM when a decision will be made whether or not to hold it.**

**2nd – F. Barnett.....carried.**

**Treasurer's Report: Ms Christine Linton**

Opening Balance $2,006.16

Income 839.00

2,845.16

Expenses 1,299.08

Balance as at 5/6/01 $1,546.08

To pay: K. Blanchard - $100 – travel, St Arnaud Pony Club $32.50 – sandwiches for Zone and DCI meetings, Anglican Church - $10 – hire of hall, Secretary' expenses - $27. Photocopier needs new roller and ink cartridges – to get it fixed up ready for new Secretary.

**Moved – D. Roach –– that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and accounts be paid.**

**2nd - F. Barnett …..carried.**

**Zone Representative’s Report: Mrs. Kaye Blanchard**

1. PCAV is still getting quotes for an Equipment shed.
2. Midland, Northern and North Metro submitted letters requesting badges still remain a compulsory part of the uniform. Central and West Gippsland have their own By-Law that states that badges are optional for cross country. South Metro has their own rule that states that badges are not compulsory for jumping and games. Barwon wished badges to remain compulsory. PCAV will now look into finding a firm which makes stronger catches.
3. Rejoining member – PCAV Executive are still looking at it.
4. For a PCAV member to ride in interstate State Champs, entries are to go through the Zone Representative to the State Office.
5. Miss Kaye's Horsemastership Book is being reprinted and will soon be available.
6. Jumping Equitation has been deleted from State Champs – only Midland and one other against the motion. Its place will be taken by a Top Score Event.
7. PCAV Treasurer requires budgets from Zones for running Instructors courses and clinics.
8. Entries for NSW Horse Trials State Champs to be in to PCAV Office by 20th August – event is on 4th October.
9. The height/weight ratio for riders and ponies in Games events is to be taken to the Equal opportunity Board for approval of guidelines.
10. PCAV would prefer Games & Flat Ride State Champs to be on the same day. They are looking at a change of date to avoid Melbourne 3 Day Event and a change of venue to accommodate both Games and Flat Ride.
11. Pony Club mounts must have their 2 rallies at a home grounds before visiting – eg Prince Phillip Games practice or another club.
12. CIP now recommends that riders over 12 years of age should have their C Certificate before competing at State Level. C Certificate costs are now $30 per examiner (up to 8 candidates)
13. Midland Zone has 5 riders wishing to ride in "Speed to Safety". Sue Robinson from Bendigo Pony Club is coordinating the trial.
14. Vic Health is a sponsor for Sun Smart and Smoke Free campaigns.
15. Forms are available for Instructors and Office Bearers Police Checks – ring 92475902 to ask for forms.
16. EFA Cross Country stewards, accreditors and course builders clinic at Werribee on 12th August.
17. 2002 Dressage & Showjumping State Champs is at Wodonga.

Stage 1 – E & F

Stage 2 – D & E

Stage 3 – B & D

1. State Horse Trials at Scotts Creek, Wannon Zone made about $7,000 profit. Next year's Horse Trials will have a competition for Club teams consisting of one Grade 1 and two or three Grade 2 riders.
2. Anyone wishing to be on the Jubilee Committee for PCAV please contact Jan Faulkner, Barwon Zone.
3. There are only 20 RIRDC Equine Research News magazines given to PCAV, so anyone wishing to receive one should write directly to Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW. 2006, or go to Website – http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/rirdc. They are a good source of information about horses.
4. Anyone who has laminated gear check sheets showing a rule that flaps of whips must be cut, return to PCAV and it will be replaced.

**Zone chief instructor's report: - Mrs. Aileen Marshall**

We have had our second round of Instruction clinics at Horsham and Bealiba. Both were once again very successful. I think running a school at both ends of the Zone on the same day has proved that this is the way to continue again next year.

On the 28th July Charlton hosted a Cross Country Course Accrediting day with instruction and discussion from Laurie Cole. This day was attended by 8 clubs with a great representation for all clubs. Thank you Laurie and also the Charlton Pony Club for looking after everyone so well. There will be a follow up day at Castlemaine in the new year.

Midland Zone, with Castlemaine Pony Club as host, is holding the Inter Zone Horse Trials on 19th August.

As mentioned, it is being recommended that riders competing in State Champs will be expected to have passed their C Certificate if old enough to do the test.

**Zone Examining Secretary's Report: Mrs Gail Baggendorf**

Several clubs have asked for forms for "C" Certificate candidates. Cut off date is 18th August for C Certificates. K,B,A,H certificates close at end of October.

**General Business:**

1. Donald Gymkhana has been cancelled due to races on the proposed day – possibly too exciting for some horses!! **Donald Secretary – phone number is 5399 2215.**
2. Neangar Park's Riders Without Horses program appears to be going well.
3. Reports and proper Balance Sheets are not being recorded in Zone Folders after Zone events.

**Moved – P. Hedger – that Reports and Balance Sheets showing all expenses and income should be put in the Zone folders after each Zone Event before the book is returned.**

**2nd – D. Roach…..carried.**

Zone Shields should be returned to the meeting before the Zone event.

1. Bealiba is holding a Dressage and Showjumping Day on 3/9/01 – the day will offer something a little different for interested riders.
2. Equitana is holding a Dressage and Showjumping event for Grades 1 – 5 & A – E on 18th November. There are limited numbers, so see Kaye Blanchard as soon as possible.
3. Fees for Zone events will probably need to be raised. To bring to AGM.
4. Inter Zone Horse Trials – 5 clubs from Midland Zone have riders competing – only 63 riders. Some jobs still need to be filled by Midland Zone.
5. Peggy Mills has had to have a bone-marrow transplant. She was unable to receive flowers in the ward where she was undergoing treatment, but a card was sent from the Zone.

**Moved – K.Blanchard – that the Zone send Peggy flowers now that she is home and more able to enjoy them.**

**2nd – G. Baggendorf…..carried.**

**Members and Committee of Midland Zone would also like to offer Peggy and Jessica our sympathy as Peggy's brother died recently.**

Meeting closed at 11.15 pm

**Next meeting – AGM – Bendigo Pottery, Bendigo, Friday, 14th September, 2001**

**Changes to Office Bearers List:**

Donald Pony Club – DC – Liz Russell, PO Box 26, Donald, 3480 Ph 5497 1682

Donald Pony Club – Secretary – phone number 5399 2215

Horsham Pony Club – Secretary – new address – RMB 5002C, Stawell 3380.

**Kaye's Page**

**To be discussed at Clubs and brought to the ZONE AGM:**

A date next year and venue and format for another Zone Camp and whether the Clubs actually want another camp. Suggested date – 19th & 20th January.

**To be discussed at Clubs and brought to the NEXT ZONE MEETING:**

Zone Shield Showjumping Teams –

**The suggestion is that teams be made up of more than one rider from lower grades (D & E) if Clubs do not have sufficient riders in higher grades to fill teams. – eg - two D grade riders with an E grade rider instead of one rider from each of grades A B, or C, D&E.**

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**Suggestion from Zone Rep:**

**Leave the wording for the Showjumping Teams as it is and add to it:**

**If clubs are unable to make a team using riders from grades A,B or C, then riders from grades D or E may be used. Up to five riders to make one team.**

**Note:**

Police check forms for Volunteers are available from Victoria Police – phone 9247 5902.

\*\* The Speed to Safety trials have now been held. Results of those to compete at Flemington are:

Grades 1 & 2 – Sally Corcoran on Pete, and (subject to ballot) Clinton Hedger on Marmalade.

Grades 3 & 4 – Sarah Lea on Bushman and (subject to ballot) Kimberley Corcoran on Black Opal and Clinton Hedger on Driftwood.

Thank you to Avoca Race Course Committee for allowing us to use the track proper and making it a pleasant and surprisingly exciting afternoon clocking the riders.

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