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

**minutes of general meeting held 6th August, 2002**

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

**Meeting Started at 8.06 pm**

**Present:**

S. Robinson Snr Vice President, D. Roach Zone Secretary, C.Linton Zone Treasurer, K. Blanchard, Zone Representative; G. Baggendorf, Examining Secretary.

**Delegates** from Bendigo, Castlemaine, Charlton, Donald, Harcourt, Maldon, Maryborough,

St Arnaud, Spring Gully.

**Apologies:**

J. Lane, A. King, P. Mills, C. King, G. Chalmers, R. Hannigan, J. Stevens, Mandurang South.

**Clubs not in attendance:** Ararat, Bealiba, Hopetoun, Horsham, Marong, Neangar Park, Nhill,

Stawell,

**Moved –– G. Baggendorf - that apologies be accepted.**

**2nd - L. Clancy …..carried.**

**Amendment of June Minutes:**

1. General Business Item 10: New Rule Book is handbook, which includes rules, by-laws and commentary.

**Confirmation of June Minutes:**

**Moved –– A.Marshall - that Minutes of 6th June be accepted.**

**2nd - P.Hedger.….carried.**

**Business arising from minutes:**

1. Certificates for Instructors are ready but not sent out as yet.
2. Phone number for the Nhill DC should read 5391 1696

**Correspondence Inward:**

1. Donald PC – Zone Fee
2. Nhill PC – Zone Fee Maryborough PC – List of Office Bearers
3. Hopetoun PC – List of Office Bearers.
4. PCAV – Speed to Safety Information.
5. PCAV – Notice of AGM and Election of Council Office Bearers.
6. Rochester Recreation Reserve Committee – Use of Grounds for Dressage and Show Jumping 2004.
7. PCAV – Public Liability insurance update.
8. Stawell PC – Zone fee.
9. Spring Gully – Zone Instruction School at Neangar Park.
10. St Arnaud PC – Zone fee.
11. Section “A” – Zone Pony Club Show Jumping and Team Flat Ride entry form.
12. Mandurang South PC – Zone Instruction School at Neangar Park.
13. Northern Metro Zone – Reasons for increasing age of retirement from 21 to 26 years.
14. PCAV – Council AGM minutes, agenda and notices of motions.
15. Central Zone – Zone Minutes.
16. Horsham PC – Instructor School fee.
17. Maldon PC – Referral from Maryborough PC re judging at Maldon HT.
18. Maryborough PC – Zone Election Nominations.
19. Northern Zone – Zone minutes.
20. PCAV – Nomination forms National Coach, Rule Sub-Committee and National Games sub-committee.
21. Ararat PC – Program for Zone Team Show Jumping and Flat Ride.

**Correspondence Outward:**

1. PCAV – Award of Merit Nominations
2. Zone Minutes
3. PCAV – Future rule changes to be submitted in writing to Council.
4. CORE – Sashes order Teams Show Jumping and Flat.

**Moved – D.Berry – that Correspondence Inward be accepted and Correspondence**

**Outward be approved.**

**2nd - B.Pearse …..carried.**

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

1. Use of Rochester grounds for State Dressage and Show Jumping 2004. Cost to hire ground is ambiguous, Secretary to contact Rochester Recreation Reserve Committee and ask them to confirm cost of ground hire in writing.
2. Speed for Safety Trials to be held at Avoca Racecourse on 11th August. Six entered. Sue Robinson is co-ordinator.
3. Complaint by Maryborough against Mr Clinton Hedger Show Jumping Judge. Jumper being worn over the body protector was due to a mis-understanding following State HT Championship. Was dealt with on the day by the acting Zone Representative.

* Clinton is not a member of Pony Club and as such it is difficult to take any action if it was felt necessary.
* People assisting judge on the day did not think he was un-polite.
* Dawn Berry spoke in support of Clinton saying that comments are his way and maybe he was mis-undrestood. The Zone needs to offer assistance and guidance to younger judges.
* Kevin Molesworth has offered to sit with and support if it will help.
* Kevin Molesworth felt any concerns should have dealt with Jury of Appeal on the day.
* Maryborough expressed concern with Clinton’s attitude and conduct on occasions.
* Zone Representative said that she has received some complaints including one from outside our Zone.
* Aileen Marshall asked that he continue as all officials have received critisism at some stage.

**Moved – A.Marshall – that any dispute at an event must be go to Jury of Appeal.**

**2nd - K.Molesworth …..carried.**

1. Held over from last meeting. Discussion was held on changing the format of the Show Jumping Team Shield to cater for clubs who only have riders in the lower grades.

**Moved – K.Blanchard – that Team Show Jumping rules remain unchanged for 2002 and review**

**in 2003.**

**2nd - K.Molesworth …..carried.**

1. Held over from last meeting. Harcourt’s concern over the way the issue a rider transfer from Harcourt to Maldon was handled. Kaye Blanchard said that the Zone Executive has the right to call an executive meeting. Kevin asked if this is right could be shown in the rules. One member was absent from the meeting and their thoughts were sought in a telephone conservation.

* Maldon and not Harcourt raised issue with the Zone Representative.
* The lateness of the meeting was due to the urgency of the issue to allow a Maldon rider to compete at the State Flat and Games Qualifier.

1. Held over from last meeting. Donald’s request to change club colours to Royal Blue with White sash. Beryl Pearse explained that the existing tan is very difficult to obtain. Beryl is to contact Neangar Park regarding concerns with a clash with their Light Blue Sash.

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

Opening Balance $1155.12

Income 1148.00

2303.12

Expenses 1484.23

Balance as at 6/8/2002 $818.89

To pay: K. Blanchard - $100.00, St Arnaud Pony Club $37.45 – sandwiches for meetings, Anglican Church Committee - $10.00, D.Browell $100 – Instructor Fee, Alan Mitchell Instructor Fee, Harcourt PC $16.25 – refund, Don Roach $46.95 Secretarial expenses, First aid – Games and Flat $100.

1. A cheque from Castlemaine for Games and Flat is to be re-issued to Zone.
2. Issue was raised about Zone paying the half entry fee for PA Show Jumping at Royal Melbourne Show as per Zone Rule Oct 1998.

* This is now an individual event and not a team event. Rule was introduced when it was a Zone Teams Event.

**Moved – K.Blanchard –– that the words “Royal Melbourne Show Jumping Event” be deleted**

**from Oct 1998 rule.**

**2nd - A.Marshall …..carried.**

**Moved – C. Linton –– that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and accounts be paid.**

**2nd - A.Marshall …..carried.**

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

1. Kaye expressed her thanks in being re-elected Zone Representative.
2. There is now a $1000 excess on insurance claims.
3. Games sack race is being left in program.
4. From PCAV Council AGM minutes the President’s Report highlights the need for clubs to do a risk management assessment of the way they conduct all their activities.
5. Information about risk management can be obtained from the net at www.ausport.gov.au or www.standards.com.au
6. “Riders Without Horses “ members may continue until as long as they want providing they are financial.
7. Unrehearsed ride at State Flat Championships will stay in program. Stand-in judge unfortunately made an error.
8. Congratulations to our riders have gained selection to represent Victoria at upcoming National events. They are Katherine Clegg, Prince Phillip Games squad, Jessica Mills Show Jumping Squad, Kristy Austin, Senior Eventing Squad with Sarah Coffey, Emma Conroy and Jenna Christodoulou, Junior.
9. Best of luck to all riders competing at 2002 Royal Melbourne Show in PA show jumping.
10. State Horse Trials Championship for 2003 will be at Tocumwal.
11. Pony Club is not covered with insurance for Schools Events. Schools will have to become members of Pony Club.
12. “Speed for Safety”. Sue Robinson is co-ordinator. Avoca Racecourse is the venue. To be held 11th August.
13. The words “Qualifying Event” was left off “Flat Teams and Show Jumping Teams Shield” competition entry form.
14. Highly Commended sashes will be given to all competitors who receive a perfect score in presentation at Flat Teams and Show Jumping Teams Shield competition.
15. I have received a letter regarding the behaviour of some open riders at a recent Pony Club gymkhana and dressage day. Abuse of a horse and a gear checker. This type of bad behaviour needs to be addressed by organisers on the day
16. A fall in the show jumping phase of horse trials is elimination. Not for pure show jumping

**Zone Chief Instructor's Report: - Mrs. Aileen Marshall**

We have had our July Schools of Instruction. One at Neangar Park with Debbie Browell on cross-country jumping without a cross-country course. Debbie is well known and a very active rider and instructor. The other school at Horsham was presented by Alan Mitchell on striding and distance. Alan took two young groups in the morning and one large group in the afternoon. Hopefully with both riders and instructors finished the day by realising that it is not height the riders and horses need, but more combinations to get their striding.

I would like to thank both Neangar Park and Horsham Pony Clubs for their hospitality and on hosting these schools. It is great to be able to organise the instructors in the knowledge that they will be well looked after by the host clubs.

Due to comments made at the Horsham School, I have organised Alan Mitchell for the 12th October at possibly Ararat. This school is a little different as it is for the instructors to ride if they want to. Cost will be $15 per adult rider and $5 per fence sitter.

I will send out notices to each club. Could you please see that all instructors and interested instructors are given this information. There will be different levels of instruction for all riders. Possibly a flat riding lesson that may include a ½ hour lunging session or horsemanship talk. As soon as this all finalised I will send out information.

Dressage judges day in November. Please note this date down, as there will be some very useful tips on this day.

Congratulations to Katherine Clegg on making the Prince Phillip Games squad. I think she is the first rider from our Zone, well done Katherine.

Good luck also to Jessica Mills, Kristy Austin, Sarah Coffey, Emma Conroy and Jenna Christodoulou at the Pony Club Nationals.

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

Candidate from Harcourt passed their ‘C’ Certificates.

‘C’ candidates from Charlton and Donald to be examined in November.

‘C’ candidates from Bendigo and Maryborough to be examined when the examiner confirms date.

If clubs have a rider who has genuine problems with the written part of the examination, please contact me as I can arrange with the examiner to have the individual do the test orally.

**General Business:**

1. Dawn Berry spoke on safety saying that helmets should not be removed from a fallen rider, wait until a first-aid attendant arrives on the scene. Clubs should also include in their cross country briefing that only a qualified first-aid attendant should only remove helmets and body protectors from a fallen rider. Raise with PCAV
2. Clubs should make all members aware of whom the first-aid person is on rally days.
3. Some clubs stipulate that open riders must be members of EFA to ride in horse trials.
4. Rule with jockey’s that helmets greater than 5 years old have to be replaced.
5. Pat Hedger asked if the Zone would assist with cost of riders competing at Nationals. Zone made a donation to Jessica Mills when she competed in Japan. This was a one off special payment. Being able to afford the $700 cost is part of the entry requirement. Clubs need to help if they can.

Meeting closed at 10.35 pm

# Next meeting AGM Friday September 13th 2002.