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

**MINUTES OF THE 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Britannia Hotel, Carisbrook – 12th September 2003.**

The Senior Vice President of Midland Zone, Ms Sue Robinson opened the meeting welcomed 45 Members and friends from seven Clubs to our Annual General Meeting.

She also apologized on behalf of our President Mr. John Lane who was unable to attend the meeting.

A welcome was extended to Mr. James Fitzpatrick, Executive Officer of PCAV.

Apologies: were received from President John Lane, Bendigo, Jnr Vice President Angela King, Stawell, John Stevens, Ararat; and Clarrie King.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting 2002:

Moved – C. Linton - that the Minutes as circulated are a true and correct record.

2nd. – K. Molesworth..............carried.

Treasurer’s Report: - Ms. Christine Linton - see attached.

Christine commented that our position is similar to last year.

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

2nd. – K. Molesworth ............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.

Election of Zone Office Bearers:

The Snr Vice President Sue Robinson declared all positions vacant and asked Mr. Laurie Cole to take the chair.

Prior to asking for nominations Mr. Cole thanked the committee and members for their efforts during the past year. He also commented that he felt the Zone is in good hands.

The following members were elected

Zone President Mr. John Lane Nominated by Bendigo PC

Zone Snr. Vice President Mrs. Sue Robinson " Bendigo PC

Zone Jnr. Vice President Mr. John Stevens " St Arnaud PC

Zone Secretary Mr. Don Roach " Maryborough PC

Zone Treasurer Ms. Christine Linton " Maryborough PC

Zone Exam. Secretary Mrs. Gail Baggendorf " Maryborough PC

Election of Zone Office Bearers: for the Zone Junior Committee

No elections held as committee is in recess.

Junior Committee President’s Report: -

No report.

Guest Speaker:

Mr. James Fitzpatrick, Chief Executive PCAV.

James thanked the meeting for the opportunity to speak to us. He explained that he has been in the post for 5 months. It has been a very busy time with being involved insurance and strength returns.

He sees one of his main roles is getting feedback from clubs

James spoke on his thoughts and vision for PCAV over the next 2 years.

The main points are

* Will be doing workshops with range of members, riders, Zone Representatives etc.
* Must reflect traditions of organization.
* We have 9000 volunteers. The structures must be right to support them.
* Dept of Sport and Recreation are providing $210,000 over 3 years to improve volunteer skill sets.
* According to Sports Commission figures organizations have lost 25% of volunteers due to disputes/conflict and lack of training.
* We must assist clubs over next the 2 years with running their affairs.
* Develop risk management plans for clubs.
* Must also work hard to assist clubs to maintain and expand facilities.
* Helping clubs keep their grounds is also an important issue.

James distributed some notes on Governance and spoke about the proposals.

* Funds were provided 2 years ago by the government for a study to into management structure.
* Council has agreed on a model and will be released to clubs shortly.
* A Special General meting will be held on 10th February 2004 for voting.
* First three items are mainly name changes.
* At present it is only clubs who have control over members not Council. For example at National Championships in Sth Australia some unacceptable behavior occurred. State Council could not disciplinary action; it could only recommend actions for their club to take.

Questions were then invited from the floor.

* Concern at loss of Zone Input as Zone Representative will not be able to reflect the wishes of their Zone.
* Changes to rules will mean four people to represent the Zone. Why not one as we have at present.
* Why change a system that is working well and gives clubs a say.
* Incorporations Act makes it illegal to vote in blocks.
* Requires 75% in favour to approve a rule change.
* Reducing from 75% to 51%.
* Takes a long time for a decision to be made.
* Council will accept decision of clubs.It was felt that scrutineers would be needed to check on vote for governance in February. Recommendations are Noel Steele, Keitha Raabe and Frances Corry.

In conclusion James thanked the meeting for the questions.

Zone Affiliation Fees:

Discussion was held on affiliation fee.

Moved – C. Linton - that Zone Affiliation fee be $50.

2nd - G. Chalmers.....carried.

Zone Secretary’s Honorarium:

Moved – K. Blanchard - that Secretary's remuneration be raised to $300.

2nd. – C. Linton..............carried.

Other Business:

Discussion was held on the possible dates for running the Zone Flat and Show jumping Teams Shields.

Original dates put forward at the Zone meeting in August could not be achieved due to unavailability of grounds or officials.

Options are:

* Be held in conjunction with State qualifiers in December.
* Hold Flat Teams competition in November with the Show jumping Shield in December.
* Cancel.

Moved – G.Chalmers - that the Flat Teams Shield and Show jumping Team Shields be

cancelled for 2003.

2nd - D. Roach.....carried.

Snr Vice President Sue Robinson thanked all those present for attending the meeting and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Meeting closed 10.15 pm

Zone President’s Report - 2003 Mr John Lane

*I have said in previous years that it gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Presidents Report. I would like to emphasize the fact that it is just that, not only present the report but to be part of our Zone the Midland Zone.*

*Once again I could not thank enough the wonderful committee who put in a hell of a lot of time and effort to ensure that the Zone runs smoothly as possible. As with any organization or activity problems often arise, and you can be sure that the Zone committee work very hard to overcome these problems and achieve as fair and practicable solution for everyone involved. To make some of these decisions is not always easy and involves some sleepless nights. It is this area that involves most of the work for our Zone Representative Kaye Blanchard. I would like to thank Kaye for the great job she does in what is often a thankless task.*

*As everyone is aware we started he year with insurance problems that plagued most organizations, but we carried on as usual and with a small rise in our PCAV insurance premiums, it was back to business as usual. Hopefully the pony club movement won’t be troubled by it in the future.*

*Another big factor that has affected us all over the past few years has been the drought. It has made it very difficult to keep up with rising cost of day to day items as a result of the drought let alone horse feed etc, yet we horse people are a dedicated (or stupid, I’m not sure which) bunch of people and I think we all make sure that our horse groceries are purchased and the our food is bought with what is left. And I guess none of us would have it any other way.*

*It has been good to see large the number of clubs getting back stuck into the Horse mastership Certificates, with a large number of riders attaining various certificates throughout the year.*

*As everyone should be aware the Zone is running the State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships in February 2004 at the Avoca Racecourse. This will be a huge event and I am sure that the Zone Committee will have the full support of all our clubs and their members in running this event and show the rest of the State what we can do.*

*Well I think that’s enough from me and I would finally like to wish the new members of the Committee every success for the following year.*

### *John Lane*

*President*

Zone Treasurers Report - 2003 Ms Christine Linton

*Annual Return for the Midland Zone as at 11/09/2003*

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| Opening Balance |  |  | 1765.84 |
| Income |  | Expenditure |  |
| Instructors School Grant Y/E 2002 | 1000.00 | Zone Rep Council Meeting | 600.00 |
| Instructor School 02/03 | 1137.00 | CORE | 1137.06 |
| Zone Dinner | 105.00 | Imstructors/Judges | 990.00 |
| Interest | .79 | Games Day Expenses | 215.00 |
| State Entry Refund | 112.00 | MZ Purchase of Wings | 350.00 |
| Affiliation Fees | 1080.00 | Honorarium | 250.00 |
| Cheque Trace | 25.00 | Cheque Trace | 25.00 |
| State T-Shirts | 446.05 | State T-Shirts | 446.05 |
| Inter-Pacific Entry Fees | 1055.00 | Inter-Pacific Entry Fees | 1055.00 |
| Minutes | 6.00 | Secretarial Expenses | 338.13 |
| Zone and State Entry Fees | 3373.00 | Business Affairs | 33.00 |
| Book Sales | 20.00 | Container for Saddle Blankets | 199.45 |
|  |  | Supper – St Arnaud PC | 199.45 |
|  |  | BADT | 28.10 |
|  |  | Anglican Church | 50.00 |
|  |  | St Johns | 310.000 |
|  |  | Hats – State | 89.10 |
|  |  | Flowers and Donations | 100.00 |
|  |  | Stationary | 222.35 |
|  |  | Melbourne Show Entries | 42.00 |
|  |  | PCAV Annual Fee | 99.00 |
|  |  | State Entries | 976.00 |
| Total Income | 8359.84 | Total Expenditure | 7585.19 |
| Closing Balance | 2540.49 |  |  |
| Term Deposit Due Apr 2004 | 12001.03 |  |  |
| Junior Committee Funds | 1687.22 |  |  |

### *Christine Linton*

*Zone Treasurer*

Zone Representative's Report - 2003 Kaye Blanchard

Midland Zone has continued to try and work for all our members and supporters to enjoy their participation in Pony Club, support the ideals and also attempting to provide the opportunity for riders, supporters and instructors to improve their riding skills and knowledge.

It is pleasing to see that some of our clubs are still supporting the “Riders Without Horses” program. Clubs continue to present candidates for pony club certificates, with many of our riders passing their “C” certificates this year.

Two riders from Bendigo Pony Club have been nominated for the Award of Merit.

Over the past year the Zone has run qualifiers for all State Events, including the Zone Shield Events for Teams Show Jumping, Games and Team of Four Flat Ride and Zone Horse Trials.

Our Zone has been represented at all State Events again this past year, including the Grade 3 teams event at the Inter-Pacific Competition. Members also provided horses for both the Inter-Pacific competitions held at Werribee and Wodonga. At the State Horse Trials in May we had riders place in grade 2. At the State Dressage in February we had an individual rider place in grade 1 along with our and our grade 2 dressage team. Unfortunately we were unable to have any riders jump PA grade. Our teams in PB and PC rode well

Midland Zone riders have gained selection to represent Victoria. Elise Macer is an emergency in the Senior Games Prince Phillip Games squad. Jessica Mills travelled to New Zealand represent Victoria in EFA Show Jumping.

In February 2004 we are hosting the State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships. This will be held at the Avoca Racecourse. A sub-committee has been formed and is working towards putting on a worthy event. We look forward to seeing you in February 2004.

We have had one dressage judge’s information evening so far this year with Rosemary Williams. A second will be held in September with Maree Gahan and Beryl Pearse. The aim of these is to assist and encourage prospective dressage judges.

We now have a new club at Newstead, which has recently gained probationary membership. We welcome them and success in their endeavours

I would like to thank the Midland Zone Executive, Committee Members and Clubs and for their efforts over the past year and we look forward to an enjoyable 2003-2004.

### Kaye Blanchard

Zone Representative

Zone Chief Instructor's Report – 2003 Aileen Marshall

This year has been very successful as we altered our instructor’s schools to adult rider clinics.

We started our March clinic with a “Back to Basics” at Mandurang South with a one-day O.T.C. course. Thanks to the presenters, Gail Baggendorf, Linda Gering and Carly Lane. Also thankyou to Mandurang South for looking after us so well. On the 11th April at Maryborough Golf Club we conducted a dressage Judges evening with Rosemary Williams as presenter. Thankyou to Rosemary for a very informative evening.

On Saturday 28th of June, Midland Zone hosted s State Comfort and Safety Workshop at Horsham. This was great day; everyone that attended went away with so much more information and lots of ideas. Hopefully we will be able to have another next year, as this is a subject that benefits everybody.

On the following day we held a 17 years and over riding day at the Indoor Arena with instructors Sally Francis and Ken Croser. This was a very successful day with everyone having a great time.

The July 19th and 20th Games Instruction Weekend at Maryborough for riders and adults. This was a fabulous weekend with everyone learning heaps and having a great time. For anyone not there, you missed one of the best weekend for your riders, so if we have another, try to keep the date free.

On the Sunday we ran the 2nd day for our O.T.C. course at Mandurang South.

I’d like to thank the entire DCI/ZA panel for their help throughout the year and also Don for his dedicated assistance which I couldn’t do without. Also all the clubs that host these events.

Thankyou.

### Aileen Marshall

### Zone Chief Instructor

Zone Examining Secretary's Report – 2003 Gail Baggendorf

*58 Midland Zone candidates gained their “C” certificates in the past 12 months. 11 Zone clubs presented candidates – Charlton – Donald – Horsham – Maryborough – Bealiba – Castlemaine – Bendigo – Spring Gully – Mandurang South – Nhill – Neangar Park.*

*The PCAV rule requiring riders 13 years and over who wish to compete at State Level to have their “C” certificate has encouraged clubs to be aware of riders who will be affected by this rule and to prepare them for their examination.*

*The standard of almost all candidates has been quite high and reflects the effort their clubs have put into preparing them for their “C” certificate.*

*The introduction of set dates for “C” examinations has been accepted by participating clubs although the large number of riders requiring their “C” earlier this year did cause some problems. His has settled as clubs have caught up on the backlog.*

*5 clubs have returned applications for candidates to sit for the next examination which will be held on Saturday October 25th this year.*

*There were no applications for “K” or “B” certificates although 3 clubs have indicated that they have riders interested in attempting the “K” in the future.*

### *Gail Baggendorf*

### *Examining Secretary*