**Midland Zone of PCAV. inc.**

**Minutes of General Meeting Held 26th August 2003**

**Church Hall, Queens Avenue, St Arnaud.**

**Meeting Started at 8.10 pm**

**Present:**

J. Lane President, S. Robinson Vice President, D. Roach Secretary, K. Blanchard, Zone Representative.

**Delegates** from Bealiba, Bendigo, Charlton, Harcourt, Maldon, Newstead, St Arnaud.

**Apologies:**

Angela King, Pat Hedger, Kerry Anderson, Fran Turner, Gail Baggendorf, Aileen Marshall, Ruth Hannigan, John Stevens.

**Clubs Not in Attendance:** Ararat, Castlemaine, Donald, Hopetoun, Horsham, Mandurang

South, Maryborough, Neangar Park, Nhill, Spring Gully, Stawell.

**Moved --- G. Chalmers that apologies be accepted.**

**2nd - R. Bogumil …..carried.**

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

**Moved --- R. Bogumil that Minutes of 27th of May 2003 be accepted.**

**2nd - K. Molesworth .….carried.**

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

* Zone Showjumping and Flat Teams Shield was postponed due to the wet weather.

**Correspondence Inward:**

* Castlemaine PC – Re large riders on small ponies.
* Castlemaine PC – Names of delegates for Zone meetings.
* Castlemaine PC – Club executive form.
* Castlemaine PC – October HT not in Zone Calendar.
* Frances Corry – Copy of letter sent to PCAV expressing concern at changes to Council minutes and changes to structure with Governance.
* Newstead PC – Change of colour for sash. Yellow/Gold not Maroon
* PCAV – Notice of AGM and Annual Conference.
* Stawell PC – Re changes to PCAV Council minutes and Governence.
* Central Zone – Zone Minutes for June and August.
* Bendigo PC - Club executive form.
* Neangar Park PC - Club executive form.
* Bealiba PC - Club executive form.
* Northern Zone – Zone Minutes..
* PCAV – Certificate of Currency for Insurance.
* PCAV – State Council minutes for June.
* PCAV – New newsletter, Making A Difference.

**Correspondence Outward:**

* Zone Minutes.
* PCAV – Newstead being approved for probationary membership.
* CORE – Order for sashes for Zone Showjumping and Flat
* Zone Treasurer – Account from CORE for payment.
* Zone sub-committee members – Meeting minutes.
* Zone Clubs – Notice of AGM and Annual Dinner.
* Zone Clubs – Nomination forms for Zone Executive.
* Zone Clubs – Zone Calendar and Club Contacts update.
* Tony Blanchard – Request to act as farrier for Zone event in February 2004.

**Moved -- P. Mills that Correspondence Inward be accepted and Correspondence**

**Outward be approved.**

**2nd - G. Chalmers …..carried.**

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

1. Letter from Frances Corry. Kaye read to meeting. She has grave concerns with the directions Council is taking Pony Club with Governance.

Points raised in discussion were:

* Very little information is being sent to clubs and Zones
* Will take 6 to 12 months to bring in changes.
* Cannot change quickly
* Need a process to allow Council, Zones and Clubs to discuss the model before any decision is made.
* All clubs should vote on acceptance.
* Appears to be an attempt to try and introduce by stealth.
* Voting by 10 Zones give equality. Voting on based on number of members in each Zone does not. Metro-centric.
* PCAV Executive Officer to attend our AGM. Use to ask questions re Governance.
1. Letter from Stawell PC. John read to meeting. They have concerns also with the directions Council is taking Pony Club with respect to Governance and format of Council minutes.
* Issues with minutes have been resolved.
* Take advantage of the visit by PCAV Executive Officer and ask questions.
* Zone Secretary to write to clubs and encourage members to attend AGM.
1. Large riders on small ponies.
* Castlemaine is against any “weight for size proposal”.
* Club DC’s should make recommendations to rider to get a bigger mount.
* DC should have final say, with Zone Representative as back-up.
* Zone Representative to make decision in any dispute.
* DC does grading. They are in the best position to make a decision.
* Zone should be in line with State ruling.
* St Arnaud felt Zone does need guidelines.

**Moved – K. Molesworth that The guidelines put out by PCAV regarding large riders on small ponies remain. Club DC’s to decide on combinations. Zone**

**Representative to make final decision in the event of any dispute.**

**2nd - G. Chalmers …..carried.**

# Treasurer's Report: Ms Christine Linton

No report

To pay: K. Blanchard for travel - $200.00, St Arnaud Pony Club $36.45 - sandwiches for meeting, Anglican Church Committee - $10.00, Zone Secretary for stamps and postage $67.35.

**Moved - S. Robinson -- that the accounts, be paid.**

**2nd - T. Day …..carried.**

# Zone Representative’s Report: Mrs. Kaye Blanchard

1. Zone Flat and Showjumping Shields were postponed due to weather. Options for another date are
* Agricultural Society has refunded hire fee.
* Run in conjunction with December Qualifiers.
* Ride Flat Teams on Satrday with Showjumping on the Sunday
* Hold on 1st Sunday in November.

**Moved – K. Blanchard that Options for the format and dates be presented to clubs for decision and to be voted on at the Zone AGM.**

**2nd - D. Weir …..carried.**

# Zone Chief Instructor's Report: Mrs. Aileen Marshall

No report

# Zone Examining Secretary's Report: Mrs Gail Baggendorf

No report

**General Business**:

* Cost for Best Presented ribbons. Sash costs around $4. Cost of “Highly Commended” ribbon is approx 80 cents.

**Moved – K. Molesworth that At all Zone events, riders to receive a “Highly Commended” sash for 100% mark for initial gear check per competition.**

**2nd - G. Chalmers …..carried.**

* “Speed to Safety”. Awaiting the VRC to contact PCAV. Has not been axed, possibly postponed.
* Peggy Mills asked if riders can qualify for State event other than at our Zone Qualifier. Kaye to get ruling from PCAV.
* Peggy Mills asked if the Zone would like to buy the “Midland Zone” wings, 2 rails and 10 cups to match the Zone wavey board jump.

**Moved –K, Blanchard that The Zone to pay $300 for the purchase the wings, rails and cups from Peggy including a protective cover.**

**2nd - R. Bogumil …..carried.**

* Newstead are holding their inaugural gymkhana on Now 23rd.
* Bealiba represntative expressed concern at the lateness of the cancellation of Zone Flat and Showjumping Shield Team event. Difficult to do much earlier. Ground was in good condition and drains well. Concern with rain and welfare of riders and horses.
* It was agreed that a contact phone number for Zone events on the day. Needs to be included on the entry form.
* Zone is allowed to have own rules events. (eg experienced riders competing in grade 5 HT or PD showjumping on experienced horses must ride H/C. Some clubs have a age limit on competing in grade 5 HT’s)
* ***Clubs need to discuss this and vote on this issue to allow a vote at next Zone meeting.***

Meeting closed at 10.30 pm

**Zone AGM to be held Friday 12th September 2003.**

**Next Zone Meeting,Tuesday October 28th 2003.**