**Midland Zone of PCAV. inc.**

**Minutes of General Meeting Held 28th October 2003**

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

**Meeting Started at 8.08 pm**

**Present:**J.Stevens, Jnr Vice President (Acting Chair), D. Roach, Secretary, C. Linton. Treasurer,

K. Blanchard, Zone Representative.

**Delegates** from Ararat, Castlemaine, Charlton, Donald, Harcourt, Maldon, Maryborough, Stawell

**Apologies:**

J. Lane President, S. Robinson Snr Vice President, Fran Turner, Jenny Lockie, Bev Rourke

**Clubs Not in Attendance:** Bealiba, Bendigo, Hopetoun, Horsham,

Mandurang South, Neangar Park, Newstead, Nhill, Spring Gully, St Arnaud.

**Moved --- C. Linton that apologies be accepted.**

**2nd - G. Chalmers …..carried.**

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

**Moved --- G. Chalmers that Minutes of 26th of August 2003 be accepted.**

**2nd - D. Roach .….carried.**

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

* General Business dot point 8. Delete Gr 5 HT, PD grade should read PE grade.
* Business Arising from Correspondence. Point (c), Should read large riders on experienced ponies

No rule to stop PA to PC riders coming back to compete at PE

* Newstead are holding a gymkhana. Can probationary clubs run an event. Reply from Zone Representative said they can run inter-club events. Allowed to run an open gymkhana.

**Correspondence Inward:**

* Consumer Affairs Victoria – Annual Statement of Association
* PCAV – Council minutes
* PCAV – Newsletter
* PCAV – Annual Report
* Maryborough PC – Events for Zone Calendar 2004
* Donald PC – Events for Zone Calendar 2004
* St Arnaud PC – Events for Zone Calendar 2004
* Mandurang South PC – Events for Zone Calendar 2004
* Horsham PC – Events for Zone Calendar 2004
* Barwon Zone – Zone minutes.
* Northern Zone – Zone minutes.

**Correspondence Outward:**

* Zone Minutes.
* Consumer Affairs Victoria – Annual Statement by Public Officer.
* Bealiba PC – Junior Committee re Dance at State Champs
* Zone clubs – Secretary notes
* Zone sub-committee – Minutes
* PCAV – Program for State Dressage & Show Jumping 2004

**Moved – G. Baggendorf that Correspondence Inward be accepted and Outward Correspondence be approved.**

**2nd - A. Marshall …..carried.**

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

1. Letter from Mandurang South. Re clash of dates in Zone Calendar.

Points raised in discussion were:

* Comment is fair.
* Clubs to have one major event per year.
* Mark major vent in calendar.
* Make clubs aware of clashing dates. Consult calendar before choosing dates.

# Treasurer's Report: Ms Christine Linton

Opening Balance $2540.49

Income $870.00

Expenses $938.10

Balance $2472.39

To pay: K. Blanchard $100.00, St Arnaud Pony Club $37.40 - sandwiches for meeting, Anglican Church Committee - $10.00, Zone Secretary for stamps and postage $65, A. Marshall $70.00.

**Moved - C. Linton -- that the accounts, be paid.**

**2nd - A. King …..carried.**

# Zone Representative’s Report: Mrs. Kaye Blanchard

* PA to PD pony Club show jumping to be held at Equitana.
* 60 x 20 metre arena to be used for dressage only as 1st February 2004. Used at State Champs 2004.

Uniform review results:

* 171 clubs responded to questionnaire.
* Long boots and gaiters can now be used by all riders.
* New summer uniform will now be polo shirts. Colours to be decided. Prices not known at this time. To be sold from saddle shops such as Horseland etc.
* Can existing polo tops be ratified?
* World Cup scoring will not be used at State Champs in February 2004.
* Motion to align memberships with calendar year was defeated.
* Annual Conference will be held on Last Sunday in August.
* Our Zone Qualifier in December clashes with Dressage with the Stars.

**Moved – K. Blanchard that Zone Qualifiers be held on 4th Sunday in November.**

**2nd No seconder. Motion lapsed.**

* Check with NEC to get 2004 dates.
* Peggy to confirm show jumping dates for Zone calendar.
* To qualify for State Championships, riders must compete at Zone Qualifier.

## Governance

Angela asked on methods of voting.

* It should be for and against. Not for only with no option to vote No.
* Association being members cover schools. Schools are using our rules for their competitions without being members of PCAV.
* Clubs need more information to allow a considered vote.
* Kaye to obtain more information. More info due in November.
* We need a contact person for information who has a good knowledge of governance.
* ***Do not contact State Office for information. Must contact Zone Representative first.***
* StateHT’s 2004 at Werribee.

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

* Attended Chief Instructors meeting
* Has been talk about saddles requiring at least two buckles attached to separate webbing. No change at present.
* No Speed to Safety in 2003. Will be held 2004, no date as yet.
* National Coaching workshop to be held August 21/22 at Werribee.
* Grant for back to basics. Clubs/Zones to ask what they want. To asst with organization. Request to Aileen.
* Instructor Certificates. Five received last 2 years.

**Moved – A. King that a letter be written to PCAV re 2 year wait for Instructor Certificates.**

**2nd - A. Marshall …..carried.**

* PCAV would like all Zones to have their own webmaster. Ask for interest and forward to PCAV.

**Moved – K. Blanchard that Zone advertise for a webmaster.**

**2nd - D. McDougall …..carried.**

# Zone Examining Secretary's Report: Mrs Gail Baggendorf

The next “C” certificate exam will be conducted on 8th November. All participating clubs have been informed and will attend. They are as follows.

Bendigo 2 candidates

Bealiba 2

Castlemaine 5

Mandurang South 3

Neangar Park 8

Ararat have 10 candidates and Hopetoun 1 who will be examined on a date to be arranged.

Maldon has 4 candidates – however they have decided to hold their riders over until the March examinations.

**General Business**:

* Standard 3838 for helmets. Different standard to EFA. To be discussed at Council. Kaye to follow up.
* Orange paper obtained for State participation certificates. Zone to produce.
* Zone Qualifier to be held 14th December. Dressage and Show Jumping pencillers required.
* Clubs with two or more riders to provide helpers.
* Cheryn Kemp, lessons for show jumpers. Clubs should look out for book in shops.
* Bailing twine in horse’s mouth used with a bit. Definitely not allowed. Very unsafe.
* Discussion was held on PA to PC and Gr1 to Gr3 riders competing in PE or Gr5. Riders who have competed at this level should not be allowed to compete in lower grades on experienced horses.
* Ways to introduce rule were discussed.

**Moved – A. King that any rider who has been graded Pa to PC or Gr1 to Gr3 is ineligible to compete in PE or Gr5 at any Zone event. However they may ride H/C at the discretion of the organizing committee.**

**2nd - B. Pearse …..carried.**

Meeting closed at 10.30 pm

**Next Zone Meeting, 2004. To be notified.**