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

**minutes of general meeting held 28th january 2003**

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

**Meeting Started at 8.08 pm**

**Present:**

A. King Vice President, D. Roach Secretary, C.Linton Treasurer, K. Blanchard, Zone Representative, G. Baggendorf, Examining Secretary, A. Marshall Zone Chief Instructor.

Angela welcomed members and apologised on behalf of the Zone President as he was

involved with fighting bush fires.

**Delegates** from Ararat, Bealiba, Charlton, Harcourt, Maldon, Mandurang South, Maryborough,

St. Arnaud, Spring Gully, Stawell.

**Apologies:**

J. Lane, S. Robinson, C. King, P. Hedger, M. Mulvenney, R. Hannigan,

**Clubs not in attendance:** Bendigo Castlemaine, Donald, Hopetoun, Horsham, Neangar Park,

Nhill.

**Moved ––- J. Stevens that apologies be accepted.**

**2nd - A. Marshall …..carried.**

**Amendment of October Minutes:**

1. Next meeting should read “Next meeting Tuesday 28thJanuary 2003”.

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

**Moved ––- P. Mills that Minutes of 29th of October 2002 be accepted.**

**2nd - C. Linton.….carried.**

**Business arising from minutes:**

1. Most clubs did not discuss whether riders must obtain their ‘D’ certificate before competing at HT’s? The reason for this is that some DC’s are grading riders after just 2 rallies or well before the riders have learnt for example, to ride a cross country course safely.
* Charlton felt it was a good idea and can help to get riders competing.
* Maryborough believe that riders not competent to obtain ‘D’ should be able to compete.
* Harcourt felt that there are too many restrictions and rule should not be adopted.
* Aileen said that one of the main reasons was to prevent clubs from rushing to get riders qualified for events

**Moved – K. Blanchard– that this issue be sent back to clubs to discuss and vote at next meeting**

**2nd - A. Marshall …..carried.**

**Correspondence Inward:**

1. St Arnaud PC – Payment of instructors fee.
2. St Arnaud PC – Change of Treasurer and cancellation of gymkhana date
3. St Arnaud PC – New date for gymkhana.
4. Bealiba PC – Zone calendar of events and concern at no date for “Speed to Safety” trials published in Zone Calendar
5. CORE – Order Ribbons for Dressage and SJ Qualifier
6. PCAV – Council Minutes
7. PCAV – Increasing Leaving Age to 26
8. PCAV – VicHealth Sport and Active Recreation Program
9. PCAV – Inter-Pacific Rally 2003
10. PCAV – Senior Mounted Games
11. PCAV – Sports Administration Traineeship
12. PCAV – Certificate of Currency Request
13. PCAV – Risk Analysis Form
14. PCAV – Rules and conditions for State Games
15. Bealiba PC – Concern at the cost of Entry Fees for Mounted Games Squad Selection
16. Northern Metropolitan Zone – State Dressage an Show Jumping Champs information
17. Northern Zone – Zone Minutes

**Correspondence Outward:**

1. PCAV – Concern at notice of motion on accepting Governance model at next Council meeting.
2. PCAV – Thankyou to Jacquie Anderton.
3. PCAV – Change of colours for Donald.
4. CORE – Ribbons for Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifier
5. Zone Treasurer – Forwarded St Arnaud instructors fee
6. Zone Clubs - Zone minutes
7. Avoca Racecourse Committee – Confirmation of hire for State Dressage & SJ Champs 2004.
8. Bendigo Agricultural Society – Cancel tentative booking for State Dressage & SJ Champs 2004.
9. Rochester Recreation Reserve – Cancel tentative booking for State Dressage & SJ Champs 2004.
10. Werribee Park NES – Cancel tentative booking for State Dressage & SJ Champs 2004.
11. St Arnaud Church Hall Committee – Hire of hall for Zone Meetings in 2003.
12. Bev Rourke – Copy of Hire of hall for meetings in 2003
13. Rani Lane – Information State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships
14. Northern Zone - State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships Entries
15. Zone Clubs –Zone Calendar with change of date
16. Team Managers – Copy of entry form for State Dressage & SJ Champs 2003

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

**Outward be approved.**

**2nd - G. Chalmers …..carried.**

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

1. Bealiba expressed concern at no date for Speed to Safety trials in Zone Calendar. It is difficult to get people interested if they do not know when an event is on.
* Was mentioned in minutes, Chief Instructors report and Secretary’s notes
* Kaye is to ask PCAV for a date so it can be published in Zone Calendar.
* Zone to try and improve communication to clubs.
1. Discussion was held regarding the cost of entry for the Mounted Games Selection Trials held at Werribee Park
* Cost has increased from $35 to $75.
* Discriminates against country riders.
* Why has costs increased so much?
* Is it because of the cost to hire Werribee Park?
* There must be centrally located pony club grounds that could accommodate the event.
* Large groups per each instructor.
* Selection on ability to pay rather than rider ability.

**Moved –– F. Barnett that a letter be written to PCAV expressing concern at the cost of entry for mounted games and reasons for the increase.**

**2nd - C. Linton …..carried.**

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

Opening Balance $2246.26

Income $1459.00

Expenses $940.79

Balance as at 28/1/2003 $2764.47

To pay: K. Blanchard - $100.00, St Arnaud Pony Club $32.40 – sandwiches for meetings, Anglican Church Committee - $10.00, St Johns Ambulance $160.00.

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

**2nd - A. Marshall …..carried.**

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

1. As of 1st February 2003 dressage scoring for horse trials is back to the previous system.
2. A referendum is to be held on increasing the leaving age of Pony Club to 26.
3. A new “safe ride stirrup” is acceptable
4. Individuals who owe money from the National Championships will not be eligible to compete at State or National level until payment is settled.
5. Riders found guilty of misconduct at national or international events will not be permitted to represent Victoria at future state and international events. $5000 damage in South Australia.
6. By-law 5.6 point 5, page 21 now to read jodhpurs or moleskins in fawn, banana, oatmeal.
7. Good luck to all riders going to State Championships.
8. Congratulations to Jessica Mills and Luke Austin on representing Victoria in Show Jumping in New Zealand
9. Inter-Pacific Rally-
* If you have horses available for the horse trials, show jumping or games, please let me know.
* Grade 3 entries for Zone Team Challenge event will come out after February council meeting. Riders to qualify under the same format as Grades 1 and 2 for State HT Championships.
* Kaye Blanchard and Aileen Marshall will be the Zone Team Challenge selectors

**Moved – K. Blanchard –– that the selection criteria for the Zone Team Challenge will be the**

**same as State Championships. Zone HT plus one other HT must**

**be ridden as qualifiers. Zone HT will be selection trial.**

**2nd - F. Barnett …..carried.**

* From Council minutes. A racism in sport publication will be sent to clubs.
* Zone representatives to consider Governance. If they accept the proposal then it will be sent to clubs for discussion. Midland Zone is still opposed to the proposal.

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

We have a busy first half of the year.

* Instructors Clinic on March 16th at Maryborough
* Dressage Judges night at Maryborough Golf Club, 11th April.
* Comfort and Safety workshop with Claire Lewin on Saturday 28th June at Horsham.
* A back to basics for over 17’s and fence sitters with Sally Francis on June 29th at Horsham.
* OTC going ahead. Robyn Harris may not be available.
* New standard 3838 helmets must now be worn at all Pony Club activities.
* Zone should include requirement for “C” certificate for riders 13 and over to compete at State events in Zone event program.

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

We had 12 riders pass their “C”. One from Maryborough, five from Bealiba and six Maryborough.

Clubs to be examined in November are Charlton, Donald, Maldon and possibly Horsham.

A group day for “C” candidate was held at on 25/1/2003. Examiners were Aileen Marshall, Beryl Pearse and Ken Croser.

Next group day will be late March or early April then December.

**General Business:**

1. Peggy Mills raised the issue of the varying standard of show jumping courses at zone qualifiers for State Championships. It seems that given the type of events to be jumped some courses were too difficult down to courses that were not a suitable test.
* There is a need to have a standard course for qualifiers that will be used at State Champs. Dressage riders qualify by riding the same test, show jumpers should be allowed the same privilege. The differing standard of course design is of concern.
* We need a course design for State Championships, which can be used at qualifiers. Will vary slightly depending on equipment etc, but the type of jump (oxer), distances, jump off course can be very similar. PCAV should approach qualified designers to set a course for the year.
* Zones would then only need people to build a course off the standard plan.
* Peggy Mills would be available to draw up designs.

**Moved – P. Mills –– that the Zone write to PCAV that council adopt the proposal of having a**

**qualified course designer draw course plans to be used at State**

**Championships.**

**2nd - J. Stevens …..carried.**

1. Any club wishing to help with show jumping at Barastoc let Peggy know. Pass and meal provided.
2. Games and Flat Team ride is at Horsham.
3. Aileen to arrange judges for Flat Team ride.
4. Composite teams can ride at Games and Flat Team ride.
5. Club AGM’s to be held March or April not in May.
6. Clubs to forward names and mounts of riders for State Qualifier certificates. Liz Clancy and Don to work on a design.
7. Certificates to be handed out at Zone meeting following the event.
8. Zone HT is being run by section “D”. Will be at Castlemaine or Maryborough. ZCI to assist section “D” as required
9. Maldon has a new President Jenny Olver and St Arnaud a new treasurer, Marie Gahan.
10. Dressage and Show Jumping Zone Qualifier 2002
* Section “C” did a great job transporting equipment.
* Thankyou to Maldon for the use of their grounds.
* Catering could have been better for judges. They were not offered a drink, no tea-break or toilet break times allowed for. Judges not offered money to cover travelling expenses. Cannot expect judges to help if not properly catered for.
* Information on catering in zone book.
* Allow for breaks in program.
* Change to dressage and jumping program was not communicated to judges.
* Maybe we need to re-introduce DCI’s overseeing every Zone event.
1. No Executive Director appointed to PCAV as yet.
2. In the November Council financial statement grants are not shown.
* Why did State event cost so much. Kaye to ask at next Council meeting.
1. Zone trophies to be returned to next Zone meeting.
2. Changes to PCAV Council meeting dates means that Zone meeting dates have also changed. Zone meeting two weeks before Council. Allows time for correspondence to be sent. Next meeting will be in March.

Meeting closed at 10.30 pm

# Next meeting Tuesday March 25th 2003.