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

**MINUTES OF THE 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

**Ararat Golf Club – 10th September 2004.**

The President of Midland Zone, Mr. John Lane opened the meeting and welcomed 25 Members and friends from six Clubs to our Annual General Meeting.

A welcome was also extended to our guest speaker, Mr. Alan Mitchell.

Present: Mr. J. Lane, Zone President, Mr. J. Stevens, Junior Vice President, Ms. C. Linton Zone

Treasurer, Mrs. K. Blanchard, Zone Representative, Mrs. A. Marshall, Zone Chief Instructor and Mrs. G. Baggendorf, Zone Examining Secretary.

Clubs in Attendance: Ararat, Bealiba, Bendigo, Charlton, Hopetoun, Horsham and Maryborough.

Apologies: Don and Pauline Roach, Sue Robinson, Angela and Clarrie King, Peggy Mills and

Angela Carter.

Moved – C. Linton - that apologies be accepted.

2nd. – J. Stevens..............carried.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting 2003:

Moved – A. Marshall - that the Minutes as circulated are a true and correct record.

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

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

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

2nd. – G. Baggendorf ............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 President Mr. John Lane declared all positions vacant and asked Mr. Laurie Cole to take the chair.

Prior to asking for nominations Mr. Cole thanked Alan Mitchell for his talk. He also sent his best wishes to Don and family.

Nominations were received for all positions except for Zone President. Nominations for Zone President were called from the floor.

The following members were elected:-

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| Position | Nomination | Nominated by |
| Zone President | Mr. John Stevens *Declined* | Maryborough PC |
| Zone President | Mr. John Lane | Ararat PC |
| Zone Snr. Vice President | Mrs. Sue Robinson | Bendigo PC |
| Zone Jnr. Vice President | Mr. John Stevens | Charlton PC |
| Zone Secretary | Mr. Don Roach | Maldon PC |
| Zone Treasurer | Ms. Christine Linton | Maryborough PC |
| Zone Exam. Secretary | Mrs. Gail Baggendorf | Maryborough PC |

The President Mr. John Lane thanked all those who nominated for positions and invited all present to attend Zone meetings.

Election of Zone Junior Committee Office Bearers:

No elections held as committee is in recess.

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Alan Mitchell.

Alan spoke about his life and involvement with pony club.

Bealiba and Ararat Pony Clubs presented Alan with a swag in appreciation.

Zone Affiliation Fees:

Discussion was held on affiliation fee.

Moved – K. Blanchard - that Zone Affiliation Fee be $50.

2nd - J. Stevens.....carried.

Zone Secretary’s Honorarium:

Moved –- C. Linton that Secretary's remuneration be $300.

2nd. – K. Blanchard..............carried.

Other Business:

Expressions of interest for hosting the State Horse Trials for 2009 were received from Charlton and Maldon.

Moved – C. Corcoran - that at the next Zone meeting, a sub-committee be elected to review

expressions of interest.

2nd - F. Barnett.....carried.

Moved –- K. Blanchard that flowers be sent to Pauline Roach.

2nd. – G. Baggendorf ..............carried.

John thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Meeting closed 9.05 pm

**MIDLAND ZONE 38th ANNUAL PRESIDENTS REPORT 10th SEPTEMBER 2004**

*Once again it gives me great pleasure to present the Midland Zone Annual Presidents report.*

*First of all thank you to my committee for all their support dedication and hard work throughout the year.*

*Last year I mentioned a couple of things that affected us all. The first being the Insurance problems. This year it seems to have settled down somewhat and we have been able to move on and concentrate on enjoying our Pony Club activities instead of worrying about the possibility of losing them. The other item was the drought. Well it seems to have lightened up a little and the cost of feeds have come down to a more realistic price, but I think it is a little too soon to let our guards down and enter into a false sense of security.*

*This year saw the Zone run the State Dressage and Show jumping Championships at the Avoca Racecourse. Unfortunately due to work commitments I was unable to attend so I would like to extend a big thank you to Mr. John Stevens for stepping into the starters box and filling in for me. The event was run under very hot and trying conditions but due to the hard work of all those involved it was a huge success and something we can all be very proud of. For this I would like to thank the organising committee, the Zone committee and all of the clubs and personnel involved, without your teamwork and dedication this event would not have happened. It just re-enforces what I have said on many occasions that the Midland Zone is the best zone in Victoria.*

*I could go on for hours covering all of the wonderful achievements that have gone on in the zone throughout the year but I think I've rambled on for long enough, so I would just like to wish the new members of the Committee every success for the following year.*

*John Lane*

*Zone President*

**Zone Treasurers Report - 2004 Ms Christine Linton**

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| Opening Balance |  |  | $2540.49 |
| Income |  | Expenditure |  |
| AGM | 510.00 | Zone Rep Council Meetings | 600.00 |
| Affiliation and Inst. School fee | 1890.00 | CORE | 691.73 |
| Zone & State Entry Fees | 4330.00 | Instructors/Judges | 617.00 |
| 'C' Certificate funds | 568.00 | Honorarium | 300.00 |
| Zone Challenge | 1200.00 | Secretary Expenses | 173.38 |
| Instructor School PCAV | 1000.00 | Zone Challenge | 1200.00 |
|  |  | Consumer Affairs | 35.00 |
| Sub Total | $9498.00 | Supper St Arnaud | 209.60 |
| Flat &S J at Avoca | $16189.79 | Anglican Church | 60.00 |
| Total income | $25687.79 | PCAV Annual Fee | 116.00 |
|  |  | AGM Expenses | 600.00 |
|  |  | NEW PHOTOCOPIER | 599.00 |
|  |  | Repairs to old copier | 197.01 |
|  |  | Instructor School Costs | 657.00 |
|  |  | 'C Certificate | 329.00 |
|  |  | State Entry Fees | 598.00 |
|  |  | Funds To Term Deposit | 4000.00 |
|  |  | Refund | 20.00 |
|  |  | A Marshall | 70.00 |
|  |  | BADT | 53.31 |
|  |  | Sub Total of Expenses | 11226.83 |
|  |  | State SJ & Dressage at Avoca | 11206.12 |
|  |  | Total Expenses | $22432.95 |
| Closing Balance | $5795.33 |  |  |
|  |  | Balance at Bank  | $6310.03 |
|  |  | Less unpresented cheques  | $514.70 |
|  |  | Closing balance at bank  | $5795.33 |

*We currently have a term deposit which is due to mature on the 10/09/04 current balance $16,506.07 with interest due but not paid of $377.02, this term deposit will be made up to a total of $20,000 at maturity leaving a balance in our account of $2595.33, this should be ample funds for the upcoming year.*

*Many thanks to those who assisted with the State event, which our Zone hosted earlier this year. A total profit of $4983.67 was made with $4000 of these funds added to our term deposit earlier in the year. The Zone events have been very well supported this year, thank you to all of the clubs that participated. Funds held on behalf of the Junior Committee are invested, current balance $1720.67.*

*Christine Linton. Zone Treasurer 10th September 2004*

## **Zone Representative's Report - 2004 Kaye Blanchard**

*The highlight for our Zone this year was hosting the State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships at the Avoca Racecourse in February. I think it was the hottest day we have had in February and combined with the continuing drought and water restrictions, made it a weekend to remember. Despite the very trying conditions, all competitors and especially the officials put in a really great effort and to receive some favourable comments from competitors and officials at the end was pleasing indeed.*

*I must thank our sub-committee who put in many long hours to put the event together and make the weekend a success. Thank-you must also go to the officials, competitors and our members who helped with the working-bee and on the day.*

*Because many of the councillors were attending the Dressage and Show Jumping Championships, it was decided to bring the Tuesday council meeting forward and hold at the venue. Catering was provided by Midland Zone.*

*Our clubs as usual have been busy running their rallies and extra activities such as Horse Trials, Gymkhanas and camps. Our Zone at the moment is down to two grade 1 and three grade 2 cross country courses. It seems to be getting very difficult to get the manpower required to maintain good c/c courses. This is a big challenge for our clubs in the Zone.*

*We have had riders represent our Zone at all State Championships this past year, including the grade 3 and 4 Zone Challenge which was a great weekend for members to mix and make new friends.*

*At the State Horse Trials held at Werribee, we had nine Grade 2 riders and one club team. It was a great thrill when Serena Woess from Maryborough won Grade 1. She celebrated her 21st birthday in style winning the Narracorte Young Rider 3 Day the following week, a great effort. Another good effort was Jessica Mills placing 1st in “PA” Grade Show Jumping at Equitana 2003 and 2nd in “PA” show jumping at the State Championships. Other pleasing results were Ellie Jacks 3rd in Grade 1 dressage and our ‘PB’ Grade show jumping and Grade 2 dressage teams both placing. At the State Games and Flat Championships we had riders in all events. I must also make special mention of the majority of our State competitors, who although not placing, rode well and represented the Zone with pride.*

*Lauren Rourke from St Arnaud Pony Club has been nominated for the Award of Merit.*

*We also welcome aboard Newstead who has now gained full membership, taking our number of clubs to eighteen. We wish them every success in their endeavours.*

*Our Zone hosted another State Comfort and Safety Workshop, which was held at Bendigo in a private indoor arena. Along with our Zone Instruction Schools, all those that attend these days do gain a great deal.*

*I would like to thank the Midland Zone Executive, especially our Zone Secretary Don, who is able to keep paper work up to date for me, Committee Members and Clubs, all of who have made it an enjoyable year and I look forward to 2004-2005 with confidence.*

*It is far more important to do your best than to win. Those who win are not always doing their best.*

### *Kaye Blanchard*

*Zone Representative*

**Zone Chief Instructor's Report – 2004 Aileen Marshall**

*We started this year with a Dressage Judges night in Maryborough. Presenter was Rosemary Williams, attendance was small, but the night was very informative.*

*Our March school was cancelled due to poor response.*

*In May we once again ran a Dressage Judges day at St Arnaud, this time with riders riding a test. This was a very successful day. Thanks once again to Rosemary Williams and Ken Croser for helping all the riders with tips or improving their tests.*

*In June Neangar Park hosted a Zone “Have A Go Day”. This day was designed for all levels of Pony Club, particularly those working towards to there “K” certificate, sadly day was poorly attended with Neangar Park losing money through their canteen. My thanks to Neangar Park members for all their work in making this day as successful as possible.*

*The following week Midland Zone hosted a State Comfort and Safety Workshop at Maiden Gully, this was a great learning day.*

*In July we held a “Teach the Teachers” day at St Arnaud Sporting Club. This day consisted of Information on all club positions, DC, Secretary etc. Suanne Waugh gave a talk on PCAV insurance, Welcoming Pony Clubs and new the uniform. The feedback on this day was great. I feel we should hold these every 2nd year.*

*In November we will hold our “Games Training Weekend” at Maldon.*

*I’d like to thank all our DCI panel for their help throughout the year, especially Gail our Examining Secretary, as I know how hard it is to organise examiners and riders on a suitable day.*

*Also to the clubs that host these days for the Zone, your welcoming attitude makes these days possible and to Don our Secretary, without his help with flyers etc these days would never happen, my sincere thanks.*

*I would just like to remind everyone that these days are held for THEM.*

*I had a club DC ask me how I was going to get better attendance at these days. My reply was it isn’t my problem. My job is to arrange these days; it is up to the DC’s of each club to get some enthusiastic people along.*

*In closing I add the following:-*

*IN MEMORIUM*

*The Society was saddened to learn of the passing on this week of the Society’s most valuable Member, Someone Else. Someone Else's passing creates a vacancy that will be very difficult to fill. Someone has been with the Society since it first started and did far more than any normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a Social Function to attend, Funds to be raised, or a Meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips. "LET SOMEONE ELSE DO 1T”.*

*It was common knowledge that Someone Else was one of the largest contributors of time to the Society, whenever there was a need for Volunteers, everyone just assumed Someone Else would volunteer. Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman, but a person can only do so much. Now it is realised, everybody expected too much.*

*Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do the things Someone Else did?*

*When you are asked to help, remember WE CANNOT DEPEND ON SOMEONE ELSE ANY MORE, WHY NOT VOLUNTEER NOW!!! (From the CCHS Newsletter August 1990)*

## **Zone Examining Secretary's Report – 2004 Gail Baggendorf**

*Fiftyone 'C' certificate candidates have passed their exams since the last Zone AGM.*

*Examinations were held at Mandurang South PC. in November, 2003 - Neangar Park PC in March, 2004 - Ararat and Charlton PC's in April 2004 and Neangar Park PC in August, 2004.*

*Clubs submitting successful candidates were -*

*Neangar Park PC 13*

*Ararat PC 9*

*Bendigo PC 9*

*Castlemaine PC 6*

*Bealiba PC 5*

*Mandurang South PC 3*

*Charlton PC 3*

*Donald PC 2*

*Maldon PC 2*

*Congratulations to all our new certificate riders and to the clubs for preparing them.*

*DCI/ZA Examiners attending were Zone Chief Instructor, Mrs Aileen Marshall, Deputy Chief Instructors Mrs Beryl Pearse and Ms Rosemary Williams, Zone Assistants, Mrs Kaye Blanchard Zone Representative and Zone Examining Secretary, Mrs Gail Baggendorf.*

*Thank you to the above examiners for the time and care they put into our group exam days and to the Associate riders and parents who penciled for them.*

*Appreciation must also be given to the host clubs who made their facilities available and for providing and setting up equipment for the riding phases.*

*The change to conduct the theory exam on a date prior to riding date worked well. The candidates can approach this exam free from the stress of having to worry about the written paper. The considerable amount of time required to correct papers on the day has been eliminated, allowing a shorter program overall.*

*No 'K' certificate candidates nominated this year, however some clubs have riders expressing interest in preparing for this standard. I will be arranging an orientation day for 'K' certificate riders to be held in March next year. This will encourage 'K' riders and other 'C' certificate holders to approach the 'K' certificate an as achievable and enjoyable goal.*

*Gail Baggendorf. Midland Zone Examining Secretary.*