**Midland Zone of PCAV. inc.**

**Minutes of General Meeting Held 31st August 2004**

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

**Meeting Started at 8.05 pm**

**Present:**J. Stevens, Jnr Vice President (Acting Chair), C.Linton Treasurer, K. Blanchard, Zone Representative, D. Roach Secretary, A. Marshall Chief Instructor, G. Baggendorf Examining Secretary.

**Delegates** from Ararat, Bealiba, Castlemaine, Donald, Harcourt,Hopetoun, Horsham,

Maryborough and Maldon.

**Clubs Not in Attendance:** Bendigo, Mandurang South, Newstead, Nhill, Spring Gully, Neangar Park and Stawell.

**Apologies:**Angela King

**Moved – A. Marshall that apologies be accepted.**

**2nd - P. Mills…..carried.**

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

**Moved – A. Marshal Minutes of 13th of July 2004 be accepted.**

**2nd - P. Hedger .….carried.**

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

* General Business
* Zone saddle blankets. Still 4 missing.
* Spelling mistake in second last dot point. Should read “Calendar” not “Colander”
* Congratulations to Sarah Lea and Sally Corcoran for placing 3rd and 4th in Grade 1-2 and Kimberley Corcoran 6th Grade 3-4

**Correspondence Inward:**

* PCAV – First-Aid course information and dates
* PCAV – State Annual Conference Minutes
* PCAV – State Annual Conference attendance form
* PCAV – Making a Difference
* PCAV – State Nomination form
* PCAV – Annual Zone Membership Account
* Zone Representative – Speed to Safety, Show Jumping and Flat Teams entry forms.
* Zone Representative – State event and Charlton PC dates for Zone Calendar.
* Northern Zone – Zone minutes
* Ararat PC – C/Country course accreditation
* Bendigo PC – Zone Calendar dates
* Castlemaine PC – Zone Calendar dates
* Charlton PC – Zone Executive Nomination Form
* Harcourt PC – Zone Calendar dates
* Hopetoun PC – Office bearers
* Maldon PC – Zone Executive Nomination Form
* Maryborough PC – Zone Calendar dates
* Maryborough PC – Zone Executive Nomination Form
* Ballarat Grammar – Flyer for School’s Games Competition
* Equestrian Events Calendar and Application Form

**Correspondence Outward:**

* PCAV – Midland Zone Annual Report
* PCAV – Proposal to change of Dates for State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships also
* PCAV – Thankyou to Suanne Waugh for attending Instructional Workshop
* PCAV- Speed to Safety Entries
* Zone Representative - Draft Zone Calendar
* Zone Representative - Ararat PC C/Country course accreditation
* Zone Chief Instructor – Draft Zone Calendar and Instruction School Flyer.
* Zone Treasurer - Annual Zone Membership Account
* Zone Treasurer – Copy of form for Annual account for comment
* Zone Clubs – Zone Minutes
* Zone Clubs – Midland Zone Annual Accounts
* Zone Clubs – Zone Instruction School Flyer
* Zone Clubs – Zone Calendar Request Form
* Beryl Pearse – Zone Contacts List

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

* Nil

**Moved --- P. Hedger ……. Correspondence as read be accepted.**

**2nd - A. Marshall .…. carried.**

# Treasurer's Report: Ms Christine Linton

Opening Balance $6164.91

Income $1774.00

Expenses $1403.28

Balance $6535.63

Refund due from PCAV $290.00 for instructors school.

Request permission to transfer $3000.00 to term deposit when it is due.

To pay: St Arnaud Pony Club $33.00 - sandwiches for meetings, Anglican Church Committee - $10.00, Don Roach $100.00 – Expenses, Zone Representative $290.00.

**Moved - C. Linton -- that the Treasurer’s Report is accepted, accounts be paid and Treasurer transfer $3000.00 to term deposit.**

**2nd - G. Baggendorf .…. carried.**

# Zone Representative’s Report: Mrs. Kaye Blanchard

* PCAV will cover cost of training one level 2 First-Aider for every club. If you do not require, please ensure that the position is given to someone else.
* The new rulebooks are out. Can be downloaded from PCAV website or purchase form PCAV.
* State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships will be over two days due to size of grounds. Will be held at Tonimbuk.
* Janice Ray is new State Treasurer.
* John Barlee and Ian Waddell have been made State Life Members.
* ***Any motor bikes or similar vehicles used at Pony Club needs a TAC 35 certificate third party insurance cover. Contact VicRoads.***
* Raising leaving age to 26 was discussed at State Council AGM. Information will be sent to clubs.
* Please read the information on the points grading system.
* A $1.00 per rider levy to be charged for State events.
* Dates for State events to be looked at.
* PCAV is taking over of website. Clubs will be able to update their own site. Five pages per club limit.
* Lauren Rourke of St Arnaud Pony Club has been the granted Award of Merit.
* Zone Flat Teams Shield was won by Bealiba
* Zone Show Jumping Teams Shield was won by Bendigo

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

* Over the last month I have finally confirmed our Games weekend for 20th-21st November, to be held at Maldon. Hopefully I will be able to send out a program with the minutes. Limited to 5 riders per club. Free entry, food available for purchase
* On 11th September we are having a school with Alan Mitchell and Ken Croser for riders 17 and over at Ararat. Please contact me if you would like to attend.
* I would like to organise a Zone Camp, to be held at Maldon on the 3rd weekend in March 2005. Instruction is free, with food available to purchase. I would like all clubs to discuss and provide some ideas on activities to run. Please contact me.
* Level 2 first-aid training. PCAV will pay for one club member and one Zone nomination. Done by correspondence with exam at St Arnaud, as it is the most central location. To be held 7th December 2004. Attendance is limited to twenty-four.

## Zone Dates

* 20th-21st November. Games training day
* Zone Dressage & Show Jumping Qualifier - Section “D”

# Zone Examining Secretary's Report: Mrs Gail Baggendorf

Fifteen riders passed their “C” certificate examinations on Saturday 28th August.

Neangar Park - 8

Bealiba - 3

Donald - 2

Castlemaine - 2

Congratulations to riders and their clubs for the work put into their preparation.

The standard of the theory passes was very high with 11 riders gaining over 90%. Thankyou to the parents who pencilled for us and many thanks to Neangar Park for hosting the day.

The first 2005 “C” certificate theory examination will be held on Wednesday 23rd March 2005. The riding examination will follow on Saturday 2nd April 2005. Closing date for the examinations is Friday 12th March 2005.

Some clubs have expressed interest in presenting candidates for the “K” and “C” Star certificates for 2005 and 2006. Would other clubs with riders interested in preparing for these certificates please let me know by 30th September 2004. I am organizing an information session to discuss the choice of optional subjects and to inform candidates of the requirements for compulsory and optional subjects.

Aileen will be organizing a practical oriented session for “C” Star and “K” candidates to be conducted at the Zone Camp.

**General Business**:

* Peggy Mills raised the issue of making a Zone rule, allowing riders in PE grade show jumping to ride two horses to score.
* If rule were changed, it would only affect the August Show Jumping Shield.
* Reference was made to the October 2003 Zone rule, which prevented riders in PA to PC and Gr1 to Gr3 competing in PE or Gr5.
* It was felt this rule was ambiguous and needed re-defining or deleting from the rules. Six riders would have been ineligible to compete at August Show Jumping Shield.
* Does this mean that a Grade 3 CTD rider for example, cannot ride in Grade “PE” show jumping?
* Does the rule need re-wording to cover riders in competing in a particular discipline only and does not cover competition across disciplines?
* It was also felt that we should not be making Zone rules that go against State rules.
* It was decided to hold over to the next Zone Meeting to allow Angela King to discuss the intent and spirit of the rule, prior to discussing any possible changes.
* At Ararat an unfortunate incident occurred recently when a horse died accidentally. Clubs should consider having some type of temporary screen to reduce stress on younger riders. Maybe able to borrow from local racecourse for events.
* It was disappointing to see the lack of help on the day. It should be reinforced on entry form that clubs are required to nominate two helpers for the day.
* From “Making a Difference”
* P13 Clubs should photocopy uniform rules and hand to members.
* P28 Rule 14.4. Wearing of full Pony Club uniform under Musical Ride Gear referred to Games Committee
* Church hall is unavailable on 26th October for Zone Meeting. Bring forward to 19th October.
* Zone AGM to be held at Ararat on 10th September.

Meeting closed at 10.15 pm

Next Zone Meeting, 19th October 2004.