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

**MINUTES OF THE 39th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

**Bendigo Pottery, Epsom– 9th September 2005.**

Acting Chair Senior Vice President of Midland Zone, Ms. Sue Robinson opened the meeting and welcomed 25 Members and friends from eight Clubs to our Annual General Meeting.

A special welcome was also extended to our guest speaker, Mr. Rob Symons.

**Present:**Ms. S, Robinson, Senior Vice President, Mr Don Roach, Zone Secretary, Ms. C. Linton Zone Treasurer, Mrs. K. Blanchard, Zone Representative and Mrs. G. Baggendorf, Zone Examining Secretary.

**Clubs in Attendance:**Bealiba, Bendigo, Charlton, Maldon, Maryborough, Mandurang South, Neangar Park and Spring Gully.

**Apologies:**Ken Croser, Beryl Pearse, John Stevens, Angela and Clarrie King, Robbie and Judy Tranters, Richard and Anne Marsden, Laurie and Loris Cole, Kevin Blanchard and Anna Cardamone.

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting 2004:**

Moved – C. Linton - that the Minutes as circulated are a true and correct record.

2nd. – F. Barnett..............carried.

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

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

2nd. – A. Marshall ............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 Senior Vice President Ms. Sue Robinson declared all positions vacant and asked Mrs. Kaye Blanchard to take the chair.

Prior to asking for nominations Kaye congratulated the committee on at job well done over the past year.

Nominations were received for all positions except for Zone President. As there was no ballot required all nominations were accepted.

It was explained to the meeting that John Lane would stand if there were no nominations for President. Nominations for Zone President from called for from the floor .

Ms. Sue Robinson, nominated by Bealiba. *declined*

Further discussion was held on the difficulty for some memebers to attend Zone meetings.

We need more support from parents. Aileen made comment that last year she raised the same issues in her 2004 Zone Chief Instructors report.

Ms. Peggy Mills nominated by Bendigo PC seconded by Maldon PC, accepted .

The following members were elected:-

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

The Senior Vice President Ms. Sue Robinson thanked all those who nominated for positions and to Peggy for her nomination from the floor.

**Election of Zone Junior Committee Office Bearers:**

No elections held as committee is in recess.

**Guest Speaker: Mr Rod Symons**

Rod spoke about his involvement with Bendigo Pony Club, ponies and horses he has had.

* Winning his first Gr3 HT. Getting expert tuition which helped him to go on to winning a 3 Day Event at Werribee.
* This interest in horses and riding has now progressed on to his involvement with training thoroughbred racehorses and success he has had in partnership with his father. It is a hard slog but can be rewarding.
* Careers in horses are available and are now supported by Agricultural Colleges.
* He also felt that is possible to make some money by bringing on young horses bring them on and then selling them.
* He believes that good horses make good horsemen.

Following questions from the floor, Mr Phil Monaghan, President of Bendigo Pony Club presented Rod with a small gift of appreciation.

**Zone Affiliation Fees:**

Discussion was held on the affiliation fee.

It was felt the the present fee of $90, comprising of $50 Zone Fee and $40 for two Zone Instructor Schools remain the same.

Moved – C. Linton - that Zone Affiliation Fee be $90.

2nd - D. Roach ....carried.

**Zone Secretary’s Honorarium:**

Discussion was held on the amount that was considered appropriate for the amount of work the position requires. Don felt that $500 was too much.

Moved –- K. Blanchard that Secretary's remuneration be $400.

2nd. – P. Mills..............carried.

**Other Business:**

Kaye mentioned that the Annual State Council AGM and Conference will be held at Bendigo in 2006. She would like to see a good attendance of Midland Zone. Held on the last weekend in August. We will need to pick a suitable venue.

Discussion was held on why the Zone Junior Committee is in recess.

Is it possible to start again.

Don will send out information to gain an idea of interest from riders and clubs.

* Kaye and Sue spoke on the problems faced by the Zone in trying to keep them viable.
* Junior Council met separately at Zone Meetings.
* Not all Junior members had parents attend Zone Meetings.
* Was difficult for members to get to St Arnaud.
* Tried meetings at Zone events.
* Lack of Associate Members who were interested.

Kaye also said that any member who incurs expenses doing Zone business that they should claim the costs back from Zone.

Sue thanked everybody for their attendance and wished them a safe trip home.

**Meeting closed 10.00 pm**

**Zone President's Report – 2005 John Lane**

*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.*

*Due to increased work and personnel commitments this past year there have been a number of times when I have been unable to attend meetings and functions, In particular I would like to thank John Stevens for stepping up and taking the reins so to speak. It has been great to know that I have such competent people backing me up.*

*This year has been a little quieter than the last couple however there has still been a lot of work going on behind the scenes all over the zone providing our members with a vast array of competitions and activities. Basically getting on with what pony club is all about, Kids enjoying their horses.*

*We have had the increase in the age limit to 25 years of age. I don’t think this will entice previous members back, but I am sure that there will be a number of riders keen to continue riding at pony club for the extra four years and enjoy being involved with this wonderful movement, before hopefully taking on an active role in the running of a pony club giving back to the youth of the future the wonderful experiences that they have gained throughout their time as a rider.*

*So I would just like to wish the new members of the Committee every success for the following year.*

*John Lane*

*Midland Zone President*

**Zone Treasurers Report - 2005 Ms Christine Linton**

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| Opening Balance |  |  | $5,795.33 |
| Income |  | Expenditure |  |
| AGM 2004 | $625.00 | AGM Expenses | $650.00 |
| PCAV | $290.00 | K. Blanchard | $470.00 |
| Raffle | $186.20 | A. Marshall | $230.00 |
| Polo Shirts | $506.00 | Gift/Flowers | $85.00 |
| Instructor School PCAV Grant | $1,000.00 | Honorarium | $300.00 |
| Instructor School | $740.00 | Dept of Consumer Affairs | $35.80 |
| 'C' Certificate Payments | $590.00 | Raffle | $37.99 |
| Affiliation Fees | $1,400.00 | Refund | $20.00 |
| Entry Fees Zone/State | $5,469.00 | PCAV Insurance | $159.00 |
| Interest | $1.78 | 'C Certificate | $417.95 |
|  |  | Toner | $238.00 |
| Total income | $10,807.98 | BADT | $36.80 |
|  |  | Secretarial Expenses | $220.44 |
|  |  | Zone and State Event | $2,638.85 |
|  |  | CORE | $1,648.12 |
|  |  | St Johns Anglican Church | $50.00 |
|  |  | St Arnaud Pony Club | $152.27 |
|  |  | Instruction Schools | $1,830.00 |
| Closing Balance | $5,795.33 | Total Expenses | $9,580.22 |
|  |  | Transferred to Term Deposit | $4,700.00 |
|  |  | Total | $14,280.22 |
| Opening Balance | $5,795.33 |  |  |
| Income | $10,807.98 |  |  |
| Expenses | $9,580.22 |  |  |
| Funds to Investment | $4,700.00 |  |  |
| Total | $2,323.09 |  |  |

*Term deposit balance is now $22,486.36 with interest earned and not yet paid at $212.54.*

*Investment matures on the 11th January 2006 and is invested at 5.75%.*

*Junior Committee funds are also invested, current balance $1750.86.*

*Christine Linton Zone Treasurer 9th September 2005*

**Zone Representatives Report 2005 Kaye Blanchard**

*Midland Zone has continued to try and work for all our members and supporters to enjoy their participation in Pony Club, support the ideals and also attempting to provide the opportunity for riders, supporters and instructors to improve their riding skills and knowledge.*

*It is pleasing to see that some of our clubs are still supporting the "Riders Without Horses" program. Clubs include Charlton, Donald, Newstead and Nhill. Clubs continue to present candidates for pony club certificates, with many of our riders passing their "C" certificates this year.*

*Congratulations to riders Sally Corcoran of Bendigo and Gavin Davis of Maryborough Pony Clubs who were presented with their Award of Ment.*

*Over the past year the Zone has run qualifiers for all State Events, including the Zone Shield Events for Teams Show Jumping, and Zone Horse Trials. No Games and Team of Four Flat Ride Qualifiers were run this financial year due to the State Champs being moved to Werribee in October.*

*At the State Horse Trials held at Rosedale, we had Grade 1 and Grade 2 riders and Maryborough fielding a club team. At Dressage and Showjumping, Kristie Austin (Stawell PC) came second in PA Showjumping and Laura Jenkins (Ararat PC) came third. 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*

*Midland Zone had three riders (Sally Corcoran, Sarah Lee and Elke Holmberg) competing at the Speed to Safety at Flemington this year.*

*Congratulations to Elizabeth Dridan who went to the Nationals at Perth. She had a great time being part of the Junior Dressage Team.*

*Jess Mills won a 6 week training trip to Holland and we all wish her the best for this fantastic trip of her life.*

*Schools of Instruction have again been held this past year. These seem to be successful as they are well attended. The zone wishes to thank Aileen Marshall for being Zone Chief Instructor for her timeless efforts - her leadership and dedication was superb. The highlight of the year was the Zone Camp at Maldon which was a great success. We also welcome Ken Croser and wish him every success as Zone Chief Instructor.*

*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, John Stevens and Sue Robinson who stepped in at short notice when needed, Committee Members and Clubs, all of who have made it an enjoyable year and last but not least, thankyou to Kevin for letting me loose, I look forward to 2005-2006.*

### *Kaye Blanchard*

*Zone Representative*

**Zone Chief Instructors Report – 2005 Aileen Marshall and Ken Croser**

*As you all know I have retired as Chief Instructor. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped at Instructors Schools in any way, especially Don who has put out most of the flyers. Also my husband Kevin who for years has put up with large phone bills and half cooked dinners.*

*Our first event for this year was a John Kohnke workshop. If you haven't been to one you must make an extra effort when you see him around. John is veterinarian who is willing to talk on any subject with lots of amusing bits thrown in. He also puts out a newsletter that is very informative and best of all FREE, so everyone can get one. John is willing to send a number of copies to a club if you contact him. I have passed around for everyone who hasn't seen one to look at.*

*This year we ran our Zone Camps again even though it is a lot work. I'd like to see this as an annual event. Maybe around the Zone.*

*The weekend was a great success as we had a great venue, good food and most of all excellent instructors and demonstrations. Thank you to Maldon PC for all your help great meals and venue. To all the instructors below a big thankyou:-*

*Polocross, Chris Lavis*

*Dressage, Jane Napier*

*Cross Country, Peggy Mills and Debbie Browell*

*Barrell Racing, Pat Collins*

*Ride to Time, Pauline Wallace*

*Show Jumping, Gary Hutchins*

*Horsemanship, Gail Baggendorf*

*Plaiting Ropes, Anita Woess*

*A special big thanks to Alan Lang for doing the Campdraft on the Saturday. Alan organised and picked up the cattle. Alan then ran all day and the kids had a great time.*

*Also thankyou to Eddie Baker for your steers.*

*To our demonstrations, Tent Pegging, Dressage by Ellie Jacks and Western Riding by Raelene Gilboy. We are so lucky in our Zone that we not only have such talented people, but mostly that they are willing to share their knowledge.*

*The May Dressage Judges Day was cancelled due to lack of interest.*

*In July we held our 2nd weekend school for the year at the Horsham Indoor Centre. This is an excellent venue for July as it doesn't matter what the weather is we have a comfortable day.*

*Saturday consisted of Vaulting which is something our riders don't get a lot of chance of doing as we need a well trained horse and a specialised coach. Horsham are lucky enough to have both and two coaches. Thankyou Sandra and Tina and what about Beau, what a horse.*

*Ken Croser also gave the riders that brought their horses along a flat lesson. His knowledge seems to be unlimited. Thanks Ken.*

*We also has a demonstration by Tony Lacey and his spotted horse. Tony had performed at Equitana, just proves what can be achieved when your horse is also your friend. Lastly, on Sunday was over 17's day. These days are always lots of fun learning to anyone who hasn't quite made it yet, you don't what your missing out on.*

*Ken once again gave up his time to come and help us all improve. Ken's speciality, I believe is not just in teaching, but in allowing you to see the problems and then helping to solve it ourselves.*

*Our other instructor for the day was Sally Francis. Sally is wonderful at keeping fun in learning. Sadly Sally is not going to continue weekend groups next year, so everyone mark the 26th November in you calendar as this could be your last chance at having a lesson with this great enthusiastic instructor. Thankyou Horsham for looking after all so well.*

*Aileen Marshall and Ken Croser*

*Midland Zone Chief Instructors.*

## **Zone Examining Secretary's Report – 2005 Gail Baggendorf**

*The past year has been a busy time for “C” Certificate activity with P.C.A.V. changing the date of the Games and Flat Teams Championships from June to October 2005. Our late year exam date was brought forward to allow riders needing their “C” Certificates for the August Games and Flat Teams Qualifying event to obtain their Certificates prior to this event.*

*59 candidates have gained their “C” Certificates since the 2004 Zone A.G.M. The number is a little higher than usual because of the late year exam dates having to be set for early August.*

*13 clubs submitted candidates in this period which is a high percentage of the clubs*

*currently active in this zone.*

*Clubs to submit candidates were :*

*Ararat....8*

*Bealiba....7*

*Bendigo....3*

*Castlemaine....3*

*Charlton....3*

*Donald....4*

*Hopetoun....1*

*Horsham....6*

*Maldon....5*

*Maryborough...5*

*Mandurang South ... 1*

*Neangar Park....11*

*Newstead....2*

*As usual the riders were a pleasure to work with which is a credit to their clubs and to their parents. Congratulations to all riders and their clubs.*

*I have been assured by 3 clubs that they have members wanting to achieve their “K” Certificates. I would really like to make the opportunity for these riders to get together occasionally to work as a group and benefit from some moral support. Although response to the planned “K” workshop at the Zone Camp was zero I am confident that we can motivate this group.*

*It has been a very successful year with the “C” Certificate people which is the result of the effort put in by the clubs who prepared their candidates so well and to the time given by the Examiners on the practical test days.*

*Thankyou to Aileen Marshall, Rosemary Williams, Beryl Pearse, Sandra Pollock, Malies Baggendorf and Ken Croser and to parents who pencilled for us on those days.*

*Neangar Park, Donald, Ararat and Bealiba Pony Clubs were host clubs this year. On behalf of the Examiners and the candidates and their clubs thankyou very much for providing your facilities and for looking after us so well.*

*Gail Baggendorf. Midland Zone Examining Secretary.*