**Midland Zone of PCAV. inc.**

**Minutes of General Meeting Held January 25th 2005**

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

**Meeting Started at 8.05 pm**

Acting Chair, John Stevens opened the meeting and thanked everybody for attending. He also thanked Kaye for chairing the last meeting and apologised for the fact that none of our Presidents attended the last meeting and ensured that it will not happen again.

Don spoke about Rani's accident and that she was now in rehabilatation unit at Anne Caudle.

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

**Delegates** from Ararat, Bealiba, Harcourt, Maryborough, Maldon, Newstead and Stawell.

**Clubs Not in Attendance:**Bendigo, Castlemaine, Charlton, Donald, Hopetoun, Horsham, Mandurang South, Nhill, Neangar Park and.Spring Gully.

**Apologies:**John Lane and Sue Robinson.

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

**2nd - K. Molesworth …..carried.**

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

**Moved – D. Weir Minutes of 19th October 2004 be accepted.**

**2nd - C. Linton.….carried.**

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

Change of club colours for Castlemaine PC.

* Concern was expressed that Castlemaine had been granted approval to wear a Navy Blue jumper. It was pointed out that Newstead had sought similar approval in October 2003 and were told that they needed a coloured sash to avoid a clash.
* Nhill has a plain Royal Blue (very dark) jumper.
* Discussion was held regarding new uniform colours and in particular Navy Blue being the State colours. It was felt that the colour clash with Nhill was completely overlooked and that some members may have mis-understood the change with the proposed summer uniform.
* It was decided that the fair way to proceed would be to request Castlemaine to have a sash as part of the uniform and the colour be of their choice except gold.
* Clubs need to notify Zone if they have decided to have a summer uniform and their colours if applicable.

**Moved --- K. Marshall ……. That Castlemaine PC be requested to include a sash as part of their uniform and that it can a colour of their choice except gold.**

**2nd - A. King .…. carried.**

**Correspondence Inward:**

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* Norther Zone – Zone Minutes x 2.
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* Kaye Blanchard - State Dressage and Show Jumping Championship Manager nominations.
* Castlemaine PC – Support for Ellie Jacks to be granted a position in Grade 1 Dressage at State Championships.
* PCAV – Mounted Games Information Pack.
* PCAV – Guidelines for Grading.
* PCAV – Instructor Certificates.
* PCAV – Application for Mounted Games Squad Selection.
* PCAV – Making a Difference.
* Maryborough PC – May Horse Trial Entry Form.
* Maryborough PC – January Show Jumping and Dressage Program
* Castlemaine PC – Update Club Contact Information.
* Bealiba PC – Expressing disappointment with the use of local dressage judges and the awards given at State Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifier.

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* Zone Clubs – Zone Camp 2005 questionaire.
* St Arnaud Anglican Church Hall Committee – Dates for 2005 Zone meetings.

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

* Bealiba felt that the event was not run as well as Ararat the previous year and that there was a lack of entry information available to riders.
* The ribbon presentation was poorly done and they should have announced the teams and their respective managers on the day.
* One manager from Bealiba was notified in their opinion as being done too late.
* It was felt that a trophy shouild be awarded to all winners and more recognition given to riders going to State.
* The secretary replied that there were enough entry forms for all riders.
* Unfortunately the Zone Representative was unable to attend and the managers were not organised on the day as in the past. Kaye sent Don a list of names by mail to contact and this was done.
* One manager had to be changed and this made contacting the Bealiba manager later than the others.

ZCI made the following comments

* Three judges had been arranged from outside our Zone, but all had to decline because they instructed riders in their respective grades.
* Difficult to swap with other Zones as some judges are not keen to travel for four hours.
* Neighbouring Zones have qualifiers on the same day.
* Where possible, she tries to use only EFA “D” level and above judges.
* Concern was also expressed that the lunch offered to the judges was not good enough. We need to provide something more than sandwiches considering they they are asked to accept only a mimimum fee.
* Clubs are reminded that is a Section run event.
* **A note to be written into Zone Books covering a minimum requirement for judges meals.**
* **The ZCI to try and obtain judges where possible from outside the Zone.**

**Moved - K. Molesworth -- that the ZCI is to arrange judges at their discretion.**

**2nd - C. Elliott .…. carried.**

General Discussion

* Bealiba feel it is an important event and it would be better to introduce the teams at the end of the day.
* They feel because it is an important event, trophies should go to first placegetters.
* Can we go back to sashes only for qualifying riders.
* The present rule for riders and State Representatives was adopted in October 2001.
* Consider giving a certificate to State Qualifying riders on the day.
* Do not purchase caps in future give a certificate..
* Zone Junior Committee arranged original polo shirts in Zone colours.
* Since the demise of Zone Junior committee, purchase of Zone polo shirts for State riders was arranged by Christine on her own volition.
* Did the same again this year after being contacted by some Maryborough riders.
* Whatever we do, consideration must be given to the cost. Many changes made over the last few years.
* Give out a request form for any Zone mechandise etc with entry form.
* Send to all clubs a questionaire to get feedback on awards for the Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifier.

# Treasurer's Report: Ms Christine Linton

Opening Balance $1903.33

Income $1773.20

Expenses $1883.21

Balance $1793.32

To pay: St Arnaud Pony Club $44.27 - sandwiches for meetings, Anglican Church Committee - $10.00, A. Marshall - expenses $70.00, D. Roach – Secretarial expenses $56.94.

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

**2nd - T. Day .…. carried.**

# Zone Representative’s Report: Mrs. Kaye Blanchard

I apologise for not being at the Zone Qualifiers in December. Thank you to John Stevens who filled in for me, Don Roach and everybody else who helped making the day a success. Congratulations and good luck to all those riders who made the Midland Zone Teams for the State Championships.

* The Games and Flat will be held in October this year. If you don't like it we can change back next year. Out of interest the vote was lost by one, but was passed because of Executive voting.
* Grade 3 dressage at club level can be the large or small arena, but must be stated on the program Will be large for State events.
* The Polocross Asociation is keen to help PCAV get involved in this activity. So look out for another State and Zone event. It would be good for clubs to include it in their program.
* Jumping heights are to remain the same.
* National Police check for State Executives, Zone Representatives, Club DC's and Instructors. Names to be in by May. Clubs must let PCAV know how many.
* Sue Chandler is the National Coach again for this year.
* Grading points being looked at by the CIP.
* Each Zone has to have a volunteer Team Co-odinator for the Zone Teams Challenge. If anyone is interested, please let me know.
* Equality in Dressage scoring to remain.
* The lunging rule is to stay as is.
* Rules committee is looking at time penalties for a rider under time in cross country.
* Club Development Program is on the PCAV Website. PCAV Database is Australia wide – all States are using it.
* Expression of interest for Nationals to be in by February 1st.
* Clubs to receive information on using the new websute.

I would like to wish Rani Lane a speedy recovery and hope she is back at Pony Club real soon.

I hope everyone has had a good holiday and I apologise for not retutning calls as I was in New Zealand having a great time.

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

I hope everybody had a merry Chrismas and brought another four leeged friend into the family.

I would like to wish Rani all the best and I hope things are on the up and up for you.

I have received only three replies to Zone Camp flyer. This makes it very difficult to organise. Another form will be sent out with a closing date. Require a minimum of 35 riders. Please contact me with any ideas.

This year I shall send a calander out of things our Zone has instruction wise. It will be a one off in late March after our CIP meeting. This will also allow ***ALL*** clubs to be aware of what is on well in advance. Information will be sent out to club DC's. Please rember to get your in for the Zone camp, March 19th and 20th at Maldon.

# Zone Examining Secretary's Report: Mrs Gail Baggendorf

* The first 2005 “C” certificate applications close on Feb 12th. The examination will now be held on Wednesday 2nd of March 2005. Location to be decdied once participating riders are known.
* “K” certificate orientation and activities will be conducted at the Zone Camp at Maldon.
* One candidate for the “K” certificate intends to sit for the mid-year 2005 examination.
* Could all DC's ensure cards are correct. Four riders at Qualifiers were fortunate that they could compete.

# Zone Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifier Report: Mrs Gail Baggendorf

Zone Dressage and Show Jumping State Qualifier run by Section “D” was held at Castlemaine PC Grounds, December 12th 2004.

Day went well. Helpers from clubs with competing riders all put in their alloted time. The second show jumping course was short of rail stewards owing to one absent helper and others doing extra jobs. We could has three more helpers rostered on the day.

Lunches for the judges could have a bit more thought – a bit meagre. Cold drinks etc were on hand for judges and helpers which allowed a hot day to be tolerated.

**General Business**:

* Kevin Molesworth spoke about his concern at the way Zone Officials were spoken too at a recent Zone event. He feels that Executives need to bring such incidents back to the Zone to be reported.
* Charlton is happy to hold Zone Horse Trial as Section “C” has no Grade 1 or 2 course. They will discuss a swap with Section “A” soon.
* Charlton has changed their Horse Trial to March?. It clashes with Bealiba's event which has now been cancelled.
* Debbie Weir asked if the Dressage rules on the internet could be broken down as it is too large for country internet users. Kaye to follow-up with James Fitzopatrick.
* Leaving age voting forms. Most clubs have replied.
* Colours of jodphurs as per PCAV rules.
* Where are Zone saddle blankets. Should be at Charlton. Kaye to check.
* Are trade stands at gymkhanas covered by PCAV insurance. Properly minuted event should be ok. Kaye will follow-up with PCAV.
* Discussion was held on Zone Saddle Blankets.
* Major problem is to ensure they get returned and in a clean state.
* The present ones were purchased by the Zone Junior Committee. They are orange with black lettering as designated by the Zone Committee.
* Do we purchase white with trimming in Zone colours.
* Have a Zone emblem made and get it sewn on to White Zone saddle blankets.
* Present Zone emblem to State Riders, to have it sewn on theiir own saddle blanket.
* Zone Junior Committee has $1800 in the bank.
* Christine to investigate manufacture and purchase of Zone emblems.

**Moved - A. King -- that the Zone use Zone Junior Committee funds to purchase Zone**

**Emblems.**

**2nd - K. Molesworth .…. carried.**

* Zone saddle blankets. Still have some missing.
* Zone Show Jumping and Games Shield to be held at Bealiba on April 24th.
* Grading Horse Trial Penalty Points for riders who cannot be upgraded for whatever reason.
* Points value was discussed with the options being 10, 20 or 30.
* It was felt that we needed one of two options for Grade 3 to 5 riders. Kaye to present at State Council.
* Option 1: That 10 points be added to score after 30 points accumulated. A further 10 points be added for accumulated points above 60. If this is not acceptable then,
* Option 2: That 20 points be added to the riders score.

Meeting closed at 10.15 pm

**Next Zone Meeting 29th March 2005**