**Midland Zone of PCAV. inc.**

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

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

**Meeting Started at 8.15 pm**

President, Peggy Mills opened the meeting and thanked every body for attending.

**Present:**P. Mills, President, J. Stevens Junior Vice President, K. Blanchard, Zone

Representative**,**C.Linton Treasurer, D. Roach, Secretary, G. Baggendorf, Examining

Secretary.

**Delegates** from Ararat, Bealiba, Charlton, Donald, Harcourt, Maldon, Maryborough and

St Arnaud.

**Clubs Not in Attendance:**Bendigo Castlemaine, Hopetoun, Horsham, Mandurang South,

Neangar Park, Nhill, Newstead, Spring Gully, and Stawell.

**Apologies:**S. Robinson, K. Croser, A. Marshall, J. Reece , P. Hedger and S. Foley.

**Moved – H. Mc Intosh ... That apologies be accepted.**

**2nd - J. Mc Ewen … carried.**

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

**Moved – K. Blanchard ... That Minutes of 30th August 2005 be accepted.**

**2nd - G. Baggendorf … carried.**

**Business Arising from Minutes:**.

* Beaufort
* Beaufort Pony Club are re-forming and will be part of Midland Zone again. Kaye has had contact with the club. She has not discussed their uniform as yet. It was hoped they would be attending our meeting.
* Best “PA” or “PB” Show Jumping Combination at Teams Show Jumping
* Peggy will provide selection criteria to next meeting.
* Club District Commissioners Under 26 Years
* From last Council meeting it was decided to keep age at 26 years. Zone Representatives now have discretionary power to approve suitably qualified non-riding members over 21 and under 26 years as Club DC's.
* Best Presented Team Sash
* Discussion was held the merits of awarding a Team Best Presented Sash in lieu of individual Highly Commended Ribbons at teams events.

**Moved - J. Stevens – that we retain the individual ribbon and include a Team “Best Presented” sash at all Zone Team events. Awards for Horse Trials, Show Jumping Shield , Flat Ride Shield, Games Qualifer and a combined award for the Musical Ride and Flat Ride Qualifer. Appropriate fee to be included as part of entry fees.**

**2nd - J. Mc Ewe .…. carried.**

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**Correspondence Inwards:**

* Charlton PC – Re Saddle Cloths
* Maryborough PC – Dates for 2006
* Maryborough PC – Show Jumping and Dressage Day
* Maryborough PC – Schools CTD Program
* Department of Justice - Annual Statement of Association
* Central Zone – Zone Minutes
* Castlemaine PC – Dates for 2006
* Equestrian Events Calendar information and application form..

**Correspondence Outwards:**

* Zone Minutes
* Zone AGM minutes and Annual Reports
* Department of Justice - Annual Statement of Association
* Zone Clubs – Presidents Report for 2006
* Ararat PC – HT Accreditation form.
* Peggy Mills re Show Jumping Trophy
* PCAV – Minimum Age for DC's
* John Lane – Presidents Report for 2006

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

* Decided not to use Equestrian Events Calendar

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

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| **Income** |  | **Expenses** |  |
| Affiliation Fees | 190 | Anglican Church | 10 |
| “C” Certificate Fees | 200 | St Arnaud PC | 35.22 |
| State Entry Fees | 202 | Secretary Honarium | 400 |
|  |  | Kaye Blanchard | 200 |
|  |  | Secretarial Expenses | 58.78 |
|  |  | AGM Expenses | 44 |
|  |  | Dept Consumer Affairs | 36.70 |
| **Totals** | **592** |  | **784.67** |
| **Closing Balance** | **2130.42** |  |  |

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

**2nd - G. Baggendorf .… carried.**

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

Since our last Zone Meeting in August we have had our Annual Meeting and welcome Peggy Mills as our new Zone President. All other office bearers remain the same.

Three riders went to Flemington for the Speed to Safety and a good time was had by all.

At the State Games and Flat Championships in October, Bealiba won the Musical Ride, well done. The other club teams representing the Zone had a good weekend. The venue was very good.

Notes from Council Minutes:-

* District Commissioners can be 21 and under 26 years with the approval of the Zone Representative so long as they are not a riding member.
* Transferring Members:- Financial is the same but there is a clarification for non-financial members.
* Office will be closed from 24th December until 15th January 2006.
* If anybody would be interested in helping with the History of Pony Club, please let me know.
* Next years State Annual Meeting will be in Bendigo on Tuesday 29th August, probably starting at 5:00 pm till 5:00 pm for an evening meal. If you have comments or feedback about the idea, I would very much like to hear from you.
* The first-aid is to continue with PCAV to provide $100 subsidy for a member to attend level 2 first-aid course.
* Pony Club voted against the governance at EFA (the vote was lost). Therefore they are not changing. I found this very interesting after what was happening at PCAV a few years back.

**Zone Chief Instructor's Report: Mr. Ken Croser**

* In riding classes, not allowed to cross stirrups.
* Ungraded events are not covered by insurance at an event.
* Toe stoppers are allowed. Check boot size.
* One Zone has held a boys only camp.
* Schools for 2006. Show Jumping 18/19 March and Zoe Harrison in July, most likely at Horsham.
* Looking at a “K, B, A” weekend for 2006.
* School on 26th November at Mandurang South.
* Grade 3 riders using spurs, but no whip is to be discussed at CIP.

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

Would all clubs please note the following dates and conditions and inform members and parents. This needs to be done immediately so that families are aware of the “C” certificate dates for next year in order to arrange their schedule accordingly. Candidates who do not wish to attend on the following dates will not be able to arrange an alternative date.

| **March 2006** |  | **August 2006** |  |
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| Applications Close | February 24th | Applications Close | July 7th |
| Theory Examination | March 11th - 13th | Theory Examination | July 22nd - 23rd |
| Practical Examination | March 26th | Practical Examination | August 6th |

* Theory Examination papers will be sent to clubs for the theory exam to be conducted on the weekend of 11th to 13th of March 2006. The sealed envelope containing the exam papers mut be opened at the commencement of the theory exam in the presence of all candidates.
* All members sitting for the theory exam must do so together at the same time.
* Clubs must arrange a convenient time to all members and parents during the weekend 1th to 13th March, 2006. Please note: - Anyone not wishing to comply with this arrangement will not be able to sit for the March “C” certificate exam.
* The theory exam will be supervised by the club District Commissioner or an appointed Executive member who cannot be a parent of a candidate. No assistance is to be given during the exam.
* On completion of the exam all papers must immediately be put in a sealed envelope and signed by the supervisor and a Public Notary who cannot be a parent of a candidate.
* The envelope is to be returned by post to the Zone Examining Secretary and must be post marked Tuesday 14th March 2006. Papers which do not arrive in time for marking will not be considered.
* Candidates who do not pass the theory exam will not be able to complete the practical examination on 26th. March.

**Moved - J. Stevens ...That the entry fee for the Zone Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifier remain at $6 per event.**

**2nd - S. Reid .… carried.**

**General Business:**

* In riding classes, not allowed to cross stirrups.
* Don to write to PCAV re Zone approval of colour change for Castlemaine.
* Kaye to talk to Beaufort re club colours as they have been adopted by Donald.

Meeting closed at 9.49 pm

Next Zone Meeting 31st January 2006