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

**MINUTES OF THE 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

**St Arnaud Sporting Club, St Arnaud– 8th September 2006.**

The President of Midland Zone, Ms. Peggy Mills opened the meeting and welcomed 24 Members and friends from twelve Clubs to our Annual General Meeting.

**PRESENT:**Ms Peggy Mills, Zone President, Mr John Stevens, Junior 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:**  Ararat, Bealiba, Beaufort, Bendigo, Charlton, Donald, Harcourt, Horsham, Maldon, Maryborough, Mandurang South and St Arnaud.

**APOLOGIES:**  Sue Robinson, Angela and Clarrie King, Robbie and Judy Tranter, Richard and Anne Marsden, Laurie and Loris Cole. Aileen and Kevin Marshall, Mary Donaldson, Liz Russell and Angela Carter.

**Moved – K. Blanchard - that apologies be accepted.**

**2nd.     –  P. Roach ............carried.**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE  39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005: AMENDMENT TO MINUTES:** Harcourt delegates were in attendance.

**Moved – S. Foley - 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.     –  J. Reece ............carried.**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**  **-**Ms. Peggy Mills – see attached.

**ZONE REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT:**  **-**Mrs. Kaye Blanchard – see attached.

**ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR’S REPORT:** **-**Mr. Ken Croser – no report.

**ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY’S REPORT:  -**Mrs. Gail Baggendorf – see attached.

**ELECTION OF ZONE OFFICE BEARERS:**

The President Ms. Peggy Mills declared all positions vacant and asked Mrs. Kaye Blanchard to take the chair.

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

The following members were elected:-

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| **Position** | **Nomination** | **Nominated by** |
| Zone President | Ms. Peggy Mills | Maldon PC |
| Zone Senior Vice President | Mr. John Stevens | Maldon PC |
| Zone Junior Vice President |  |  |
| Zone Secretary | Mr. Don Roach | Maldon PC |
| Zone Treasurer | Ms. Christine Linton | Maryborough PC |
| Zone Examining Secretary | Mrs. Gail Baggendorf | Maryborough PC |

The outgoing Senior Vice President Ms. Sue Robinson indicated she would not be re-nominating and wished the Zone all the best.

Nominations were called from the floor for Junior Vice President.  Kaye explained the duties of the role and following questions :-

Sue Foley nominated by Maryborough PC seconded by Bendigo PC, accepted.

Kaye spoke about the role of Zone Event Secretary and explained the duties involved.  Main role is to look after the Zone Event Books and receive entries and liaise with the sections hosting the various events. The Zone Secretary does the program and orders ribbons and completes entry forms.

Gail is doing the role and is happy to take on the extra commitment at this stage.

Need to include position in Zone elections.

**ELECTION OF ZONE JUNIOR COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS:**

No elections held as committee is in recess.

**GUEST SPEAKER: MRS MAREE HENDY**

Maree is President of the Agricultural Societies of Australia.

Maree spoke about the following points.

➢     My involvement started with my father who was mounted steward at the St Arnaud Show.

➢     Wimmera Agricultural Society in the 80's.

➢     I became the first woman President of VASA and held the position for three years.

➢     The first show was held in 1822 in Hobart.  There was a prize for the Best Male and Female convicts.

➢     Shows provide a sense of community.

➢     There are 617 Show Societies in Australia.

➢     It is the largest regular annual event in Australia.

➢     Committees put 1.2 million hours of work at a cost of $36 million.

➢     Show members pay  $1,600,000 in membership fees.

➢     Country shows input $440,000,000 to local communities every year.

➢     At present in Victoria, we pay $242,000 in public liability insurance fees for the 114 shows and 10 field days.

➢     Pony Clubs feed into Agricultural Shows and are a very strong part of the show scene.

In closing she congratulated all riders and parents for the way they present themselves at shows.

Maree thanked the Zone for the opportunity to speak and she looks forward to seeing Pony Club riders at shows.

**ZONE AFFILIATION FEE:**

Discussion was held on the affiliation fee.

It was felt that 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      -  J. Stevens ....carried.**

**ZONE SECRETARY’S HONORARIUM:**

Discussion was held on the amount that was considered appropriate for the amount of work the position requires.

**Moved –- K. Blanchard that Secretary's renumeration be $500.**

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

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS:**

***That the location of Zone meetings be rotated around the Zone.***

Précis of responses from clubs that responded to the questionnaire.

➢     12 responses.

➢     5 Rotate, 3 remain at St Arnaud, 1 meetings at St Arnaud or Maryborough, 4 meetings at Maryborough.

➢     *Bealiba “D”, Neangar Park “C” and Nhill “A” are all happy to host zone meetings.*

Points of Discussion

* We don't get all clubs attending Zone meetings.
* Must also think of Zone Executive having to travel as they must attend the majority of meetings.
* St Arnaud is the geographical centre of the Zone but not in terms of representation at Zone meetings.
* Maryborough and St Arnaud are the most popular locations.
* Suggestion that we alternate between Maryborough and St Arnaud.

**Moved –- C. Linton that Zone meetings alternate between Maryborough and St Arnaud for a trial period of twelve months.**

**2nd.     –   J. Reece .............. carried.**

***Team sash or individual ribbon for presentation at Zone events.***

Points of Discussion

* Not all events run at a profit, but overall profit of $1000-$1200.  Really good participation this year.
* Zone events are important and should have sashes to reflect that.
* For teams events, individuals get ribbons and teams get sashes.
* State Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifiers compete as individuals and represent our Zone in teams for all grades except Gr1 dressage and PA show jumping.
* Zone pays half of State entries.
* Zone should increase entry fees to cover costs extra sashes.
* Zone tries to keep entry fees as low as possible to attract as many entries as possible.
* Zone changed rule to provide caps as riders that received a State sash and could not compete for any reason the emergency rider basically got nothing.
* At present riders get ribbons for places to sixth in their respective events and those that attend State Championship get presented with a representative cap at the Championships.
* Pony Club rule that we award sashes/ribbons to sixth place.

**Moved –- S. Foley that Zone present individual event ribbons to sixth place** **and sashes to fourth place for show jumping and third place for dressage,  Representative caps be presented to riders at the championship.**

**2nd.     –   B Mc Nicol carried**

**Amendment**

**Moved –- C. Linton that Zone present sashes to sixth place for show jumping and dressage only to riders wishing to represent the Zone at State Championships.  Zone does not award caps to representative riders.**

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

***Sashes for Best Presented Teams***

 A show of hands was asked for regarding whether we award Individual “Highly Commended” ribbons or award a Team Sash.

 Highly Commended ribbon - 9

Team Sash.- 6

***Entry Fees for Zone Events***

**Moved –- K. Croser  that Entry fees for Zone events for 2007 remain the same as 2006.**

**2nd.     –   K. Blanchard carried**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

***Rule 31.4 re freshmans events***

* Clubs are running some freshman show jumping.
* Clubs must specify a grading.  Cannot call freshmans.  It can be called training; but it must be supervised.
* Events must be within insurance policy rules.
* No prizes to be awarded,
* Check cards
* Be aware of grading.
* Clubs with lack of space and equipment use this type of event to give experience to riders.
* Clubs should restrict the number of events a combination does.  Think of well being of the horse.

Peggy thanked everybody for their attendance and wished all a safe trip home.

Meeting closed 9.25 pm

**PRESIDENTS REPORT 2006.**

*I have pleasure in giving my first Presidents report for the Zone.  As usual the zone has been very active with teams and individuals competing at all state events.*

*Our first state event was the showjumping and dressage championships where, in PA Grade Kristy Austin gained a 4th place with Singleminded and also in A Grade was Brooke Skinner and Laura Jenkins.  In PB Grade our team finished 4th. Which was a grand effort and in PC Grade our team finished 8th.*

*In the Dressage section our Grade 1 riders were both scratched which was a bit disappointing for the riders.  Grade 2 riders were 9th as was Grade 3.*

*Our Zone Horse Trials were in April, which saw Maryborough take home the shield.  This day, which was held at Charlton was a very big day with a large number of riders.*

*The State Horse Trials championships, Midland zone fielded a large contingent of riders with some in Grade 1 and a larger amount in Grade 2 in which  Georgie Laidlaw from Ararat riding Zabaun gained 5th place and Janaya Dwyer from Harcourt riding Time to Shout gained a 6th. Place.*

*The Inter-Zone challenge was again held at Werribee Park for Grade 3 and Grade 4 riders and Midland zone fielded teams in both grades.*

*The State Games and Flat ride, saw Horsham, Bendigo compete in the flat teams, Bealiba and Maryborough in the Musical Ride and the Games, Charlton, Horsham and again Bealiba.*

*Our last event held in our Zone was the Showjumping and Flat Teams shield, this year conducted at Ararat.  The day saw Maryborough win the Flat rider from Ararat and in the Showjumping Castlemaine took the points from Ararat.  The “Riverside and Toms Whiskers” Trophy was won by Georgie Laidlaw riding her impressive horse, “Zabaun” in PB Grade. Well done Georgie.*

*A hearty congratulation to all riders that have been out competing for the Zone and especially those who have been lucky enough to gain places.*

*If I have missed any Clubs or riders, I do apologize, as it would have been unintentional*

*Also a big thank you to the rest of the executive, especially John Stevens who has filled in for me, in my absence.*

*Once again a big congratulation to all our riders as you all make the Midland Zone proud.*

*Peggy Mills, Zone President.*

*8thSeptember, 2006*

**Zone Treasurers Report  - 2006                                                       Ms Christine Linton**

*As at 4th September 2006*

*Opening Balance $2323.09*

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| ***INCOME*** |  | ***EXPENDITURE*** |  |
| *Affiliation Fees/Inst School* | *1900.00* | *Anglican Church* | *60.00* |
| *'C’ Certificate* | *1555.00* | *Bank Fees* | *10.40* |
| *Polo Shirts* | *490.00* | *Toner* | *238.00* |
| *State Entries* | *1747.00* | *Refunds* | *50.00* |
| *Zone Entries* | *5884.00* | *St Johns Ambulance* | *150.00* |
| *PCAV Grant* | *1100.00* | *‘C’ Certificate* | *780.80* |
| *Instructor School* | *70.00* | *Polo Shirts* | *526.95* |
| *Interest* | *1.14* | *State Entries* | *2484.00* |
|  |  | *CORE (ribbons)* | *958.15* |
|  |  | *Judges Zone Events* | *1002.00* |
|  |  | *AGM Expenses* | *44.00* |
|  |  | *Honorarium* | *400.00* |
|  |  | *Consumer Affairs* | *36.70* |
|  |  | *Secretarial* | *253.50* |
|  |  | *PCAV* | *97.00* |
|  |  | *Flowers* | *56.00* |
|  |  | *Zone Rep Travel* | *800.00* |
|  |  | *Chief Instructor Travel* | *150.00* |
|  |  | *Instructor Schools* | *575.00* |
|  |  | *Caps* | *79.09* |
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| ***TOTAL INCOME*** | *$12747.14* | ***TOTAL EXPENDITURE*** | *$8933.70* |

*Statement Balance $6881.13*

*Outstanding Cheques $744.60*

***Closing Balance $6136.53***

*Term Deposit Balance $23769.23 Invested @ 5.75% due to mature 11th January 2007*

*Junior Committee funds $1779.47.  Held in separate term deposit.*

*Christine Linton*

*Zone Treasurer*

*8th September 2006*

**Zone Representatives Report 2006                                                  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 continue to present candidates for pony club certificates, with many of our riders passing their "C" certificates this year and aiming for their K Certificate.*

*Congratulations to riders Rebecca Bushby and Katherine Clegg of Maryborough and KellyBarnett of Bealiba Pony Clubs who have been nominated for the Award of Merit.*

*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.*

*At the State Horse Trials held at Smythesdale, we had three Grade 1 and eleven Grade 2 riders and Maryborough had two dub teams. Placed at State Championships in Grade 2 was Georgie Laidaw from Ararat finishing 5th and Janaya Dwyer from Harcourt finishing 6th. 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 has three riders (Sarah Lee, Sally Corcoran and Elke Holmberg) competing at the Speed to Safety at Flemington this year.*

*The zone wishes to thank Ken Croser for being our zone Chief Instructor. Midland Zone hosted a clinic at Maiden Gully with Sue Chandler, our National Coach. We also had 3 games teams, 3 flat teams and 2 Musical Ride teams at Werribee this year.*

*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 1 look forward to 2006-2007.*

**Kaye Blanchard**

Zone Representative

## **Zone Examining Secretary's Report – 2006                                   Gail Baggendorf**

*Forty three members from Midland Zone clubs passed the 'C' Certificate Efficiency Standard this year.  Clubs submitting successful candidates were :*

*Ararat PC .....................7*

*Bealiba PC ...................7*

*Bendigo PC ..................5*

*Charlton PC .................3*

*Harcourt PC..................7*

*Horsham PC ................4*

*Maldon PC ................. 2*

*Mandurang Sth. PC......4*

*Maryborough PC..........6*

*There are riders from Ararat, Charlton, Harcourt, Mandurang South and Maryborough Clubs who passed their theory tests but unfortunately due to horse or personal injuries were unable to complete the practical part of the exam.*

*Examiners for the 'C' Certificate exams were Aileen Marshall, Beryl Pearse, Sandra Pollock Kaye Blanchard, Ken Croser and myself. Thankyou to the examiners and to the host clubs who provided their facilities and who looked after us so well.*

*We have riders from Clubs in the Zone currently working on 'C and 'K' Certificate Efficiency Standards so hopefully these people will be successful in achieving passes at these levels.*

### ***Gail Baggendorf***

*Midland Zone Examining Secretary.*