**Midland Zone of PCAV. inc.**

**Minutes of General Meeting Held January 31st 2006**

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

Meeting Started at 8.10 pm

Acting Chair, John Stevens opened the meeting and thanked every body for attending. He also welcomed Ian Homan, President, Bronwyn Cuthbertson, Secretary and Jenni Hibberd from Beaufort to our meeting.

Present: J. Stevens, Junior Vice President (Acting Chair), K. Blanchard, Zone Representative,

C.Linton Treasurer, D. Roach Secretary, K. Croser Chief Instructor, G. Baggendorf Examining Secretary.

Delegates from Ararat, Bealiba, Beaufort, Charlton, Donald, Horsham, Maryborough and Maldon.

Clubs Not in Attendance: Bendigo, Castlemaine, Harcourt, Mandurang South, Newstead, Nhill, Neangar Park, Spring Gully, St Arnaud and Stawell .

Apologies: Peggy Mills, Sue Robinson, Owen Duffy, Kris Austin and Gordon Chalmers.

**Amendment of October Minutes:**

Zone Representative's Report

* Item Should read “Next years State Annual Meeting will be in Bendigo on Tuesday 29th August, probably starting at 5:00 pm for an evening meal.”

Confirmation of Minutes:

Moved – D. Weir Minutes of 25th October 2005 be accepted.

2nd - R. Hannigan carried.

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

* Discussion was held regarding “C” certificate theory exam will be held on first weekend of Commonwealth Games. No change, may need a second date.
* Proposed rule change to allow Gr3 dressage riders to use whips and spurs was not adopted by State Council. No change to rule.

**Correspondence Inward:**

* Beryl Pearse – Dressage Judges Report
* Northern Zone – Zone Minutes
* Neangar Park – Zone Dates
* St Arnaud – Zone Dates
* Spring Gully – Zone Dates
* Horsham – Zone Dates
* Bendigo – Zone Dates
* Wannon Zone – State Dressage and Show Jumping entries
* PCAV – State Dressage and Show Jumping entries
* Maryborough PC – Change of email address for DC
* Mandurang South – Change to Zone Date
* PCAV – Day Insurance Application Form
* PCAV – Coding of Club Instructors in PCAV Database
* PCAV – Direct Deposit Information
* PCAV – How to Add event to PCAV website
* PCAV – Mounted Games and Skills Training
* PCAV – State Games and Flat Teams Rides Information
* PCAV – RDA Flyer
* PCAV – Making A Difference
* Bealiba PC – Zone Date
* Beaufort PC – Club colours
* Central Zone – Zone Minutes
* PCAV – By-Laws Handbook
* PCAV – Addendum to Horse Trial Rules
* PCAV – Gear Checking guidelines
* PCAV – Event Templates
* Kristie Austin – Re Midland Zone Show Jumping Qualifier
* Maryborough PC – April Jorse Trials
* Neangar Park – 2006 Gymkhana
* Wannon Zone- State Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifier Draw

**Correspondence Outward:**

* Zone Clubs – Zone Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifier Entry
* PCAV – Castlemaine club colours and Beaufort reforming
* Marie Gahan – Dressage Judges Reports
* CORE – Robbons for Zone Qualifiers
* Zone Clubs – Draft Zone Calendar.
* Zone Clubs – Zone Minutes.
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* Beaufort Pony Club – Re Club Uniform
* Zone Clubs – State Qualifier Draw
* Wannon Zone – State Dressage and Show Jumping Entries
* St Arnaud Anglican Hall – Hire of Hall and Dates for 2006 meetings
* Team Managers - State Dressage and Show Jumping draw

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

* Kaye spoke about the letter from Kristie Austin regarding acceptance into PA State Show Jumping. It was approved on the basis that she had requested special circumstance prior to our State Qualifier. She would be placed last on the entry form and she would pay her entry fee in full.
* Discussion was held on the proposed colours for Beaufort.

Moved - K. Blanchard -- that the colours of Royal Blue Jumper with Red Sash be

approved.

2nd - C. Linton .…. carried.

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

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| Income |  | Expenses |  |
| Opening Balance | 2130.42 |  |  |
| Total Income | 1780 | Total Expenses | 2526.65 |
| Closing Balance | 1383.77 |  |  |

Zone Events Profit/Loss

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| Zone Dressage Show Jumping |  | Instruction School @ Mandurang Sth |  |
| Income | 1710 | Income | 210 |
| Expenditure | 1885.95 | Expenditure | 310 |
| Event Lost | 179.95 | Event Lost | 100.00 |

To pay: Christine Linton $32.70 - sandwiches for meeting, Anglican Church Committee - $10.00, K. Blanchard - expenses $200.00, D. Roach – Secretarial expenses $57.80.

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

2nd - G. Baggendorf .…. carried.

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

Welcome back to another full on Pony Club year. I hope you all had a Happy Christmas.

Deepest sympathy to Tracey Day her family on the loss husband Trevor at the recent bush fires. Trevor was a past member at Castlemaine a foundation member at Newstead being President then holding the position of District Commissioner. A terrible loss to all. Our thoughts are also with anyone who has been effected by the recent fires.

The Qualifiers held at Ararat went well. We have riders in Gr1 Dressage individual plus Gr2 and Gr3 teams. In Show Jumping PB and PC teams and 5 horses in PA individual. We wish them well at Emu Creek for the State Championships.

I made a visit to Beaufort and I am pleased to report that it is up and running with strong input from parents who are working hard to upgrade the reserve to make it very Pony Club friendly. They have settled on Royal Blue with Red Sash which are the Raglan Football colours who were the original residents of the reserve.

* Clubs need to send copy of their event programs to Kaye.
* I am not happy with new membership verification.
* Club decision on how many rallies a rider can attend as a club visitor.
* Use day membership for new members.
* *\*\* Important to check cards for grading, medical arm bands and helmet before handing out back numbers.*

*New Rule Book*

* It has omissions and mistakes and was circulated without being ratified by Council. Call me if you have any problems.
* Why is gear checkers guide not the same as the rule book.
* Ken to raise at CIP meeting.

*Council Meeting Notes*

From the November minutes the State Games and Flat are now at Werribee Park on 17th and 18th of June 2006. This is the first weekend of the school holidays.

* No card – No ride Rule still applies
* Because of poor attendance at State AGM and Conference we are going to replace the conference with Zone Workshops
* Clubs may purchase uniform from any provider. Zones must approve uniform samples.
* Day attendance forms must filled out and kept. $5.00 fee must be collected and forwarded to PCAV.
* Beaufort has been granted pre-pending probationary membership
* If anybody has any input to help with the idea of State squads, I would love to hear from them before 11th February

The January Council discussed the EFA proposal to make junior rules. Some representatives thought it might be infringing into Pony Club territory. The meeting created very fruitful discussion on our strengths and weaknesses eg Schools Competitions. If you have any constructive ideas let me know.

All those members who want to learn or update show jumping course building, don't forget the school in March at Mandurang South.

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

Instruction School in November. Congratulations to Mandurang South for hosting school. Instructors were Sally Francis working with poles create exercises to get riders riding forward. Ken Croser did flat work, teaching rhythm and forward. Thanks to Ararat and Section “A” for a successful day hosting dressage and show jumping qualifiers.

Next instruction days 18th and 19th March will be on show jumping course building. July school will be conducted by Sue Chandler, APC Chief Instructor possibly at Horsham. Venues may change.

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

* “C” certificate applications and information sheets have been given to all clubs for March and August 2006.
* Please note that the fee for “C” certificate exams will be $25.00 per rider, this includes a $10.00 non-refundable deposit. All fees to be paid with the application form.
* Any riders planning to sit for their “K” certificate past this year need to be working on their work book. This will need to be finished at least two weeks before the Zone will allow the theory and ridden tests to take place.
* “K, B, A” certificate weekend will be conducted if numbers are sufficient.
* 40 km ride is the most difficult activity.
* I have had interest from 4 clubs for “K” work and syllabus.
* PCAV will be writing to all “C” certificate holders inviting them to do their “K”.

**General Business:**

* State Qualifier had 105 entries. Went fairly well. Thankyou to everybody who helped. Riders presented very well. We need clubs to chase up nominated helpers on the day, rather than leave for the organisers to do.
* Games and Flat Qualifiers will be held on May 14th in Section “D”.
* Charlton HT can count as a qualifier for State Championships. Riders should try and compete at another event at a different course.
* Consideration given to putting VERA endurance rides in the Zone Calendar.
* Beaufort requested assistance with grading combinations for show jumping. Ken Croser to assist.
* A discussion was held on what would be the most appropriate way of assisting Tracey Day and her family following the death of Trevor.

Moved - I. Homan -- that Midland Zone offer to pay the Day family the PCAV insurance

component of their membership fees for 2006-07.

2nd - G. Baggendorf .…. carried

* Discussion was held on entry fees for the Zone Horse Trial.

Moved - K. Blanchard -- that the entry fee for Zone Horse Trial be $20.00.

2nd - C. Linton .…. carried.

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Next Zone Meeting 28th March 2006