

**MIDLAND ZONE OF PCAV. INC.**  
**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2007**  
**CHURCH HALL, QUEENS AVENUE, ST ARNAUD.**

**Meeting Started at 8.12 pm**

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

**PRESENT:** P. Mills, Zone President, K. Blanchard, Zone Representative, Don Roach, Zone Secretary and Gail Baggendorf Zone Exam Secretary.

**DELEGATES** from Bealiba, Charlton, Donald, Harcourt, Maldon, Horsham, Neangar Park and Maryborough.

**CLUBS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Ararat, Beaufort, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Mandurang South, Newstead, Nhill, Spring Gully, St Arnaud and Stawell.

**APOLOGIES:** John Stevens, Christine Linton, Sue Foley, Angela Carter, Cindy Francis.

**Moved – F. Barnett that apologies be accepted.**

**2nd - D. Weir .....carried.**

**Amendment to October Minutes:** Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**Moved – J. Robins that the Minutes of October 31<sup>st</sup> 2006 be accepted.**

**2nd - N. Chalmers .....carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Obtain "C" Certificate CD's from PCAV

**CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:**

- ◆ Bealiba PC – Concern of Dressage Scoring for Bealiba Rider.
- ◆ Bealiba PC – Concern re wearing of Pony Club uniform at December State Qualifier event, December 2006.
- ◆ Bealiba PC – Pony Club website training
- ◆ Castlemaine CORE – Sashes for State Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifiers.
- ◆ Central Zone – Zone Minutes, October and December.
- ◆ Charlton PC – Alan Mitchell Show Jumping Clinic
- ◆ Donald PC – Update to Zone Calendar
- ◆ Horsham PC – Dates for Zone Calendar
- ◆ Hosham PC – Re Hosting Zone Games and Flat qualifiers
- ◆ Ken Croser (DCI) – re Beaufort Pony Club Affiliation
- ◆ Mandurang South PC – Gykhana program
- ◆ Maryborough PC – Show Jumping and dressage Day
- ◆ Northern Zone – Zone Minutes.
- ◆ Smythesdale PC – CTD

**CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:**

- ◆ Castlemaine CORE – Order Sashes for State Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifiers.
- ◆ Hosham PC – Response to Zone Games and Flat qualifiers letter
- ◆ Kaye Blanchard – re Beaufort Pony Club Affiliation
- ◆ Maldon and Charlton Pony Clubs - Tender Documents for State HT 2009.
- ✦ Maldon Pony Club – Possible change date 20<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> April.

- ◆ Mr Keith Porter – Speed to Safety Trials at Avoca Racecourse. Thankyou and request for date in 2007.
- ◆ South Metro Zone – State Dressage and SJ Championship entry form
- ◆ Zone Clubs – October Zone Minutes

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

Beaufort PC re Full Affiliation

- ◆ Ken Croser (ZCI) visited the club and they meet all requirements for full membership.

**Moved - K. Croser -- that Beaufort PC be granted full membership of PCAV.  
2nd - J. Robins ..... carried.**

Bealiba PC : - Concern Scoring of Grade 4 Dressage Test

- ◆ Bealiba parent complained and asked club to write to zone.
- ◆ Faye feels that for Gr4 and Gr5 riders should score between 5 and 10.
- ◆ She felt that a mark of 2 for a particular movement was too low given her ability.
- ◆ Trying to encourage all young riders at Bealiba and low scores do not help.
- ◆ She feels “Good attempt” means a mark of 8 according to the scale.

Comments from Ken Croser (Zone Chief Instructor)

- ◆ We need to be very careful with giving marks between 5 and 10 only.
- ◆ Agrees that the comment “Good Attempt” with a low mark must have clarification.
- ◆ Judges award marks according to the standard for the grade.
- ◆ Judges do not know how long riders have been in a grade. Can only go by what they see on the day.

Comments from Kaye Blanchard (Zone Representative)

- ◆ “Good Attempt” means a good attempt or good try and not necessarily a movement done really well.
- ◆ We need to focus on positives as well as the negatives.
- ◆ Clubs must teach their members to accept their scores and any constructive criticism.
- ◆ Not all the marks were low, did receive 7's.
- ◆ I spoke to judge on the day and she was concerned about giving a low mark, but felt it was right given the execution of the movement.
- ◆ Unfortunately we now have lost another dressage judge.

Bealiba PC : - Not Wearing Of Pony Club Uniform at Qualifiers.

- ◆ Riders were not wearing runners, track pants and tops that had no resemblance to club uniforms when walking show jumping course..
- ◆ For a State Qualifying event it was very poor.
- ◆ We teach riders to abide by the rules.
- ◆ Zone needs to reinforce rules governing the wearing of uniforms.
- ◆ Clubs need to teach riders the rule requirements.

**Moved - K, Croser -- that Clubs must pay more attention to PCAV uniform rules at all  
events, in particular when walking the show jumping course.  
2nd - B. Pearse ..... carried.**

Bealiba PC : - Pony Club Website Training.

- ◆ Don spoke to James. Happy to come and give instruction on club website administration and updating club records.
- ◆ PCAV will cover costs of training.
- ◆ I have some dates for February.
- ◆ I need to confirm with Christine about a venue.

**Moved - K, Croser -- that Don arrange the date and venue for website training.  
2nd - K. Blanchard ..... carried.**

### Horsham PC : - Hosting Zone Games and Flat Qualifier

- ◆ Lack of rain in Horsham is an issue, but grounds are hard everywhere. Ken feels that should be ok for games in May.
- ◆ Ask competitors to bring their own water.
- ◆ Ken will discuss with Horsham.
- ◆ Date has changed to fit in with State events and it has to fit in with State closing date.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms CHRISTINE LINTON**

No report

### **Accounts for Payment**

<b>Zone Secretary</b>	<b>Secretarial Expenses</b>	<b>46.05</b>
<b>Zone Representative</b>	<b>Travel Expenses</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>St Arnaud PC</b>	<b>Sandwiches for Meetings</b>	<b>47.35</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>193.40</b>

**Moved - G. Baggendorf -- that the accounts be paid.**

**2nd - J. Robins ..... carried.**

### **ZONE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: MRS. KAYE BLANCHARD**

- ◆ Check minutes from November State Council meeting in PCAV newsletter.
- ◆ Some zone clubs have not paid their annual fee for incorporation to consumer affairs.
- ◆ PCAV will run the inaugural State Polocross Event. Will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 at Moorooduc. Not classified as a State Championship Event.

**Moved - D. Weir -- that we recommend to PCAV that the State Polocross Competition be classified as a State Championship Event.**

**2nd - J. Robins ..... carried.**

### **ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT: MR. KEN CROSER**

In November we held a instructors school for show jumping judging and course building at Ararat Thanks to Peggy Mills for all her efforts to get rule books and other useful information printed and made available on the day. Thanks also for your input towards the course on the day. I believe the day was very informative and helpful to all the nineteen interested people who attended. Thanks must also go to Ararat Pony Club or hosting the school, well done.

December was the Zone Qualifier at Castlemaine. The weather was very hot and unpleasant, but thanks to Sue Foley and the team from Section "C" along with some other willing people. The day was very successful and I wish all Pony Clubbers going to State Championships in February, all the best.

March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> is our next Instructors School. Venue and details will be sent out with minutes of Zone meeting.

Hoping everyone has a better year in 2007.

### **ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY'S REPORT: MRS GAIL BAGGENDORF**

Applications for "C" certificate close February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Three riders from Donald have passed their theory exams for "C" Star certificate. They will do their riding exams on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

Bealiba Pony Club is holding a 40km endurance ride on 29<sup>th</sup> July. Enquiries to Debbie Weir, Secretary, Bealiba Pony Club.

This is a great opportunity for riders intending to do their "K" certificate. The 40km ride which is a compulsory element of the "K" standard. Bealiba has included the 40km ride in the program, specifically for the benefit of Pony Club "K" certificate candidates, however it would be quite an experience all riders who wanted to have a go.

#### Zone Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifiers

Went well. Packing up did not go well as there were too few helpers. All clubs must do their duty.

Sue Foley felt the Zone Book is not up to date. Sue to do a report on the event for Zone and include comments on club response to working-bee and pack-up. Zone to follow-up with clubs.

Concern was also expressed about first-aid. Was there any first-aiders in attendance. A fallen rider was attended by parents only.

A designated first-aid person is required at all zone events. Organising section to arrange.

#### Zone Games and Flat Qualifiers

We will need many stewards to run the events

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

##### Zone Horse Trials

Will be held at Maryborough

##### State Horse Trials 2009

Tender document sent to Charlton and Maldon. Send copy to Vanessa.

Zone will arrange if no response to tender.

##### Other Business

- ◆ Height of dressage arena ropes. Two young riders got caught up in ropes in the State Qualifiers at Castlemaine. Were ropes too low. Rules state max height of 300mm. No minimum height stated.
- ◆ Should we consider having a Midland Zone uniform for State Championships.
  - Only for events where riders represent our zone.
  - Kaye to check on colours for all Zones.
  - Would need feedback from clubs.
- ◆ Should all State events be held at Werribee Park.
  - May help to negotiate a better price.
  - Central location.
  - Very good facilities.
  - State events were held there in the past. Rotated through zones after organising committee retired.
  - State Games and Flat is now held there.

**Moved - P. Mills -- that we recommend to PCAV that all State Championships be held at Werribee Park.**

**2nd - K. Croser ..... carried.**

- ◆ There is a show jumping training day at Harcourt on 4<sup>th</sup> February.
- ◆ Bealiba have received a \$38,000 grant to upgrade water supplies.

Meeting closed at 10:10 pm

**Next Zone Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007.**

**To be held at Maryborough Highland Society  
High St Maryborough**

**Chairman** .....

**Date** .....