**MIDLAND ZONE OF PCAV. INC.**

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD MAY 22ND 2007**

**CHURCH HALLS, QUEEN STREET, CHARLTON.**

**Meeting Started at 8.10 pm**

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

**PRESENT:** P. Mills, Zone President, John Stevens, Snr Vice President, Sue Foley, Jnr Vice President, Christine Linton,  Zone Treasurer, K. Blanchard, Zone Representative, Don Roach, Zone Secretary

and Gail Baggendorf Zone Exam Secretary.

**DELEGATES** from Ararat, Bealiba, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Charlton, Harcourt, Horsham, Maldon, Mandurang South, Maryborough and Neangar Park

**CLUBS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Beaufort, Donald, Newstead, Nhill, Spring Gully, St Arnaud and

Stawell.

 **APOLOGIES:** Ken Croser ZCI, Andrea Gray, Jacque Durbridge and Nicki Chalmers.

**Amendment to March Minutes:**

Zone President Peggy Mills was an apology for the meeting

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**Moved – J, Stevens that the Minutes of March 13th  2007 be accepted.**

**2nd      -  P. Hedger  .…. carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:**

* Bealiba - Award of Merit Nominations.
* Castlemaine - Award of Merit Nomination.
* Neangar Park - Award of Merit Nomination.
* Central Zone – Zone Minutes
* CORE – Ribbons for Zone Games and Flat Qualifiers.
* Mandurang South PC – Horse Trials program
* Spring Gully – Club Office Bearers
* Maryborouh PC – Club Executive
* Neangar Park PC – SJ and Novelty Day
* Northern Zone – Zone Minutes
* PCAV – Making A Difference
* PCAV – On-Line Strength Returns
* St Arnaud PC – SJ and Dressage Day 10/6/2007
* Yarrambat Top Gun Challenge 2007 (polocrosse)

**CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:**

* Castlemaine – Award of Merit Nominations Executive Meeting.
* Central Zone – Zone Minutes
* Charlton PC – Re Nomination to host State HT 2009
* CORE –  Ribbons for Zone Games and Flat Qualifiers
* Gold Fields Equestrian Centre – Re State HT Champs 2009
* Neangar Park - Award of Merit Nominations Executive Meeting.
* PCAV – Re Additional colours for Harcourt Polo Top uniforms.
* Zone Clubs – Zone Minutes
* Zone Executive – Details on Award Of Merit Candidates

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Ararat, Castlemaine and Maldon PC's re Colour of alternate uniforms.
2. Ararat**:-**Addition of polo and rugby tops in Bottle Green
3. Castlemaine :- Navy Blue polo top polar fleece jacket. And club emblem. PCAV emblem (LHS)
4. Maldon**:-** Polo top and wind cheater. Black with yellow vertical panel (RHS) and club emblem.  PCAV emblem (LHS)

**Moved  -  C. Linton -- that Ararat, Castlemaine and Maldon PC's additional uniform colours as per above be approved.**

**2nd      -    G. Baggendorf .….  carried.**

# TREASURER'S REPORT:                        MS CHRISTINE LINTON

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| **Opening Balance** | **1374.69** |  |   |
| Zone Horse Trials | 1677.50 | Zone Representative's Travel | 100.00 |
| Zone Challenge | 1457.00 | Zone Horse Trials | 340.15 |
| Half Entry Fee | 25.00 | ZCI Travel | 261.00 |
|   |   | Highland Society | 50.00 |
|   |   | St Arnaud PC | 15.00 |
|   |   | Zone Challenge | 1741.00 |
|   |   | Secretarial Expenses | 54.35 |
|   |   | Employment and Learning | 45.00 |
|   |   | CORE (Ribbons) | 283.34 |
|   |   | Fees | 4.40 |
| **Total Income** | **3159.50** | **Total Expenses** | **2894.24** |
|  |  | **Closing Balance** | **1639.95** |

 Accounts for Payment

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| Beryl Pearse | “C” Certificate Travel and Examination Fee | 76.80 |
| Aileen Marshall | “C” Certificate Travel and Examination Fee | 68.00 |
| Anglican Church | Hall Hire | 10.00 |
| Kaye Blanchard | Travel | 100.00 |
|  | **Total** | **254.80** |

Money Held In Term Deposit

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| Term Deposit | 27842.13 | Maturing 11 June 2007 |
| Junior Committee | 1792.87 | Maturing 18 June 2007 |

Both Zone term deposits mature in June.  It would make good sense to combine both deposits into one and get better interest.

**Moved  -  J. Chalmers -- that the Treasurer combine Junior and Senior investments in July.**

**2nd      -    S. Foley .….  carried.**

Zone Affiliation fees and Instructor School fees are now due and payable.  Total of $90.00 per club.  Could all club secretaries please pass on the fee is to be paid by cheque.  Make payable to Midland Zone Treasurer, 100 St Arnaud Rd Alma, Vic 3465.

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

**2nd      -    J. Stevens .….  carried.**

**ZONE REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT:**

Our  Zone is full on at the moment.

Congratulations to all riders who went to Moorooduc on the Mornington Peninsula in the Southern Metropolitan Zone.  Well done to “PB and “PC” showjumping teams who placed 3rd.

March was busy with riders qualifying for horse trials.

April was our Zone Horse Trial at Maryborough with Mandurang South winning the shield, I think it was a first Mandurang South – well done.

The grade 1 and 2 horse trials at Albury-Wodonga Equestrian Centre hosted by North Eastern Zone on the 5th and 6th May.  Maryborough had a club team entered, well done.

There were four grade 1 riders and ten grade 2 riders from Midland zone clubs.  Britt Holmberg from Bendigo PC finished 4th in grade 2, section “B”.

The following weekend on the 12th and 13th May was the Inter-Zone Teams Challenge.  Midland Zone had three teams in both grade 3 and grade 4 a great weekend was held by all. Positive feedback on having the cross country on Saturday afternoon in the correct order and show jumping on Sunday morning allowed everybody to get home early for Mothers Day.

Last Sunday (20th May) was our Games and Flat Qualifiers at Horsham.  The weather was kind as we had rain through the week, making the grounds great for riding.  We had eleven games, four flat and two musical ride teams.  Horsham stepped up and did a great job and a lot of new faces learnt heaps.  Games winners were Bealiba “A 1st and “B” 2nd.  Flat ride Horsham “A” 1st and Horsham “B” 2nd.Musical ride Bealiba 1st and Horsham 2nd.  All teams are going to State except Horsham musical ride team.

Beaufort have been granted full pony club status and they had two teams at the games day.  It was also good to see Nhill at Horsham.

 Speed to Safety has been dropped as a State event, but can still be done at club and zone level.

 The dressage DVD will be on the website as of 1st July.

 There was seventeen clubs wanting to do polocross.  The championship is on the 7th October 2007.  Please read “Making A Difference” magazine or read on the web.

 Notes From State Council Minutes

Item 5              Council is having a workshop to try and get uniformity of Zone rules.  If anyone has                     something they want clarified please write to me.

Item 5.19         The Prince Phillip Games is going to be a State level Championship.

Item 11.1         Pony Club Australia would like to move to National rules.

                        Swan Hill. Nice and close, so be ready for our Qualifiers in December.

Item 11.7         Next years Show Jumping and Dressage championships in February will be at

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 The Zone Executive met with Vanessa Hawkins of Goornong re using her horse establishment for the State HT Championships 2009.  She is will build a Championship cross country course for us to use.

**ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT:         KAYE BLANCHARD FOR KEN CROSER**

Northern Zone is running the Zone Workshop on November 18th.  PCAV will be organising the event.  It is planned to be held at Charlton.  Hopefully this will allow for a better attendance.  Let Kaye know if you any topics for the agenda.

Zone camp 2008.  Will be held in March. If clubs have nay ideas or thoughts write or talk to Ken.

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

Congratulations to the two riders from Donald who gained their C\* certificates in February.  Hopefully they will be an inspiration to other Midland Zone clubs to encourage their riders to do this efficiency level.

Zone Horse Trial

Day went well.  Thankyou to Maryborough.  Congratulations to Mandurang South on winning the team shield.

Zone Games and Flat Qualifiers

* Really pleasing to have teams from Nhill and Beaufort.
* Both events went well.
* Riders really enjoyed themselves
* Horsham did a good job.
* Fuel vouchers were well received.
* Clubs should make a rally day like Bealiba did.

# GENERAL BUSINESS:

Games and Flat Qualifiers

* Bealiba made the following comments.
* Felt that it was unfair their riders were not allowed to practise
* Un-rehearsed ride was given to a parent and not the riders.  Riders should present to judge to get a copy of the test.
* Wrong dimensions for musical ride arena.
* Event was not very professionally run.
* We need sub-committees to assist with running of zone events.
* We need to make clear to sections the requirements for running zone events eg arena size for flat rides.
* Need a list of contacts for zone events.

Kaye Blanchard made the following comments.

* She dealt with problems on the spot.  We need to keep in mind the problems with indoor arena.
* Events are held around sections to share the load.
* Everybody tries to do their best.
* Games and Flat is the only PCAV event has a organising sub-committee.
* Clubs need to get experience at hosting and being involved with organising zone events.
* Very difficult to get all clubs to support.
* Zone books need revising.

Zone Uniform

Discussion was held on the merits of having a Zone uniform for riders at State events.

 ***Polo shirt:-*** Orange with black trim.

***Jacket:-*** Zip front in black with orange trim.  “Midland Zone” printed on the back.

Both uniforms would have the PCAV logo on left with Zone logo on right.

 Uniform to be used for State Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifiers and Zone Teams Challenge.  Kaye to arrange through Charlton.

 **Moved  - S. Foley  -- that the Zone purchase uniforms.  Individuals to purchase or hire from the Zone.  Zone to buy in December.**

**2nd      -   K. Blanchard .….  carried.**

Zone Property Officer

Kaye spoke on the need for a person to be hold and be responsible for zone equipment, such as games teams equipment and zone saddle blankets.

 Also need an inventory of what we have.

 **Moved  -  K. Blanchard -- that the Zone create the position of Property Officer.**

**2nd      -    G. Baggendorf .….  carried.**

Christine Linton nominated to act as Property Officer :- Accepted

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm

 **Next Zone Meeting 31st July 2007.**

**To be held at Highland Society Club Rooms, High St, Maryborough**