

MIDLAND ZONE OF PCAV. INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 22ND 2008
HIGHLAND SOCIETY, HIGH ST, MARYBOROUGH.

Meeting Started at 8.05 pm

Senior Vice President, John Stevens opened the meeting and thanked every body for attending.

PRESENT: John Stevens, Snr Vice President, Christine Linton, Treasurer, Ken Croser ZCI, Gail Baggendorf, ZES and Don Roach, Secretary.

DELEGATES from Ararat, Bealiba, Beaufort, Castlemaine, Horsham, Maldon, Maryborough and Neangar Park.

CLUBS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Bendigo, Charlton, Donald, Harcourt, Mandurang South, Newstead, Nhill, Spring Gully, St Arnaud and Stawell.

APOLOGIES: P. Mills, President, Sue Foley, Jnr Vice President, K. Blanchard, Zone Representative, Faye Barnett, Zone Event Secretary and Liz Laidlaw,

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Moved – J. Robins that the Minutes of October 16th 2007 be accepted.

2nd - D. Weir carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

- Peggy Mills – Letter of Resignation as Zone President
- Roy Lovell – Re wording. “I agree to pay all costs or expenses incurred by PCAV etc”
- St Arnaud PC – Calendar dates
- PCAV – Making a Difference
- PCAV – EI Updates

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:

- PCAV – Use of WPEC for State HT 2009
- PCAV – Neangar Park Polo Top Uniform colours
- Zone Minutes
- Zone Qualifier Program
- St Arnaud PC Gymkhana

Moved - F. Barnett -- that correspondence as read be accepted.

2nd - S. Foley carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Retirement of Peggy Mills as Zone President

- Acting chair, John Stevens spoke about her long involvement and great contribution to the Pony Club movement. He has also spoken to Peggy to thank her personally.

Moved - J. Robins -- that additional uniform as described be approved.

2nd - L. Laidlaw carried.

Venues For DPI Public Meetings

Following discussion on locations the following was decided.

- Castlemaine to arrange venue for 17th November
- Ararat to arrange venue for 22nd November

Difficulty For Nhill To Attended Meetings

Due to traveling distance and number of members Nhill has difficulty in getting the required attendance at Zone meetings. Kaye will raise issue with James Fitzpatrick

TREASURER'S REPORT: CHRISTINE LINTON

Opening Balance	2259.69	Expenses	
Interest	1.44	Anglican Church	10
		St Arnaud Pony Club	34
		Kay Blanchard	200
		Secretarial Expenses	100
Total Income	2261.13	Total Expenses	344
		Closing Balance	1917.13

Accounts for Payment

Nil

Moved - C. Linton -- that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
2nd - N. Chalmers carried.

Don commented that the zone printer/copier may need replacing due to problem that up till this time cannot be fixed. It will copy, but not print or scan. It may mean purchasing a new machine.

Moved - D. Weir -- that the Secretary can purchase a suitable printer/photo copier if present machine is un-repairable.
2nd - C. Hedger carried.

ZONE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: KAYE BLANCHARD
 Nil Report

ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT: KEN CROSER

Great that Pony Club can commence again in 2008 after Equine Influenza outbreak which closed us down since 25th August 2007. The effects to the horse industry of Australia has been felt on every level and has caused dysfunction to Pony Club activities across Eastern Australia. It is also a sad reflection on our quarantine system that the practices let this virus into our country, causing shutdowns to the equestrian related sports and racing industry.

I am also disappointed that not every Pony Club in our Zone abided by the DPI recommendations and a directive from PCAV to cease rallies and instruction schools. I feel that this was not in the spirit of youth organizations and not in the best interests of equestrian sports in general.

2008 is a new year and we hope it holds a happy time for Pony Clubbers across Victoria and the Midland Zone in particular.

The 10th February is the Zone Qualifiers for State Championship Dressage and Show Jumping.

The 15th and 16th March is the Zone Camp, organization for these is progressing well and I would like to thank the people involved with putting this together. I hope all will make a big effort to attend and have a happy and fun weekend.

Happy Clubbing.

ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY'S REPORT: GAIL BAGGENDORF

I would like to remind clubs of "C" certificate dates for 2008.

"K" Certificate preparation will be done at the Zone Camp

Parents should obtain a copy of the syllabus of instruction for certificate work. Each rider does need a copy.

Some riders have been disadvantaged with their "C" certificate preparation by the enforced EI break. Ken will discuss the issue at the next CIP meeting.

Import Dates for "C" Certificate candidates.

FEBRUARY	22	Nominations close for March exams
MARCH	15-16	Theory examination (at Zone Camp)
	30	Riding examination (venue to be arranged)
JULY	18	Nominations close for August exams
AUGUST	2-3	Theory examination (venue to be arranged)
	17	Riding examination (venue to be arranged)

ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY'S REPORT: FAYE BARNETT

Nil report

Very few entries for Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifier.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Zone Horse Trials due to be held on 6th April at Charlton, (Section "A") may be moved to Maryborough (Section "D"). Maryborough will discuss at their next club meeting in February.
- Zone Camps on 15th – 16th March at Maldon and Charlton.
 - Fees are Riders \$45 and non-riders \$25.
- Next DCI/ZA panel meeting 20th February. CIP 23rd February.
- Castlemaine to move their Show Jumping and Dressage Day from 24th August to 31st February due to clash with Zone event.
- **NOTE** : Clubs, riders and parents are all reminded that EI disclaimer forms are meant to be with the club and/or organizing committee at least 3 days prior to the event date.
- The PCAV State Polocrosse Championship is being held on the same weekend as the National Championships. Kaye to discuss at next Council meeting.
- State Dressage and Show jumping Championships will be held at the Elmore Equestrian Complex.

Next Zone Meeting :- 25th March 2008.

To be held at Church Hall

Queen St, St Arnaud.

Chairman

Date