

MIDLAND ZONE OF PCAV. INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD JULY 29TH 2008
ST ARNAUD SPORTS CLUB, ST ARNAUD.

Meeting Started at 8.05 pm

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

PRESENT: John Stevens, President, Sue Foley, Jnr Vice President, Kaye Blanchard, Zone Representative, Gail Baggendorf, ZCI and Don Roach, Secretary.

DELEGATES : From Ararat, Bealiba, Bendigo, Donald, Maldon, Mandurang South, Maryborough, Neangar Park and St Arnaud.

CLUBS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Beaufort, Castlemaine, Horsham, Charlton, Harcourt, Newstead, Nhill, Spring Gully and Stawell.

APOLOGIES: Christine Linton, Zone Treasurer, Faye Barnett, Zone Event Secretary, Beaufort, Stawell, Jill Mc Ewen and Karen Carter.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Moved – S. Foley that the Minutes of June 3rd 2008 be accepted.

2nd - F. Turner carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARD:

- PCAV – Prince Phillip Games
- PCAV – Flyer for Equitana 2008
- PCAV – State Newsletter
- Spring Gully – Re Change of Club name to Huntly-Spring Gully.
- Northern Zone – Zone minutes
- AON – Insurance papers

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARD:

- Zone Minutes
- Zone Shields Entry Form
- PCAV – Changes to Entry Requirements for Teams at State Horse Trials Championships.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nil

CHRISTINE LINTON

ZONE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

KAYE BLANCHARD

- Congratulations to Bealiba for their excellent showing at the State Games and Flat Championships.
- Very good to see Beaufort competing at the State games and Flat.
- Following a presentation to Council by Don and myself the points scoring system has been adopted for State events.
- Our submission to change entry requirements for State Horse Trials was also accepted.

- Victoria is now declared EI free. Still require a declaration on entry forms as per latest State Council minutes. To be posted on PCAV website.

ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT:

GAIL BAGGENDORF

Before giving her report John congratulated Gail on her recent appointment as the new Zone Chief Instructor.

Issues regarding PCAV show jumping speeds have been put on the agenda for discussion at the next CIP meeting.

Current requirements post EI will be posted on the PCAV website. There is no longer the requirement to have the disclaimer on competition entry forms. The only requirement is to have the origin and destination of the horse recorded. In future, a disclaimer will be included on the PCAV membership form.

Clubs need to re-affirm to riders that medical arm bands must be worn on the arm. This is part of the risk management process as medical staff know where to find it at the scene of an accident. Small riders can have their armband modified to fit their arm by reversing the Velcro strap to fit over the outside of the card. This allows for greater adjustment of the band.

NOTE: Armbands **must not** be worn on the leg or attached elsewhere on the body. Clubs also need to remind riders and parents that wearing an armband containing details of another rider is a serious breach of PCAV rules. This could jeopardize treatment of an injured rider.

Toe stoppers are allowed in PCAV as long as the stirrup size is not compromised. Information regarding this equipment is contained in the July 2007, Gear Check Rules – 11.15 Stirrup irons.

PCAV is undertaking a new direction with training and assessing PCAV, Zone and club personnel in order to achieve consistency across the state. Nationally, PCA is in the process of rolling out its newly accredited NCAS Coaching System which is written using competency based assessment criteria. This will allow coaches to be assessed using a national standard with industry recognition.

As well as developing the skills of coaches and judges, training in areas not necessarily recognized as important at club level is also required. For example, people not comfortable with the prospect of instructing riding members may have highly developed workplace skills which would be equally beneficial. One area is training coaches to develop their assessment capabilities, another is risk assessment.

From an insurance perspective, sports are being made accountable for all their officials and volunteers. It is becoming a requirement that all officials are trained and qualified to undertake the roles they have.

Delivering courses at club level, maybe starting with training the riding and/or theory stage of “D” Certificate Horsemastership Efficiency Standard would be a low key introduction for parents to develop the skills and motivation to go further. The same method could be applied to develop Gear Checkers. With a little more effort, these people could take the next step to become capable gear checkers at Zone and State level.

These examples are a vital requirement in meeting Risk Management criteria at club level. Clubs will not be left to manage this alone. The DCI/ZA and Zone Representatives will undertake the planning and delivery of PCAV directives and to assist clubs implementing these courses.

The Zone Instructors School was held this month at the Horsham Indoor arena. It went very well with a healthy attendance. Unfortunately the winter weather makes it difficult for some clubs to attend. Could clubs please make their membership aware of as early as possible these Zone Instruction days as some members were unaware and would have liked to attend.

The Zone Dressage Judges School will take place at Maryborough or St Arnaud in October.

Anyone interested in how dressage is judged is most welcome to attend. Clubs will need to have a representative at this school. There will be a discussion on how to develop an interest in dressage judging at club level and how to develop the training of club members to become dressage judges.

ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY'S REPORT: GAIL BAGGENDORF

There are 12 candidates presenting for "C" certificate examination in August.

ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY'S REPORT: FAYE BARNETT

Nil report

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Kaye spoke about the wearing of back numbers versus bridle numbers.
 - Good fitting back numbers are much easier to see for both judges and spectators alike.
 - Bridle numbers very difficult to see in cross country phase.
 - It should be at the discretion of the particular event organizing committee to determine what type of numbers shall be worn.

Moved – K. Blanchard That the Event Organising Committee has the right to determine what type of number identification shall be worn.

2nd - C. Hedger carried.

- Some Zone event dates for 2009 have changed.
 - The secretary to send to clubs, application form for the 2009 calendar.
- Next Zone Contacts sheet to contain email and mobile phone details.
- Following discussion, it was decided to dressage judges evening in early part of 2009.

Meeting closed 9:30 pm.

Annual General Meeting :-

September 5th 2008.

To be held at

Horsham.

Next Zone Meeting :- 21st October 2008.

To be held at Highland Society

High St, Maryborough.

Chairman

Date