

## Midland Zone Meeting Agenda

<b>Date:</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	<b>Venue:</b> Online ZOOM meeting	<b>Meeting Open:</b> 1935
<b>Attendance</b>	Ararat: Wendy Dickenson, Jill Marshall	Bealiba: apologies
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo:
	Castlemaine:	Charlton: Kaye Blanchard
	Donald:	Harcourt: Peggy Mills
	Horsham: Jo Lane, Kylie Fiedler, Kelli Dickerson, Emelia Sudholz	Learmonth:
	Loddon:	Maldon: Trista Hoyland, Nicki Chalmers
	Mandurang Sth: Donna Stebbins	Maryborough: Linda Gerring
	Neangar Park:	Stawell: apologies
	St Arnaud:	Zone : Sue Foley
<b>Apologies</b>	Debbie Ruff (Bealiba), Narelle O'Callaghan (Stawell)	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>	Correction to spelling – St Arnaud Motion: 2021.09.01 That the minutes of the previous minutes be accepted as true and correct.	Moved: BronwynC    Seconded: DonnaS
<b>2. Business Arising</b>	2.1 midland zone constitution	Currently using model rules. Still trying to source a copy of original. BronwynC to contact Don Roach who might have old version of constitution.
	2.2 MZ delegates meetings – april meeting decided to do 3 face to face each year – AGM in August plus one in St Arnaud and one in Maryborough.	Months for 2022 need to be decided. St Arnaud; Maryborough; August – AGM ACTION: state meeting dates not yet proposed for 2022. Defer the 2022 F2F meeting dates until state dates known.
	2.3 Midland Zone Dressage & SJ qualifying series championship	Proposed format shared with committee. 2021 looks like will be unable to hold the 3 events for the championship. Motion:2021.09.02. Given COVID uncertainty in running of events for remainder of 2021, the D&SJ event will be run as a single qualifying event for 2021. Moved: LindaG    Seconded: SueF
<b>3. Correspondence In</b>		
3.1 clubs	a. St Arnaud PC – AGM minutes	New DC appointment approved – Tracey Gixti
	b. Horsham PC – event date change request	
	c. Castlemaine PC – Event cancellation	
	d. Bealiba PC - Smokey Memorial date change	
	e. Harcourt PC club officials update	
	f. Maldon PC club officials	New DC appointment approved – Julie Robbins
	g. Glenlyon PC request	
	h. Castlemaine PC club officials	
3.2 PCV	a. COVID update 15 sept	
	b. COVID update 10 sept	
	c. COVID update 8 sept	
	d. MIMs technology survey for clubs	
	e. 2022 state SJ & D championship host EOI	

	f. Zone Representative position application form	
	g. Training webinar sessions – free	
	h. COVID update 25 July	
	i. Club house newsletter – July	
	j. CEO EOI	
	k. Ride to time state final rescheduled	
	l. Horseland Team games, flat musical state championship postponed	
	m. Australia National Championship changes	
	n. COVID update 15 July	
	o. Prorate membership notification	
	p. Clubhouse newsletter – June	
	q. COVID update 25 June	
	r. COVID update 18 June	
3.3 PCA	a. Event permit – Neangar Park PC & open winter woollies	
	b. Event permit – Maryborough PC HT & CT	
	c. Event permit – MZ equitation efficiency certificate workshop	
	d. Event permit – MZ AGM	
	e. Event permit – ride to time MZ qualifier	
	f. Event permit – MZ c cert examination day	
	g. OSM \$ transfer notification	
	h. Marketing made easy – club support	
3.4. other	a. Dan Tehan – member for Wannon August update	
	b. Playsport community – womens health week event	
	c. Dan Tehan – member for wannon, July update	
	d. Dan Tehan – June update and grant info	
<b>4. Correspondence Out</b>	4.1 SJ design workshop flyer	
	4.2 Zone Representative election to PCV	
	4.3 All clubs – Bealiba PC, Smokey Memorial Event Program	
	4.4 All clubs – Community Shade Grant Program	
	4.5 All clubs – Sporting Club Grants – event support grant	
	4.6 c certificate nomination invite to MZ clubs	
	4.7 MZ AGM and nominations forms	
	4.8 club visit report to Castlemaine	
	4.9 MZ ride to time program	
	4.10 Request to clubs for MZ qual team games fees.	
<b>5. Reports</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
5.2 Treasurer	Not present, no report.	To be forwarded at later date. No events held since AGM financial report presented.
5.3 Zone Rep	Report read – see attached.	Moved: Sue F                      seconded: NickiC

5.4 Zone Chief Instructor	Report read	Moved: LindaG seconded: DonnaS
5.5 Zone Examining Secretary	Report read – see attached	Moved: NickiC seconded: SueF
<b>6. Zone Events:</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
6.1 Zone HT State Qualifiers	15 August @ Charlton <i>Riley Perry-Parmenter wants to sponsor the grade 1 PC class at the Zone Horse Trials in Hueys name. She will donate a rug and it will be The Playing the Field memorial. I explained that we may not have any competitors due to it being a compulsory training weekend for Nationals but will let her know as soon as we know a grade 1 rider has entered.</i>	This generous sponsorship offer was made prior to the 2021 HT event, but not presented due to time and COVID restraints. SueF has discussed with Riley to include this sponsorship in the 2022 event.
6.2 Zone AGM	20 <sup>th</sup> August @ Maldon	Great attendance. All clubs responded to invite. 14 clubs were represented and 4 life members attending on the night. We managed to hold in Marong before COVID lockdown the following day. Thank you to the Maldon PC.
6.3 Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers Zone Flat Team & SJ	11-12 December @ Mandurang South	Grounds booking confirmed.

<b>7. General Business:</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
7.1	Team GMFP – review MZ team support for attendance. Previously MZ paid half state entry fee of each rider. With change to state rules and team numbers now not limited, will MZ continue with half entry fee support for all teams?	ACTION: carry over to next meeting when Treasurer able to contribute.
7.2	MZ bylaws review. <i>18.1.b. Under no circumstances will Clubs be permitted to hold clinics or events on <b>ZONE EVENT DAYS.</b></i>	In light of recent issues with calendar date changes as a result of COVID lockdowns this by-law is not able to respond to zone/club needs when dates have to be changed. This may be a club date change or a zone date moved to an existing club date and the club loses. Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Definition of 'zone event'</li> <li>▪ Creating opportunities for riders</li> <li>▪ Clubs booking specialist coaches 2-3 years in advance.</li> <li>▪ State dates no longer static from year to year</li> <li>▪ ? default date suggestion to 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month if a MZ date be changed and riders can be allocated a rally attendance if competing at the event.</li> </ul> Historic content from Kaye B – the rule was initially applied to state qualifying events only and was in place to support rider attendance at these events. ACTION: SueF to follow up with other zones re their calendar planning. Delegates to discuss with clubs. Further discussion and planning at next meeting.
7.3	Around the clubs	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ararat – this has been a difficult time for all clubs and members. We have managed some rallies.</li> <li>➤ Beaufort – little happening.</li> <li>➤ Horsham – planning for D &amp; CT rescheduled for late Nov. Recent rally at Charlton to use XC course – great day.</li> <li>➤ Mandurang Sth – Nothing to report</li> <li>➤ NPPC – nothing to report</li> <li>➤ Harcourt – rally last weekend and clinic at Dunolly went well.</li> <li>➤ Maldon – HT postponed 3 times, currently planning for ? Nov. cancelled dates had 150 entries – maximum for grounds.</li> </ul>	
7.4 State D&SJ championship	Note state does not have zone EOI to host. MZ has hosted in the past, currently no club grounds large enough, have previously hired Elmore.	Discussion re EOI for 2022 event – only 2 weeks prior to PC team championships. ACTION: MZ to consider EOI in 2023 if state continues with general EOI for state championship event hosting.
7.5 MZ website	DebbieR has received message that current platform hosting MZ website will be ceasing to operate from 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021. Also note that PCA omnisport will cease to operate at end dec 2021.	Discussion ? MZ has capacity to develop a new website. ? current MZ member has skills required. ? ongoing management. Need to save all historical data and forms currently on website. ACTION: Investigate web developer options. SueF has contact from Central Zone. BronwynC to contact Roger LeGrand at Learmonth BronwynC to save documents from current website to drop box.
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021</b>	<b>Meeting Closed: 2110</b>

## **Zone reps report September 21<sup>st</sup> 2021**

Hi All,

Firstly thank you to everyone who attended the recent MZ AGM. We were so fortunate to be able to hold a face 2 Face meeting. It was wonderful to have 14 of the 17 of the MZ clubs represented plus 4 life members in attendance. Thanks again to Morgan Lane from Horsham PC for putting together the collection of photos of the clubs of the zone. Then video highlighted that despite the difficulty and unsure times during COVID-19 the spirit of the pony club community remains alive and well in our Zone.

Well done to Morgan also on being selected as a member of the PCA Youth Advisory Council. Morgan's input on this council will be invaluable!

Congratulations and thank you to the D.C.s and committees of the clubs in the Zone who are doing all they can to ensure that our riders continue to participate in the fun and learning that is pony club at every opportunity. The current restrictions support the "get in, train, get out approach" but this at least gives our riders a chance to participate with their friends and their horses. The road map out of lockdown means that we won't be holding any competitions until at least November. The restrictions also exclude holding camps.

Thank you to MZ Chief Instructor Linda Gerrin for running a fabulous day at St Arnaud Racecourse in July for the Midland Zone Ride to Time State qualifiers. Thanks also to Debbie Peter from Castlemaine PC for organising the guest speaker Joyce Davies.

Sadly due to lockdown our Nationals riders are unable to take part in even the virtual event. I still hold a vague hope that PCA will come to their senses and postpone the whole competition until early autumn 2022 so that all qualified riders get to experience the true Nationals.

At the recent SC meeting it was decided that Modifying marks will be introduced at all pony club Horse Trials and Combined Training events based on the table the MZ uses at the Team Champs. In our association it is not uncommon for combinations in Combined Training and Horse Trials events to be graded higher in pure dressage than they are in CT or HT. This gives the combination an unfair advantage in one test of the overall competition.

Modifying marks are a simple handicapping system that evens the playing field and supports competition fairness. A combination has penalties added to their dressage score as per a sliding scale system, in CT and HT events if they are graded higher for pure dressage than in HT or CT.

These marks only apply to PC classes and will mean that all riders competing in PC HT and CT will need to be also graded for pure dressage Qualifying Criteria/Standards for Interzone Horse Trials will be introduced in 2022 for grades 4 and 5. These standards will be advised with the 2022 rule updates

There has been no decision yet on what the hosting of State events looks like in 2022 and beyond. This is on the agenda for the next SC meeting.

As yet there is no host Zone for the 2022 Show Jumping & Dressage championships this will mean that the date will need to be pushed out from the end of February.

Thank you to the clubs who responded to the MIMS pins technology survey. My personal view is that the best option for our clubs is to rebuild jumps so that they don't need MIMS to avoid the ongoing cost of replacing them when they are triggered

The Pony Club Australia Discipline committees are still working on National rules. The gear rules have been finalised and will come into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you to Nicki Chalmers for all the hard work she is doing to assist the current group of C certificate candidates in these challenging times.

We also welcome Jill Marshall from Ararat PC to the role of Zone event secretary. Thank you Jill for stepping up to take on that position.

Well done to Narelle O'Callaghan for the fabulous article in the Stawell newspaper about reinvigorating the club with the addition of the R2R program and adult riding membership. The article was shared on the PCV Facebook page and website and I am sure will have inspired other clubs to consider promoting those membership categories if they haven't yet done so.

Nominations have not yet closed for the PCV awards so if you were considering nominating your club, a rider, a coach or a volunteer please get to it and promote the wonderful people who make up the Midland Zone.

Thank you.

Sue Foley

## Zone Examining Secretary:

We have 8 candidates currently waiting to complete their c certificates from the August round. All candidates successfully passed the written assessment, however due to lockdown couldn't hold the ridden assessment as planned on the 22nd of August. However I wanted to keep the ball rolling for candidates and taking into consideration that the meeting syllabus contains substantially more unmounted tasks which are time consuming, I conducted a zoom assessment of theory components. This took just under 2 hours but was very successful. A couple of candidates couldn't attend this due to work commitments so I will catch up with those. Candidates have also been asked to video their groundwork tasks and upload to Google Drive for assessment. As soon as we are open for business they will complete the flat work and jumping components.

Just as a side note, and not exactly examining Sec related, I have been working on the dressage judges accreditation sub-committee for several months now. The sub-committee consists of a group of experienced dressage judges from across the state and have been nutting out the process and content to implement accreditation to both new and current judges. The group has been very active and it's progressing along very well. So thought I'd mention so clubs know what's going on in the background and to keep in mind potential judges.

Nicki Chalmers

In 1983 due to the vast distance to travel from one end of the zone to the other, it was decided to divide the zone into four sections, the sections being named A, B, C and D. Each section to hold one zone event per year on a rotating basis giving riders from each section the opportunity to compete at zone level without having to travel long distances. The calendar rotation also includes the Zone AGM and dinner and the Zone Workshops of which there are 2 per year.

Midland Zone Sections					
A	B	C		D	
Ararat Beaufort Horsham Learmonth Stawell	Charlton Donald Loddon St Arnaud	Bendigo Maldon Mandurang South Neangar Park	Bealiba Castlemaine Harcourt Maryborough		
		2021	2022	2023	2024
Midland Zone Horse Trials		A	D	C	B
Midland Zone Dressage & SJ Qualifiers		C	A	B	D
Midland Zone Games, Flat Musical & Pairs		D	B	A	C
Midland Zone SJ & Flat Team		B	C	D	A
Midland Zone AGM		C	B	D	A
Midland Zone Coaches Workshop		B	D	A	C
NCAS Training & Assessment Weekend		A	C	B	D