

Midland Zone Club Delegates Meeting

Date:	Tuesday 16 th February 2021	Venue:	Online - Zoom
Meeting Open	1939		
Attendance	Ararat: Wendy Dickenson	Bealiba: Fay Barnett, Debbie Weir, Nicholas Jolley	
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo:	
	Castlemaine	Charlton:	
	Donald: Jill McEwen	Harcourt: Peggy Mills	
	Horsham: Jo Lane, Kylie Fiedler	Learmonth:	
	Loddon:	Maldon: Kira Chalmers, Nicole Chalmers	
	Mandurang Sth: Donna Stubbins	Maryborough: Linda Gerring, Debbie Ruff	
	Neangar Park: Trista Hoyland	Stawell:	
	St Arnoud:	Zone : Sue Foley	
Apologies	No apologies received.		
Item	Action/Discussion	Outcome	
1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Motion 21.02.01 That the minutes of the previous MZ meeting held Dec 2020	Moved: SFoley seconded: BCuthbertson	
2. Business Arising			
	PCV Roll out Ready2Ride	It is good to see MZ clubs embracing this new program	
3. Correspondence In		Moved: seconded:	
3.1 Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learmonth – uniform polo shirt Jenna Cole – state SJ championship request 	Motion 21.02.02 That the uniform presented by Learmonth PC be approved. Moved: SFoley Seconded: NChalmers ACTION: Sec forward notice to Learmonth. State Rep has addressed the correspondence from Jenna Cole.	
3.2 PCV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C cert – new syllabus protocol & info PCV board nomination process Ready2Ride online learning session Ready2Ride resources – lesson plan/club resource Club State Delegate instructions Board nominations 2021 rule book amendments State Show jumping comp changes Certificate of Currency for Midland Zone 		
3.3 PCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event approval – PC Team Championships Event approval – Neangar Park, open dressage jackpot weekend 		
3.4 Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extreme marquee quotation follow up (grant related) Barastoc – marketing team contact Member apology to Horseland Peggy Mills – show jumping suggestion Dan Tehan – January update Round 5 community shade grant - unsuccessful 		

4. Correspondence Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midland Zone Calendar 2021 • State Rep reply to Jenna Cole • Notification to clubs re State Club rep – default to president if not already nominated • Consumer affairs annual return 	Moved: BCuthbertson seconded: SFoley
5. Reports	Action/Discussion	Outcome
5.1 President	No report.	Moved: seconded:
5.2 Treasurer	Financial statements attached, appendix 1 MZ currently has a healthy balance. The Team Championships has good entries. The funds held from Huntley-Spring Gully have been moved into the general account. State D & SJ – qualifying riders have made payments - full entries to be paid to PCV – awaiting invoice for \$2160. The MZ D & SJ qual event had over \$1000 profit.	Moved: DWeir seconded: THoyland
5.3 Zone Rep	Report read – appendix 2	Moved: SFoley seconded: DRuff
5.4 Zone Chief Instructor	Report read – appendix 3 5.4.1 School Holiday Camp 7-8 April 5.4.2 Coach Workshop 30 May – section B 5.4.3 NCAS workshop/assessment 20 Nov – section A	Moved: LGerring seconded: DWeir
5.5 Zone Examining Secretary	Refer to contents of ZCI report. C certificate – 21 Feb	
6. Zone Events:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
6.1 Team Champs	6-7 march	Good number of entries – hoping that the COVID restrictions will be lifted.
6.2 Zone G/F/M/P State Qualifiers	Qualifier - 16 May – Section D	Bealiba offered to host event. ACTION: TristaH to commence planning
6.3 Zone Flat Team & SJ	Qualifier 18 July – Section B	Donald offered to host event.
6.4 Zone HT State Qualifiers	Qualifier – 14-15 August - Section A	No suitable xcountry course at section A clubs. Previously have held at Charlton ACTION – JoLto talk to section A clubs re use of Charlton Grounds. Jo Lane to request use of Charlton Grounds.
6.5 Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers	Qualifier 11-12 December – Section C	ACTION: Mandurang South will check availability of grounds to host event
6.6 Zone AGM	20 August – Section C	Maldon offered to host. ACTION: NickiC to organise venue.
7. General Business:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
7.1	Correspondence re SJ from Peggy Mills. (letter appendix 4)	Discussion – difficulty for MZ riders to qualify – challenges of distance etc. benefits by allowing multiple events and attainment of points towards state qualification MOTION:2021.02.04 That the MZ SJ & D qualifying event for 2021 become a series of 3 events – MZ dec qualifying event, Bealiba in Nov, Maryborough in Oct at events on 2021 calendar. Moved: LGerring Seconded: SFoley

7.2	Around the clubs	<p>NPPC – Nil discussion Maryborough – nil discussion Mandurang Sth – nil discussion Bealiba – Still trying to locate the SJ trophy after club win in 2020. Suggestion to contact Julie Gould. Donald - club shed and new toilet block will be completed by June. Horsham – reminder to clubs they can register for Alan Mitchell clinic 13-14 march. Maldon – nil discussion Ararat – nil discussion</p>
7.3	PCA standardising training opportunities	<p>Currently there is no consistency between states re officials training, discipline rules and safety standards. Note that in addition to the new certificate syllabus, PCA is now offering dressage judge assessment process. The ‘big picture’ is that PCA does have more funds and time to invest in training and officials accreditation and this could be beneficial for PCV if there is consideration for the different state rules – PCV example would be the E grade comp levels.</p>
Next Meeting:	20 th April – scheduled for St Arnaud, depending on COVID restrictions	Meeting Closed: 2040

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.

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

APPENDIX 1 – TREASURERS REPORT

Account Balances - As of 13/02/2021
As of 13/02/2021 (in Australian Dollars)

14/02/2021

Account	13/02/2021 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Bendigo Midland	26,134.82
Midland Zone Term Deposit	28,373.12
TOTAL Bank Accounts	54,507.94
OVERALL TOTAL	54,507.94

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount
INCOME								2,816.59
Zone Horse Trials								2,816.59
	Entry							2,586.59
	Yards & Camping							230.00
EXPENSES								-815.00
Cost of Events								-815.00
	Zone Horse Trials							-815.00
	Camping And Yards		includes canteen Zone cost					-260.00
	Sashes & Awards							-555.00
OVERALL TOTAL								2,001.59

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Tag	Clr	Amount
INCOME								4,673.46
State Quals Dressage & SJ								4,673.46
	Entry							2,783.46
	Meals							260.00
	Rider Half Entry Zone Subsidy							1,080.00
	Yards & Camping & meals		(collected for & paid to Bealiba)					550.00
EXPENSES								-1,030.00
Cost of Events								-1,030.00
OVERALL TOTAL								3,643.46

State entry fees yet to come out of this profit - approx \$2160

Date	Account	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
INCOME					28,177.62
		C Certificate			175.00
		Rider Payment			175.00
		Clinic			2,280.00
		Entry Fee			2,230.00
		yards & Camping			50.00
		Grant Money			1,000.00
29/09/2020	Bendigo Midl...	Covid 19 Grant	2020 Covid	Grant Money	1,000.00
		Hire			1,400.00
		Radios			200.00
		Trailer			1,200.00
		Interest Income-Interest Income			1.77
		Other Interest Income-Interest Income			1.77
		Midland Zone Merchandise			100.00
		Polo Tops			100.00
		Midland Zone Uniform			790.00
		Postage			20.00
		Other Midland Zone Uniform-Protective clothing and uniform			770.00
		State Qualls Dressage & SJ			4,673.46
		Entry			2,783.46
		Meals			260.00
		Rider Half Entry Zone Subsidy			1,080.00
		Yards & Camping			550.00
		Team Champs			13,746.00
		Entries			10,566.00
		Polo Tops			1,599.00
		Sponsorship			1,581.00
		Trust Money-Huntly Spring Gully club money			1,194.80
		Zone Horse Trials			2,816.59
		Entry			2,586.59
		Yards & Camping			230.00
EXPENSES					-18,090.22
		Consumer Affairs			-59.20
		Cost of Events			-11,526.52
		August SJ & Dressage			-1,305.72
		C Certificate			-478.00
		Clinic			-2,505.00
		State Qualls Dressage & SJ			-1,030.00
		Vic Team Champs			-5,392.80
		Zone Horse Trials			-815.00
		Dressage Trailer			-921.10
		Insurance			-921.10
		Equipment			-3,180.40
		Radio's-ICOM radio purchase			-2,732.40
		Other Equipment			-448.00
		Hire Refunds			-1,400.00
		Radios			-200.00
		Trailer			-1,200.00
		Saddleblankets			-898.00
7/01/2021	Bendigo Midl...	Keelrac PtyLtd	x 10	Saddleblank...	-898.00
		Zone Executive			-105.00
		reimbursements			-105.00
OVERALL TOTAL					10,087.40

APPENDIX 2 – MIDLAND ZONE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Hello All,

Firstly thank you to all the clubs of the Midland Zone that voted in the election for the elected directors for the new PCV board. After 3 years of talking governance we are at the point of a change of Governance that will see PCV managed by a mix of elected and appointed directors.

The results of the elected directors will be announced at the SGM on Saturday 20th of February. Those 4 directors will then take over as the Governing board of PCV. They will appoint to the board two Zone reps from a pool who have nominated to be considered. Each Zone then nominates a Zone member for consideration to be elected to the board to complete the board of 8 members. The State council made up of 10 Zone reps becomes a subcommittee. All clubs have been email the information needed to consider people to nominate for the Zone nominated positions.

Despite the uncertainty of the COVID situation it was wonderful to have a relatively normal start to the pony club year. I have been approving quite a few programs for clinics and competitions which mean our riders are getting out and about other than to rallies. It is also great to see clubs holding make up rallies to support those riders that need a rally for qualifying attendance. A reminder that all events must be registered on the PCV event calendar to be considered a sanctioned event

Congratulations go to all the clubs who continue to be vigilant in managing COVID compliance regulations. This is our new normal for the foreseeable future and to sticking to the regulations gives us the best chance of business as usual

PCA distributed a notice that the helmet standard EN1384 is no longer acceptable unless it also has another complying standard marked on it. There is a printable poster available attached to this report. It would be a good idea to have the poster visible at rallies and check every riders helmet for compliance asap at gear check (unmounted of course! It is recommended that all helmets over 5 years old be replaced. Email me for a PDF version.

I hope that the membership data entry went smoothly for clubs. Suanne has been releasing help videos for club that are available on the PCV website under For Club button and then Training resources

Thank you to all the clubs who have registered Adult supporters. It is vital that every rider under 18 has at least one adult supporter registered on the Omni sport system along with club life members and the other riding member categories.

It is great to see the uptake of the Ready to Ride program in our Zone. There was some confusion initially as to what these riders are allowed to do beyond rallies but basically the category is for all riders aged 10 years and under who are not yet ready to be graded. They can compete in all ungraded activities on lead or off lead. They must become Junior member once they have their 11th birthday or to compete in a grade 6 dressage test or combined training. To be graded for HT riders must be 8 years old and Junior members. It is also recommended that they have their D certificate.

A subcommittee of the current State council is preparing a paper on Child safe standards for clubs. This includes deciding whether to extend the necessity of all members aged of 18 to have a working with children's check. Some clubs of the MZ already have this compliance. I encourage all clubs to discuss this at their next committee meeting to decide whether to introduce this rule.

PCV is now registered as Pony Club Victoria. The MZ will need to change our name and our constitution to reflect this.

I would like to wish all the MZ riders competing at the State Dressage and Showjumping Championships the best of luck. Also all the riders from the clubs of the Midland Zone who have entered Teams In the Victorian Pony Club Team Championships a fantastic weekend of pony club fun and friendship

Wishing you all a fun and successful 2021 Pony Club year,

Sue - midlandzonerep@hotmail.com

APPENDIX 3 – CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT

The first CIP meeting for 2021 was held at Mulgrave and was the first face to face meeting for 12 months. As well as the face to face participants there were two who joined the meeting via Zoom. Going forward the CIP committee is deciding how the meeting schedule will be structured with the most likely format will be two face to face meetings per year and at least 2 online meeting plus more if required.

To start my report I wish to thank everyone who attended and supported the NCAS Training and assessment weekend at Maryborough in November 2020. Every one of you helped make the two days run smoothly and ensured that we had enough rider's for the large group of trainee coaches to coach over the two days. The two assessors were very happy with the rider attendance over this weekend as it made it easier to get through the large number of candidates being assessed

Congratulations to all the Midland Zone coaches who completed their NCAS Prelim and level 1 assessment over the weekend

The DCI/ZA panel has been quiet since we last met and will be meeting for the first time this month.

The Midland Zone held a C examination day in October 2020 due to a cancelled date earlier in 2020 because of COVID restrictions

The next round of C Examinations for the Zone will be on Sunday 21st February at Mandurang Sth.

This is the last round of C assessments for riders using the "old" syllabus books and I hope clubs are encouraging their riders to purchase the new syllabus books through their membership portals (Remember you need to select the National store when purchasing certificate manuals)

Two riders from our Zone Paris Fiedler & Morgan Lane undertook their B Certificate exams in January 2021 with one rider passing and the other requiring undertaking a supplementary assessment in one area. This is a very exciting time for our Zone as it is the first time our Zone has had riders undertake the B certificate for many years. This great achievement for both girls would not have been possible without the dedication and support of both their mothers Kylie Janetzki and Jo Lane as well as the Horsham Pony Club community.

Kylie has commenced training as a B assessor and is willing to mentor DCs & Coaches throughout the Zone to guide them through the process of coaching and supporting higher certificate riders in their clubs.

The Zone is organising qualifying events for riders wishing to try out for the Nationals Ride2Time Teams. This is a great opportunity for riders to become a part of a Nationals Team with two sections available in the senior age group and two in the junior age group.

Bendigo and Avoca race tracks have been approached and I'm just waiting for confirmation before posting dates and venues

There are 17 clubs in the Midland Zone with:

- *Twelve offering Adult Riding membership*
- *Eight offering the Ready2Ride Rookies Program*
- *One offering Riders without Horses*

For many of our clubs these additional memberships have been lifelines. For some of our smaller clubs the Adult membership and now the Ready2Ride Rookie membership has boosted club numbers and this has kept the clubs viable.

A ZCI Role Description is being developed to help new CIs when they move into the role. This document is in the draft stages at the moment but should not be far away from being finalised.

PCV dressage judge's accreditation has been an ongoing agenda item within the CIP panel for many years and to help get this accreditation up and going a working group has been formed to help develop this training and guidelines.

HT Rider fall reports can now be completed on an electronic form available on the Pony Club Australia website if clubs wish to do them this way.

It was reported to the panel that Dressage Test 4.3: Movements 10 & 11 is messy to ride and the test has now been updated to rectify the issues.

A Grading Guideline document has been developed and is an easier to read format that will help guide DCs through the grading process for each discipline especially new ones.

The new coaches' manuals are expected to become available in March 2020 and at this point any coaches wanting to start undertaking their prelim or Level 1 should wait until the new books arrive before registering.

The new pony club syllabus is available on the PCA website and I encourage all DCs to have their rally plan set up to give riders the best possible chance to learn and consolidate skills at their certificate levels.

Looking forward to a productive and active Pony Club year

Linda Gerring

Midland Zone Chief Instructor

Links to relevant documents:

- *Syllabus of Instruction 2019.* <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/syllabus/>
- *Certificate Assessment Sheets:* <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/syllabus/>

APPENDIX 4 – LETTER FROM PEGGY MILLS.

I have finally got around to sending you this email in regard to the Dressage and show jumping qualifiers held at the end of the last year, in particular the show jumping.

It was quite noticeably for the year just gone, that some riders and horses had trouble just doing the one qualifier and sometimes not qualifying due to an elimination in one of the events. This has been very unfortunate, but sending riders to State who have not completed in both events successfully, is something that the zone rep. has a very hard decision to make. By not completing successfully, both events on the day, leads to the zone rep. assuming that the combination/combinations are not ready for state level.

To alleviate this problem and hard decision by the Zone Rep, I would like to suggest that the Zone runs a series of Qualifying events throughout the year.

Maryborough Pony Club runs a Dressage and Show jumping event, usually in August, and Bealiba Pony Club runs its Dressage and Show jumping championships in November. If it was acceptable by both of these clubs, these 2 events could be added as additional qualifiers to the Zone Calendar. The event in December would be the final qualifier. This could be for both Dressage and Show jumping. And riders who are considering going to State would be expected to compete at these qualifiers.

Rider and horse combinations would get points at each event, and scored under world cup scoring and the final qualifier in December would have one and a have or double points.

If acceptable by Clubs, qualifiers to start this year, 2021.

Hoping this can be approved by the clubs,

Cheers,

Peggy Mills.

Show jumping judge on the day.