

Midland Zone Delegate Meeting

Date:	28 th April 2020	Venue:	Online – skype
Meeting Open	1930		
Attendance	Ararat:	Bealiba: Debbie Weir	
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo:	
	Castlemaine:	Charlton: Kaye Blanchard	
	Donald: Maree Campbell,	Harcourt:	
	Horsham: Kylie Fiedler, Jo Lane	Learmonth: Emma LeGrand	
	Loddon:	Maldon: Kim Williams, Nicole Chalmers, Kira Chalmers	
	Mandurang Sth: Donna Stebbins	Maryborough: Linda Gerring, Chelsea Gale, Stephanie Fowler	
	Neangar Park: Trista Hoyland	Stawell: Viv Cole	
	St Arnoud: Katrina Cheeseman	Zone : Sue Foley, Peggy Mills, Kylie Kirk	
Apologies	Nil received.		
Item	Action/Discussion	Outcome	
1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes		Moved: Sue Foley Seconded: Donna Stebbins	
2. Business Arising	2.1 MZ rotation plan – two versions have now been determined taking into account rotation of all zone events evenly across the sections.	The preferred version to be presented to the delegates meeting.	
3. Correspondence In			
3.1 Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AraratPC event program • LearmonthPC treasurer appointment - Claire Wootton • Bealiba PC – dressage trailer booking • Castlemaine PC dressage trailer booking • StArnoud PC – DC appointment Caroline Cossar 		
3.2 PCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News – March • Notification funds transfer \$10 to MZ • News – discipline of the month 		
3.3 PCV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event permit approval – MZ open horse trials • Governance update • MyPonyClub training day notification • EOI to host 2020 team games/flat/musical championship 24-25 oct 2020 • Club affiliation due • Zone set up fees on MyPonyClub • PCVEC open week – April/September • Design a dazzle board competition • DC facebook group invitation • Club membership survey • Club advice for Competition rules and running Virtual competitions 		

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3.4 Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden Plains Shire – development of new Sport and Active Recreation Strategy questionnaire (redirected to Barwon Zone) Commission for children and young people – child safe standards regional sessions (Echuca/Swan Hill) Dan Tehan – member for Wannon – COVID 19 update 	
4. Correspondence Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C cert ridden assessment cancellation – sent by Nicki Chalmers 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCV membership survey advice to MZ clubs – sent by Sue Foley 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice to MZ clubs re electronic delegates meeting via Skype 	Moved: Bronwyn Cuthbertson Seconded: Emma LeGrand
5. Reports	Action/Discussion	Outcome
5.1 Treasurer	The Zone funds are looking healthy. Overall we have a profit since the last report presented in February. We are still holding funds from Huntly Spring Gully. The Team Championships made a profit of around \$9500. The Horse Trials cancellation resulted in a financial loss due to the cancellation fee.	Moved: Debbie Wier Seconded: Trista Hoyland
5.2 Zone Rep	Report presented – appendix 1	Moved: Sue Foley Seconded: Donna Stebbins
5.3 Zone Chief Instructor	Report read to the meeting.	Moved: Linda Gerring Seconded: Kira Chalmers
5.4 Zone Examining Secretary	There were 13 candidates nominated for the C Certificate assessment. This was postponed due to COVID19. We did look at alternative means for assessment but other options proved too difficult to coordinate. Rescheduling the C certificate assessment date will be a priority once we are able to hold groups again.	Moved: Nicki Chalmers Seconded: Sue Foley
6. Zone Events:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
6.1 Team Champs	Once again the Team Championships was a successful event with a great profit for the zone. The running of this event is always a mammoth task and could not be done without the dedicated team. Thanks to Lucinda as an essential member of the team with her scoring program. Without this the competition could not continue. Concerns for the future include: The size of the facility – there has been concern that the event is outgrowing the facility. However, there is not a suitable facility that would work for the organising group. We have booked the Bendigo Show Grounds for 2021.	Options were discussed re volunteer management 1. Different ways to nominate for roles 2. Pay qualified gear checkers 3. Run dressage pencilling training days Sponsorship support offered by Emma LeGrand. PLAN: establish a sponsorship group to meet and look at package options and opportunities.

	<p>Competitor numbers – we have set a max competitor number at 160, but with last minute entries we went over this in 2020. This presents challenges for camping and competition space.</p> <p>Sponsorship – COVID19 may see business less able to support the event in 2021.</p> <p>Volunteers – thanks to Steph for her effort with the volunteer roster. A difficult task with most opting for the easy roles. Difficult roles to fill include Gear Checking and Dressage Pencilling.</p>	
6.2 Zone HT State Qualifiers	Cancelled due to COVID19 with associated cancellation costs.	It is unknown if the state will be holding any events this year.
6.3 Zone Flat Team & SJ		
6.4 Zone G/F/M/P State Qualifiers	Unknown if this will be held	
6.5 Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers	Unknown if this will be held	
6.6 Zone AGM	Currently on the calendar for 7 th August 2020. Section for this has not yet been confirmed.	If restrictions have not been lifted by this time the date can be changed to as late as end November.
7. General Business:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
7.1	How to keep members involved with PC during the impact of COVID19.	<p>What clubs are currently doing</p> <p>Mandurang Sth – Toilet roll challenge, senior members are helping to coordinate.</p> <p>Horsham – Senior Riders are has a social media plan yet to be presented.</p> <p>Maryborough – online rallies – members post photos of what they are doing with their horses on rally days. Toilet roll challenge.</p> <p>Maldon – looking at holding a virtual dressage test for members. Video a test and judges offer assessment and feedback.</p> <p>Neangar Park – currently has lots of very junior riders – photo/video sharing of any trick they do with their ponies, and anything that they are doing.</p> <p>Midland Zone photo comp – great to see the range of photos from members.</p> <p>Linda notes the enthusiasm of E certificate level riders and interaction with the facebook group.</p>
7.2	Do clubs think their riders will take up the PCV 6 mth membership option?	Many members not aware of this option – no correspondence from PCV to general members.

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		Note: The insurance component will cover riders when riding at home. ACTION – Sue Foley to follow up with PCV re communications with clubs and members re membership renewal options.
7.3	Have clubs considered any incentives for members to re-join?	Maryborough – plans to offer extension of current 2019-2020 club membership to end dec 2020 if members re-join PCV.
7.4	Zone affiliation fees for 2020-2021	MOTION 2020.04.01 That the Midland Zone forgo zone affiliation fees for the 2020-2021 year. Moved: Sue Foley Seconded: Linda Gerring Carried. ACTION: zone sec to notify clubs
7.5	Midland Zone support for clubs	Any club struggling are encouraged to contact any member of the Midland Zone exec to discuss concerns and MZ can look if they can offer support. ACTION: Zone sec to forward email to all clubs.
Next Meeting:	Tuesday July 14 th 2020 @ Maryborough. This date and venue may be subject to change following PCV state delegates meeting and determined by COVID19 social restrictions	Meeting Closed: 2128

APPENDIX 1 – ZONE REP REPORT

After the tragedy of the bushfires at the start of 2020 who could have predicted that we were heading towards a crisis that would change the world? Thank fully before COVID 19 caused the cessation of all pony club activities the Midland Zone Victorian Pony Club Team Championship was held on March 7th and 8th . Record entries, perfect weather and the most amazing group of people who worked tirelessly for weeks beforehand and du rung the competition saw 180 rider have the a wonderful time . Thanks must go to the amazing people who ensured the events success

Debbie Weir Clinton Hedger, Jackie Tresize, Peggy Mills. Nicki Chalmers, Kira Chalmers, Steph Fowler, Camille and Tony Thorneycroft, Jaqui Copeland and Mark Birchmore. Thanks also to the clubs of the Midland Zone who supported the event. The profit made from the event goes towards supporting the riders of the Midland Zone. It is the most inclusive event on the pony club calendar and as a Zone we can be very proud of what it does for the riders who participate. So often the feedback is not about the ribbons but about the fun, the friendships, the team support and the camaraderie

Sadly we missed out on holding the Midland Zone Horse trials. It is unknown at this stage if it will be possible to hold any State events in 2020. It may be that we can get back to some sort of rally program in the near future but competition will be a different matter. Be assured that as soon as I hear anything from head office I pass on the information

What is very worrying is the viability of our clubs moving into the new pony club year. Riders have missed only one rally so far but the May date is looming. With any luck we might be back to rallies by June. Clubs could consider giving rally credits as a deduction for 2020/21 fees, instead of charging a total club component perhaps a user pay rally fee could apply. Each club committee will decide what works best for their club and their members.

It has been great to see all the entries in the Midland Zone photo completion on the Zone page. Congratulations to clubs that are holding online rallies. While riders don't get rally attendance for these rallies it is a fantastic way to engage members and give them a sense of participation and fun while they are missing getting together once a month . Any DC's needing some help on how to do this please ask Zone CI Linda Gerring who has worked out an easy fun format .

I will be suggesting to the Rules committee that we look at some form of exemption for rallies for competition qualifying criteria impacted by the Covid no rally period

The newly formed PCV Finance and Risk committee has offered members a 6 month membership payable between May 15th and May 30th. My hope is that club committees encourage their members to rejoin. I have heard some clubs mention that members will rejoin when rallies resume. However there is no pro rata with the 6 month membership. If members rejoin before May 30th they have full insurance cover while they are riding at home.

I am a member of the PCV Governance committee and we have been working hard to develop the constitution to support the Unified model of Governance that was developed after the 2019 SGM. The draft constitution will be sent to clubs once it has been approved by the State Council. If anyone needs clarification and/or an explanation of the draft constitution please contact me.

Thanks to MZ CI Linda Gerring for all the hard work she has put into developing the certificate and coaches pages. There is no better time for riders to get started or to finalise certificate books. It is very important that we keep our riders involved at whatever level suits them during this crisis until we can get back to the new 'normal'.

Happy horsing, Sue

Midland Zone: Balance Sheet - As of 23/04/2020:3

As of 23/04/2020 (in Australian Dollars) (Cash Basis)

23/04/2020

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Account	23/04/2020 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Bendigo Midland	12,880.65
HSGPC Trust money	1,194.75
Midland Zone Term Deposit	27,707.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	41,782.40
TOTAL ASSETS	41,782.40
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	41,782.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	41,782.40

P & L Statement

26/04/2020

12/02/2020 through 26/04/2020 (in Australian Dollars)

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Date	Account	Description	Amount
INCOME			22,147.26
C Certificate			250.00
Rider Payment			250.00
Hire			1,200.00
Trailer			1,200.00
deposit			1,200.00
26/02/2020	Bendigo Midland	Bealiba Pony Club	600.00
13/03/2020	Bendigo Midland	Castlemaine Pony Club	600.00
Interest Income-Interest Income			1.21
Team Champs			20,686.05
Wrong Account Transfer			10.00
EXPENSES			-16,592.50
Consumer Affairs			-59.20
Cost of Events			-15,098.25
C Certificate			-214.95
K Certificate			-338.00
Vic Team Champs			-14,128.23
Zone Horse Trials			-417.07
Hire Refunds			-600.00
Trailer			-600.00
PCAV			-150.00
Affiliation Fee			-150.00
Zone Executive			-685.05
Council Travel			-170.00
reimbursements			-104.00
Secretary Expenses			-411.05
OVERALL TOTAL			5,554.76

Team Champs 2020
1/07/2019 through 26/04/2020 (in Australian Dollars)

Date	Account	D	Amount
INCOME			28,715.05
Team Champs			28,715.05
	Catalogue		25.00
	Drink Bottles		60.00
	Entries		22,874.00
	Hay Bags		100.00
	Meals		175.00
	Merchandise		105.00
	Misc Inc		185.00
	Polo Tops		2,224.00
	Raffle		736.00
	Sponsorship		2,231.05
EXPENSES			-19,191.23
Cost of Events			-19,191.23
	Vic Team Champs		-19,191.23
	Accomodation		-284.00
	Admin		-228.50
	Audio		-540.00
	Catering		-1,991.00
	Drink Bolttles		-939.40
	first Aid		-20.10
	float Money		-660.00
	Garlands&Ribbons		-2,555.13
	Judges		-910.00
	Misc		-573.00
	Polo Tops		-2,330.90
	Rugs		-986.00
	Scoring		-1,073.00
	Stable Refunds		-2,080.00
	Straw		-952.00
	Venue Hire		-3,068.20
OVERALL TOTAL			9,523.82