

Midland Zone Committee Meeting

Date: 26 th October 2021	Venue: Online ZOOM meeting	Meeting Start: 7.35pm
Attendance	Ararat: Wendy Dickenson, Jill Marshall	Bealiba: Julie Gould, Carolyn Stephenson, Debbie Weir
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo: apologies
	Castlemaine:	Charlton:
	Donald: Suzie Hedt, Jill McEwen	Harcourt: Peggy Mills
	Horsham: Kylie Fiedler	Learmonth: Emma LeGrand
	Loddon:	Maldon: Melissa Gillespie
	Mandurang Sth: Kira Chalmers	Maryborough: Linda Gerring
	Neangar Park: Donna Stebbins	Stawell: Kylie Janetski
	St Arnaud:	Zone: Sue Foley
Apologies	Emelia Sudholz, Jo Lane – HorshamPC; Bendigo PC; Trista Hoyland – MaldonPC MOTION 21.10.01 That the apologies be accepted. Mov: BCuthbertson Sec: SFoley	
Item	Action/Discussion	Outcome
1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	MOTION 21.10.02 That the minutes from the September 2021 meeting be accepted as true and correct	Mov: BCuthbertson Sec: DStebbins
2. Business Arising	2.1 midland zone constitution	MZ currently using model rules. Still trying to source a copy of old version. BronwynC to contact Don Roach who JMcEwan to provide contact to SFoley conact for Berryl.
	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	Information shared with members. See comments in appendix 1 Discussion identified that the series intends for any MZ club to host if calendar request submitted: MZ would encourage smaller clubs to work with the larger clubs to be involved: MZ will only run one of the 3 events in the series as also runs a number of other state qualifyer events throughout the year: the MZ event of the series will remain a compulsory event however, consideration by MZ exec in extenuating circumstances if a rider unable to attend: the series format will run for 2 years and then MZ will review. MOTION 2021.10.03 That the MZ D&SJ series be accepted to run as documented from 2022-2023 Mov: DWeir Sec: KChalmers
	2.4 Midland Zone Website development	BCuthbertson & SFoley have started the process to set up new MZ website with 61studio. Discussed issues of child safety in posting of photos.
	2.5 MZ bylaws review.	Change current 18.1.b. <i>Under no circumstances will Clubs be permitted to hold clinics or events on ZONE EVENT DAYS.</i> Updated by-law: to be ratified

		18.1.b.i. Clubs are not permitted to hold club competitions on Zone competition days. ii If due to unforeseen circumstances the Zone needs to move a Zone competition date to a club competition date the outcome will be negotiated between the Zone executive and the club executive MOTION 2021.10.04 That the wording change to the MZ by-laws MZ calendar be accepted. Mov: BCuthbertson Sec: WDickenson
3. Correspondence In		
3.1 clubs	a. Stawell PC officials update b. NPPC – comments on D&SJ series	Narelle O'Callaghan confirmed as DC.
3.2 PCV	a. Community sport survival grant round 4 b. COVID update 30 th September c. COVID update 15 th October d. Position available – casual admin assistant e. Get Active Kids Vouchers – round 3 f. Event cancellation – 2021 ride to time championship g. Event cancellation – 2021 GFM h. COVID update 23 rd October i. COVID posters for committees	
3.4. other	a. Dan Tehan – September update b. COVID survival grant round 4 automatic top up c. Invoice 61 design for website design	
4. Correspondence Out	4.1 Incorporations Victoria – annual report 4.2 Sports community membership invite	MOTION 2021.10.05 That the correspondence be accepted. Mov: BCuthbertson Sec: KChalmers
5. Reports	Action/Discussion	Outcome
5.2 Treasurer	MZ currently has \$49714.40 in bank accounts. A \$6 credit from PCA continues to be received quarterly for unknown payments. PCA aware and not able to identify reason for payment. Outstanding invoice for the MZ HT – invoice for Course assessment not yet received. ACTION-Sfoley to follow up. NOTE: MZ riders who have qualified for Nationals can receive reimbursement of \$100 from MZ on submission of request to the treasurer.	MOTION 2021.10.06 That the treasurers report be accepted. Mov: DWeir Sec: SFoley
5.3 Zone Rep	Report read – see attached.	MOTION 2021.10.07 That the MZ rep report be accepted Mov: SFoley Sec: DWeir
5.4 Zone Chief Instructor	Reminder to all clubs – NCAS workshop in Ararat. Saturday will focus on equitation science and lower grade certificate work. Will be looking for riders to participate.	MOTION 2021.10.08 That the MZ ZCI be accepted. Mov: LGerring Sec: BCuthbertson

	Possible MZ camp in January – not yet confirmed.	
5.5 Zone Examining Secretary	Not present.	
6. Zone Events:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
6.1 Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers Zone Flat Team & SJ	11-12 December @ Mandurang South	Grounds booking confirmed. Program to be completed soon. SFoley to confirm sponsorship.
6.2 PC Team Championship	2022 planning	Kira Chalmers, Clinton Hedges and Roger LeGrand working to source sponsorship, Rider Gift – SFoley ordering MZ patterned socks with previous supplier and investigating prices for polo shirts.
7. General Business:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
7.1 Midland Zone By-Laws - review	7.1.1 Team GFM MZ competition team support. Change to state rules, team numbers now not limited. Review MZ entry fee support for teams. Current by-law for GFM <i>10.2.c. First and second placed teams represent the Midland Zone at State Championships and are requested to pay half of the entry fee. Every 2nd year the 3rd placed team has the option of competing at the State Championships if they are prepared to pay the entry fee. This occurs on every even year.</i>	MOTION 2021.10.09 That MZ will fund half the entry fee for two teams in each of the team Games, Flat, Musical events. If a third team is able to attend in any of the three events, MX will fund half the entry fee for this team. Mov: BCuthbetson Sec: LGerring
7.2 COVID restrictions for club events including rallies	Discussion regarding the current Vic Government requirements for Community events and sports. These are changing regularly, it is the responsibility of each club to ensure that they follow government current guidelines. PCV provide regular summaries. Some clubs seeking clarification re double vax club attendance and recording.	OUTCOME: Clubs must adhere to the current Vic Gov restrictions/requirements, however clubs may set own requirements as long as these do not contradict State requirements. It is noted that some clubs are setting a double vax requirement for attendance. If a club is concerned regarding club adherence of COVID restrictions they should contact PCV office directly and discuss their specific event and concerns.
7.3 Adult Riding membership activities	SFoley requested that a letter be tabled to be forwarded to PCV. Presented that currently PCV Adult riding members do not enjoy all benefits of PCV membership in that they cannot compete with PCV junior/senior riding members. All PCV competitions are graded. PCV Grading is competency based, not an age based system.	MOTION: That letter be forwarded to PCV re adult riding membership competition. Mov: SFoley Sec: LGerring
7.4 Around the Clubs	Donald: concern re known non vaccinated family. Advised to contact Cath at PCV. Horsham: CT&D jackpot to be run on 28 th November. Entries open. Promoting riders to attend MZ D&SJ event in December. Mandurang South: Preparing to host the MZ D&SJ event in December. Member Tegan to compete at Nationals on 13 th November. Still have new members joining. Maryborough. D&SJ weekend cancelled. Planning 2022 events. Noting new membership enquiries remain strong. Many connect to melb-regional moves and looking for ponies to ride. The PCV pro rata membership is self limiting for new membership prior to end of 2021, riders choosing come&try from a financial aspect. Currently 55 riding members.	
	Bealiba: cancelled S&SJ weekend. Looking at transferring activities. The Club has decided no mandatory double vax for all club activities.	
	Harcourt: S&SJ event tranfered to 6 th November.	

	Learmonth: membership enquires continue and now have to limit membership to allow for grounds size at present.	
Next Meeting:	Tuesday 23rd November 2021	Meeting Closed: 9pm

Zone Reps Report October 2021

Hi All,

Since our last meeting Day light saving has been welcomed by almost all horse people and even better news is the easing of COVID restrictions in the near future so that we can get back to something closer to pony club life pre- Covid. The COVID compliance updates from PCV are a bit confusing so if you need help navigating your way through the updates don't hesitate to contact Kath Kindler at head office. Email would be the preferred method so that you have the response in writing email: ncas@ponyclubvic.org.au

The PCV involvement in the PCA virtual Nationals is again going ahead due to the easing of the COVID restrictions. Best of luck to our riders.

Congratulations to all the clubs in the Zone on your amazing efforts in running rallies and training days where possible to keep riders and members motivated. At the recent SC meeting the ZR from North Eastern zone that has long had the most members of all the Zones told us that she doubted that this would be the case come 2022. NE Zone is a zone that has a huge horse population per area. Many of the riders are competition focused and sadly see PC as another means of competition.

In our Zone pony club has a strong focus on friendship, community, learning and fun as well as competition. It has been wonderful to see the clubs of this zone getting together with their riders and riders from other associations to keep the momentum of pony club going through these very trying times. Well done!

More in the theme of the fun available in pony club, Pony Club Quiz is to be added as a discipline at State level. We had a practise run at the SC meeting and it is fun! There is the opportunity for whole state participation and also international opportunity for competitors including RWH. The PCV Quiz committee will look to adapt some PCA rules to suit our needs.

In my last report I mentioned that no EOI had been put to the board for the hosting of the 2022 State SJ & Dressage Championships. Happily East Gippsland Zone has now thrown their hat into the ring and the event will be held at Sale Showgrounds over the weekend of February 25th and 26th. I had a look at the showgrounds website and it looks to be a wonderful venue. The program will be out in the very near future for the Zone Qualifying Event which is to be held at Mandurang PC grounds on the second weekend in December

Other Confirmed State Championship Calendar 2022

- Horse Trials & Interzone – Mansfield Pony Club May 14th & 15th
- Games Flat Musical – June 18/19th
- Tetrathlon – December 10/11th TBC
- Ride to Time –TBC

Sadly due to the end of the year closing in quickly and lack of suitable venues in the time frame both the Ride to Time State finals and the Games, Flat and Musical State finals have been cancelled which is so disappointing for all the riders. RVC has decided that the current format of Ride to Time needs to change but there have been no decisions made yet as to what the new format looks like. Watch this space!

The State Tetrathlon Committee has asked that Tetrathlon be included as one of the graded disciplines. Grading guidelines will be developed and introduced based on the combinations show jumping ability and the rider's age. Novice classes will be offered for riders who wish to jump 10cm lower than their age group.

There has also been a sub committee formed to discuss with the Victorian Polocrosse Association their proposal to add polocrosse as a recognised discipline in PCV. This is great news! I am a member of that subcommittee and we have the first meeting on Thursday.

The PCA Safety Committee has provided a draft document outlining PCA Minimum Medical Service at Pony club Activities and Events. There will be further information about this before the end of the year but suffice to say that the level of medical mandated for Horse trials for example will see increase of entry fees needed to fund the medical requirements.

Thank you to MZ president Peggy Mills and also to MZ past CI Ken Croser for donating their time and expertise this coming weekend to the Zone "NO COST" Show jump judging and Course Design /Building weekend !! I am sure it will be an invaluable experience for all the attendees. Thank you also to Maryborough PC for the use of the grounds.

Until next time,

May the Horse be with you!

Sue Foley

Treasurers Report

Account Balances - As of 26/10/2021:2
As of 26/10/2021 (in Australian Dollars)

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Account	26/10/2021 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Bendigo Midland	21,277.97
Midland Zone Term Deposit	28,436.43
TOTAL Bank Accounts	49,714.40
OVERALL TOTAL	49,714.40

Midland Zone2: Profit & Loss Statement:2
 1/07/2021 through 26/10/2021 (in Australian Dollars) (Cash Basis)

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Category Description	1/07/2021- 26/10/2021
INCOME	
***Unknown	6.00
C Certificate	
Rider Payment	25.00
TOTAL C Certificate	25.00
Clinic	
Rule Books-Other work related expenses	132.00
TOTAL Clinic	132.00
Interest Income-Interest Income	
Term Deposit	63.31
Other Interest Income-Interest Income	0.75
TOTAL Interest Income-Interest Income	64.06
Ride To Time	
Entry	330.00
TOTAL Ride To Time	330.00
Zone Horse Trials	
Entry	4,963.41
Yards & Camping	390.00
TOTAL Zone Horse Trials	5,353.41
TOTAL INCOME	5,910.47
EXPENSES	
Cost of Events	
Games & Flat	
Sashes & awards	554.42
TOTAL Games & Flat	554.42
misc	2,000.00
Zone Horse Trials	
Camping And Yards	340.00
Sashes & Awards	622.91
TOTAL Zone Horse Trials	962.91
TOTAL Cost of Events	3,517.33
Dressage Trailer	
Insurance	936.00
TOTAL Dressage Trailer	936.00
Hire Refunds	
Radios	200.00
TOTAL Hire Refunds	200.00
Midland Zone Website	
Design	1,017.50
TOTAL Midland Zone Website	1,017.50
Zone Executive	
reimbursements	
Other Zone Executive:reimbursements	59.25
TOTAL reimbursements	59.25
TOTAL Zone Executive	59.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,730.08
OVERALL TOTAL	180.39

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