

Midland Zone Meeting Minutes

Date: 23 rd November 2021	Venue: Online ZOOM meeting	Meeting Start: 7.35pm
Attendance	Ararat: Wendy Dickenson,	Bealiba: Debbie Weir, Faye Barnett, Julie Gould, Caroline Stepheson
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo: Maree Campbell
	Castlemaine:	Charlton: Kaye Blanchard
	Donald: Jill McEwan	Harcourt: Peggy Mills
	Horsham: Kylie Fiedler, Kelli Dickerson, Emilia Sudholz	Learmonth: Dave Shedudko, Annabel Neylon
	Loddon:	Maldon: Kira Chalmers, Nicki Chalmers,
	Mandurang Sth:	Maryborough: Linda Gerring
	Neangar Park:	Stawell: Narelle Callaghan
	St Arnaud:	Zone: Sue Foley
Apologies		
Item	Action/Discussion	Outcome
1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	MOTION 2021.11.01 That the October 2021 minutes be accepted as true and accurate	Mov: BCuthbertson Sec: LGerring
2. Business Arising	2.1 midland zone constitution	Don Roach suggests looking for MZ secretary filing cabinet. Filing cabinet identified and does not hold copy of original MZ constitution. ACTION: SFoley to follow up with Maree @ Donald PC.
	2.2 MZ delegates meetings – april 2021 meeting decided on online delegates meetings with 3 face to face each year – AGM in August plus one in St Arnaud and one in Maryborough.	Dates not yet provided by PCV for 2022. MZ dates for delegates meetings on the first Tuesday after the PCV state meeting date.
	2.4 Midland Zone Website development	Ongoing
3. Correspondence In		
	a. St Arnaud PC – officials update	Traci Gixti approved as DC
3.1 clubs	b. Maldon PC 2022 events nomination	
	c. Harcourt PC 2022 events nomination	
3.2 PCV	a. Covid update & resources	
	b. 2021 tetrathlon state championships	
	c. Covid update 1 st November	
	d. Covid update 4 th November	
	e. Covid safe events update 5 th nov	
	f. Club development webinar series – emerging leaders in community sport	
	g. Covid update 19 th November	
	h. Omnisport cessation 1 st December	
	i. JustGo membership club update	
	j. Horseland PC SJ & D championships @ Sale Showgrounds hosted by East Gippsland Zone.	
PCA	a. JustGo membership & events software notification	
3.4. other	a. Warwick Slade, Event Secretary re 2023 PC World Games Championship	See full transcript below. Guest speaker 7.30 at meeting
	b. Beaufort Ag Society – Summer horse show program	
	c. Asteria Services Print & Bind manuals for SJ clinic	

4. Correspondence Out	4.1 To PCV re adult membership competition	
	4.2 Neangar Park PC – reply re D&SJ MZ series.	
	4.3 To all clubs – Sports Community webinar offer	
	4.4 To all clubs – Bft Ag Show summer horse show program	
	4.5 To all clubs – sport & recreation Victoria grants – uniforms and volunteer training.	Motion 2021.11.02 That the correspondence be accepted Mov: BCuthbertson Sec: SFoley
5. Reports	Action/Discussion	Outcome
5.2 Treasurer	Not much movement in the past month. Appendix 1. Have commenced the transfer to the ZERO system. Participated in the PCV online info session re new data base. Disappointing, experiencing difficulties verifying access to the system and needs website. This will be an issue for most of the MZ clubs.	Motion 2021.11.03 That the treasurer report be accepted. Mov: DWeir Sec: SFoley
5.3 Zone Rep	Report read – appendix 2	Motion 2021.11.04 That the Midland Zone Representative report be accepted. Mov: SFoley Sec: BCuthbertson
5.4 Zone Chief Instructor	Report read.	
5.5 Zone Examining Secretary	August candidates still to complete riding and in-hand assessments. Time constraints mean this will now most likely to be held in January prior to the State Competition should riders require C-certificate to compete.	
6. Zone Events:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
6.1 Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers Zone Flat Team & SJ	11-12 December @ Mandurang South	MZ aware that Maldon establishing volunteers list for event. ACTION: MZ to follow up with Donna @ Maldon re assistance required. Shields: ensure delivery to event. Bealiba currently holds SJ team shield, Horsham currently holds Flat team shield. Dressage Trailer: MZ plan for delivery
6.2 PC Team Championship	2022 planning	SFoley confirmed delivery of socks, happy with colours. Working on poloshirts. Kira/Roger/Clinton confirming sponsors. Horseland Sponsorship – donation of SJ wing set. Final design almost approved. Narelle identified that PetStock has SJ wings, will see if can source.
7. General Business:	Action/Discussion	Outcome
7.1 Guest speaker – Warwick Slade	Warwick has 20yrs PC experience and is a current NCAS level 1 coach specialist in games. He is an Active mounted games rider and referee, and with his wife run Event Secretary. Warwick presented that in October 2023, the World Mounted Games will be conducted at Werribee. 24 countries will be competing in under 18yrs and open. They will require 120-150 games experienced ponies. Warwick aims to establish 200 new games riders prior this competition. He acknowledges that this is not a PC competition, however, games has a strong history in PC. Warwick proposes two formats for pony access	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free lease: ponies would complete a 2 mth boot camp to determine suitability and then pair the pony with an established 'games family' until the competition. 2. Co-Ride: designed to increase games skills in PC. Warwick will offer interested zoned 6 skills clinics to development of riders, ponies and coaches. Warwick will identify suitable rider/pony pairs. This program will pair riders with experienced National/International riders for advanced skill development. There will be a transition of selected ponies from the co-ride to the free lease towards end 2022. 3. Ideally horses will be 13-15hh, aged 6-16 yrs, have 1-2 yrs PC experience attending rallies. 4. Warwick will establish individual games competitions for further experience and training. <p>Warwick is working with PCV to establish PC games as a specific discipline for individual and team competition and hopes that he will be able to establish a grading system for PC riders. PCA has recently published a games rule book – available on the PCA website. Warwick is also promoting a coaching specialist pathway for the NCAS coaching accreditation.</p> <p>Warwicks' goal is to encourage PC clubs to develop rider/pony/coach games skills and run games competition for individual/pairs.</p> <p>Warwick is seeking Midland Zone participation in the Co-Rider program. He will require a central grounds to use in the zone, the MZ to set dates for the 6 training sessions and source at least 20 riders commit to the training sessions. Warwick will supply coaches and most of games equipment. Warwick will manage the participant registrations. Warwick encourages parent and coach participation and will provide accreditation for attendance. Potential specialist coaches will require WWCC, knowledge of the child approach in coaching and will learn games techniques. Warwick will also provide a 'video library' of skills, specific races and coaching basics. Owners of ponies will be involved with the international riders and invited to attend the World Games in Oct 2022.</p>
7.2 Around the clubs	<p>Ararat – no comments. Bealiba – Julie requested considerations of remuneration payments to executive roles. Presented that volunteers should be supported and have measurable worth. SFoley confirmed PCV previously offered allowance to State Rep which ceased in March 2020 on commencement of new board. Currently MZ reimbursement available for State Rep for accommodation/fuel when attending state events. Other exec reimbursement for specific costs incurred. ACTION: Julie to investigate further other PCV zone management of exec remuneration. Final consideration to be presented at 2022 AGM for membership discussion & vote.</p> <p>Charlton – no comments Donald – no comments Beaufort – no comments Harcourt – no comments Horsham – 9 members attended the PCV training day at Tullamarine. Planning for CT & D jackpot competition. Have Bunnings BBQ next week for fund raising. Learmonth – no comments Maldon – no comments Maryborough – thanks Peggy for the dressage protocol training support. Invaluable for riders, coaches, judges, pencilers, volunteers. Suggest would be a great training opportunity for MZ to promote in 2022. Stawell – coaches attended NCAS training. Membership continues to grow. Looking forward to 2022 returning to regular rally planning.</p>
7.3 PCV 2022 membership fee	<p>These are not yet finalised, awaiting insurance costs from PCA. Concern expressed by a number of clubs how membership will be handled at commencement of December in light of no confirmed fee and issues with online registration system not yet fully set up and issues identified by treasurer from info session. Continued discussion re PCV change to membership from financial year to calendar year and ongoing difficulties this continues to present to clubs. Points</p>

	<p>identified included previous decision to ignore membership survey, family financial considerations, club organisation considerations. MOTION 2022.11.05. That the MZ request the PCV board consider changing the PCV membership year from the calendar year to the financial year. Mov: KBlanchard Sec: NCallaghan carried</p>	
7.4 MZ camp 2022	CI meeting to discuss at next meeting.	
7.5 2022 MZ calendar	<p>SFoley presented state competition dates. MZ qualifying event dates set 6-8weeks prior. Some clubs have forwarded 2022 event dates. ACTION: secretary to collate all dates and forward interim calendar to all clubs for fu</p>	
7.6 PCV AGM	<p>Extension granted to feb 2022 to allow for membership face to face attendance. It was noted by those attending that there has been little communication from PCV in regards to this and the proposed PCA rule changes to be commence on January 1st 2022</p>	
7.7 COVID update	New information from PCV during the meeting re change to age limits for vaccination status. Now 12yrs & 8wks and over for competitions with open sections.	
Next Meeting:	To be confirmed with 2022 calendar once PCV state meeting dates confirmed.	Meeting Close: 10pm

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	
		2022	2023	2024
Midland Zone Horse Trials		D	C	B
Midland Zone Dressage & SJ Qualifiers		A	B	D
Midland Zone Games, Flat Musical & Pairs		B	A	C
Midland Zone SJ & Flat Team		C	D	A
Midland Zone AGM		B	D	A
Midland Zone Coaches Workshop		D	A	C
NCAS Training & Assessment Weekend		C	B	D

APPENDIX 1 Treasurer Report

20/11/2021

Midland Zone2: Balance Sheet - As of 20/11/2021:3 As of 20/11/2021 (in Australian Dollars) (Cash Basis)

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Account	20/11/2021 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Bendigo Midland	20,807.05
Midland Zone Term Deposit	28,436.43
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	49,243.48
TOTAL ASSETS	49,243.48
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
EQUITY	
	49,243.48
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	49,243.48

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
INCOME						256.18
Clinic						256.00
Rule Books-Other work related expenses						256.00
27/10/2021	Bendigo Midland		Stephanie Jane...2021		Clinic:Rule Boo...	32.00
27/10/2021	Bendigo Midland		Elsa Kathleen H 2021		Clinic:Rule Boo...	32.00
27/10/2021	Bendigo Midland		A J KUNDE 2021		Clinic:Rule Boo...	32.00
28/10/2021	Bendigo Midland		Melissa Gillespie 2021		Clinic:Rule Boo...	32.00
13/11/2021	Bendigo Midland		Peggy Mills 2021 x 4		Clinic:Rule Boo...	128.00
Interest Income-Interest Income						0.18
EXPENSES						-759.10
Cost of Events						-429.00
Clinic						-429.00
printing						-429.00
8/11/2021	Bendigo Midland		Asteria Services 2021 rule books		Cost of Events:...	-429.00
Rider Sponsorship Nationals						-300.00
20/11/2021	Bendigo Midland		AJ & EL Sudholz 2021 x 2		Rider Sponsors...	-200.00
20/11/2021	Bendigo Midland		Paris Fiedler 2021		Rider Sponsors...	-100.00
Zone Executive						-30.10
Secretary Expenses						-30.10
20/11/2021	Bendigo Midland		Bronwyn Cuthb...2021 consumer affairs		Zone Executive...	-30.10
OVERALL TOTAL						-502.92

APPENDIX 2 November 2021 Zone reps report

At the recent State Council meeting the items on the agenda included the viability of 1.10m classes at the State Horse Trials. SC had previously voted to remove this class from the State HT but has amended that decision to allow for the host Zone to offer the class should they so chose. This would be reliant on the Zone having a course available that included a 1.10 track.

It was also agreed that from 2022 to riders competing in Advanced dressage and in PC 1.10m horse trials must be graded and have that grading recorded on their card. There are now grading guidelines to support the process.

Riders wishing to compete in the Inter Zones Teams HT competition in grade 4 & 5 will also need to meet qualifying criteria. In normal years these criteria will be:

GRADE 4 combinations must complete three Horse Trials, two of which must be in a Pony Club section of a PCV Accredited Grade 4 Event.

- An EvA65 or a PCV Accredited Open Grade 4 event may be used as one qualification.
- One qualification must have been gained in the calendar year of the championships.
- Two qualifications with no more than 20 jumping penalties in the cross country phase & one qualification with zero jumping penalties in the cross country phase

GRADE 5 combinations must complete three Horse Trials, two of which must be in a Pony Club section of a PCV Accredited Grade 5 Event.

- A PCV Accredited Open Grade 5 event may be used as one qualification.
- One qualification must have been gained in the calendar year of the championships.
- Two qualifications with no more than 20 jumping penalties in the cross country phase & one qualification with zero jumping penalties in the cross country phase

For the 2022 event this will be reduced to 2 qualifiers, as will grade 3 to allow for the lack of qualifying opportunities due to the impact of COVID-19.

There is also an ongoing discussion about introducing proposed changes to the PCV Horse Trials rules to accommodate Time Penalties for going too fast on Cross Country.

It was wonderful to see our National riders finally getting the opportunity to compete for their State. The weather conspired against them but after the challenges of COVID nothing was going to stop them. Congratulations to all the riders and their families and supporters on their resilience and determination through a very difficult time. We eagerly await the results.

The exciting news is that the MZ letter to PCV State Council asking that Adult riding members be granted the benefit of riding in pony club classes resulted in a robust but sensible discussion. As we know the pony club experience across the Zones differs from Zone to Zone based on many variables. There is a risk that introducing adult riding members to pony club classes could be not received favourably in some zones by members.

The decision of the Council was to pilot for 12 months Adult riding members in pony club classes in Zones that choose to be a part of the program. Obviously the Midland Zone will be a part of the pilot program. Should the result of the pilot program support the introduction of the inclusion of Adult riders to PC classes across the State this happen in January 2023.

It may be that Adult riders are excluded from competing at State events as is the case in South Australia. Time will tell but the pilot is a very welcome step in the right direction.

In other wonderful and very welcome news, Horseland Bendigo manager Kylie Balazs who is an amazing supporter and sponsor of Midland Zone events has very kindly donated to the zone, via the store, a beautiful Horseland Show jump, made by other friends of our zone, Megan and Liam from Horizon Show jumps. Please support the businesses that so generously support our members.

I would like to wish all the clubs of the Mighty Midland Zone a fabulous festive Christmas rally. Thank you to the amazing volunteers who step up and take on Committee positions so that our members can enjoy the benefits of this wonderful Association.

My very sincere thanks go to the talented and committed members of the Midland Zone executive. There is well in excess of 100 years of pony club experience among the amazing team. The time they volunteer to ensure the smooth running of the Zone is very much appreciated.

Merry Christmas and a happy horsie 2022 to everyone!

Sue Foley

