

# Midland Zone of PCV Committee Meeting Held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at St Arnaud

**Meeting Open:** 8.05pm

**Apologies:** Deb Weir (Midland Zone), Kira Chalmers (Maldon), Beryl Pearse (Donald), Tina Wilde (Ararat), Mark Birchmore (Neangar Park), Tess Tepper (Stawell)

## **Club Representatives Present:**

Ararat	Wendy Dickenson
Bealiba	Faye Barnett, Julie Gould
Beaufort	
Bendigo	
Castlemaine	
Charlton	Kaye Blanchard
Donald	Jill McEwen, Anne Campbell
Harcourt	
Horsham	
Huntly Spring Gully	<b>IN RECESSION</b>
Loddon	
Maldon	
Mandurang South	
Maryborough	Chelsea Gerring
Neangar Park	
Stawell	Viv Cole, Maree McGregor
St Arnaud	
Midland Zone	Linda Gerring, Debbie Ruff, Sue Foley, Geoff Lord, Jo Lane, Nicki Chalmers

## **Confirmation of Minutes:**

**Moved:** Sue Foley

**Seconded:** Chelsea Gerring

## **Business Arising from February 2018 Minutes:**

- The Zone By Laws are still in the process of being completed (Sue is waiting for Kaye to finalise a few historical points)
- The scoring system that Maryborough PC uses has been sent through to Mark Birchmore to have a play with when he gets time
- The letter to PCV regarding the amount of jobs each Zone gets at State events is still to be written – Sue advised that this may not be worth sending as it has been discussed at state committee level. Will be reviewed after next State HT event and letter sent if members who attended this event still feel that there is an issue.
- Letter to the Bendigo Show re: offering support of members for the PC ring to run better is still to be completed.
- Email is to be sent to any club who still have not sent through the Club Officials Notification Form
- The measuring wheel and tape was purchased for the Dressage trailer
- Games helmet covers will now be made by Wendy Dickenson

## **Correspondence In: 14/2/2018 through to 17/4/2018**

### **Clubs**

- Event programs
- Date change on MZ 2018 Calendar for Bendigo PC

- Flyer with the details for the HERO program for visits to club rallies, etc.
- Club Officials Notification form from Mandurang South PC
- Date changes on MZ 2018 Calendar from Mandurang South and Maldon PC's

#### **PCV**

- Updates & info on memberships, Club Contacts and other things
- MyPonyClub Event Manager is now open to clubs and Zones
- Reminder re: members survey
- Asking if we can confirm if the riders listed in the email were the riders going to the State Dressage & SJ Champs in March 2018
- Asking for names/numbers of helpers for the State Dressage & SJ Champs in March 2018
- Advising that clubs and Zones can renew their annual membership with PCV now
- Seeking a PC Horseland Collegiate Brand Ambassador
- Volunteer list for the State Dressage & SJ Champs in March 2018
- Requirements for all coaches coaching at PCV rallies and activities

#### **Hard Copies/Other**

- Woodshield – advertising their SJ poles

#### **Correspondence Out: 14/2/2018 through to 17/4/2018**

- Event programs
- To Lucinda Mack – entry spreadsheet for the VPCTC held in March
- To Catherine Schwarz – helpers list for the State Dressage & SJ Champs in March 2018
- To PCV – Incident forms from the VPCTC
- To PCV – Incident form from the MZ Horse Trials
- To all Clubs - Flyer and info on the C\* & K Certificate workshop being held on 25<sup>th</sup> March at Maldon PC
- To all clubs – Flyer and info for the NCAS Workshop/Assessment Weekend being held on 28/29 April at Ararat PC
- To PCV – Day Participant Remittance Form from the MZ Horse Trials

***Correspondence Moved: Debbie Ruff***

***Seconded: Viv Cole***

#### **Presidents Report from Linda Gerring**

- Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Team Champs, in particular Clinton Hedger, Deb Weir, Mark Birchmore but thank you to everyone who did help in any way
- Zone Horse Trials entries were low which was a bit disappointing but it was still a great weekend
- Thanks to everyone who helps out in the Midland Zone in any way, shape or form – it is greatly appreciated

#### **Treasurers Report from Debbie Weir**

Financial statement for Midland Zone PCAV as at 13/04/2018

	<b>Opening Balances</b>	<b>Closing Balances</b>
Australia Bank	\$8,714.89	\$376.04
Bendigo Bank	\$8,046.63	\$22,980.28
Term Deposit	\$26,522.57	\$26,522.57

***Overall balance*** as at 13/04/2018

***\$49,878.89***

***Moved: Faye Barnett***

***Seconded: Jo Lane***

## Zone Rep Report from Sue Foley

Hi All,

Well we survived another Sandhurst Stockfeed Team Championships. It was hot and very hard work but to see 160 kids and their horses have such a great time was wonderful. The whole event committee and clubs who helped were amazing but a special mention to acknowledge the tireless efforts of **Clinton Hedger, Debbie Weir** and **Mark Birchmore** who quite simply go above and beyond. Mark asked me to acknowledge on his behalf the help he received from the Horsham pony club members.

We have created a very special event that celebrates grass roots pony club and that pony club embodies which is fun, friendship and a sense of community. Along with that is the fact that we also make income for our Zone so we can expand on our assets and support our riders now and into the future. It was great to see the event with some photos mentioned in the March PCA National newsletter.

Well done also to everyone who helped ensure the success of the Zone Horse trials held at Charlton on April 8th. Thank you to the members of Charlton PC for the use of your wonderful grounds. Special thanks and a ton of appreciation go to **Clinton Riley, Jason Dowell and Jacinta Pollock** for their efforts in getting the XC course ready. It is a huge job. Thank you to the members of Section B who helped at the working bees.

Congratulations to the winners and placegetters in each grade, especially to **Oscar** and **Olivia Cole** and **Annabelle Webb** who added to their PCV State HT qualifications. A HUGE WELL DONE to the members of the Horsham All Stars; **Sophie McLellan, Tatiarna Nelson, Georgia McLellan & Anna Sudholz** on winning the 2018 MIDLAND ZONE CLUB TEAM CHALLENGE.

I have noticed clubs have been inviting Tanya McDermott of the HERO program for rehoming standardbreds to visit at rallies. This is wonderful and it is also great to see more standies out there in the world of pony club. They are a wonderful breed and so versatile.

Our teams are organised for the PCV InterZones Team Challenge that is now held on the same weekend as the State Horse Trials, this being the first weekend in May. We have 2 grade 3 teams and a grade 4 team this year which is fantastic. Best of luck to Oscar and Olivia who are competing in grade 2. I am not sure yet if we have other riders competing.

I attended the April State council meeting last Tuesday. First on the agenda was a demonstration by Suanne on how effective the new data base will eventually be for taking online entries etc. This function is called MYPONYCLUB Event manager and any clubs wanting to know more can call Suanne at head office. Deb Weir and Linda Gerring will follow up on this for Zone events.

A reminder to all clubs to encourage members to activate and update their online member profile. This new data base is the future of communication and so much more in pony club so we all have to get with it!

It was also suggested at the meeting that when Zones are holding their qualifiers for the games flat and musical that they open the event up to all Zones which I think is a great idea but we can vote on that. There is a new game included for the 2018 event which is the 2 flag race and the 2 mug shuffle has been removed. Games for 2018 order as follows:

- Bending Race
- 2 Flag Race
- Milk Bottle Race
- Sock and Bucket Race
- Stick Pegging Race
- Flag and Drum Relay

Flat Team Rides for 2018 – The flat team tests have been sent to PCV for updating and inclusion in the new Flat Teams Schedule. Team of Four as Pairs has been removed from competition.

Congratulations to the candidates who successfully achieved their C certificate last weekend at Maryborough. Well done also to Nicki Chalmers on her initiative in implementing the Midland Zone C Certificate Facebook group and including live online videos to help prepare our candidates. Riders from our Zone and other Zones have found this very helpful

Thanks and happy horsing!  
Sue

**Moved:** Sue Foley

**Seconded:** Viv Cole

## **Zone Chief Instructor Report from Jo Lane**

### Zone Assistant Renewals

At the latest Chief Instructors Panel meeting the process and need for Zone Assistants to undergo accreditation was discussed. Midland Zone currently has three Zone Assistants who are due for renewal; Kira Chalmers, Julie Robins and Nikki Grey. Unfortunately Nicki has left our Zone and so it would be great to find a replacement for her.

### NCAS Training and Assessment Weekend

We have an NCAS training and assessment weekend scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. So far 6 people have expressed interest in the weekend but I am still waiting for them to confirm their places. Kate Wilson of PCV will be sending through a link to book via TryBooking.com.

### Ride to Time

This year's Ride to Time qualifiers for the Midland Zone will be held at St Arnaud. The venue is booked and the flyer is almost ready to distribute. I am just waiting on the date for the final to be announced by PCV.

### Zone Camp

This is still a work in progress and I will revisit this with the DCI/ZA group soon.

**Moved:** Jo Lane

**Seconded:** Jill McEwen

## **Zone Examining Secretary Report from Nicki Chalmers**

### C-Certificates

There were 8 candidates sit for their ridden examination on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of April. Thank you to Maryborough Pony Club for hosting the day on what was a testing day in regard to the weather. All candidates passed and I congratulate them on remaining positive in testing conditions. After the Facebook live series I ran prior to this C Certificate period, the standard of the books in general was much better. However, the nomination process is still causing problems. To try and combat this in future, I would like to trial using the new MyPonyClub Event Manager to take nominations. This will ensure the correct information is obtained, payment is made and I will have a section to record the tracking number for the posting of the workbooks. Hopefully this will make the process easier for everyone.

### C\*/K Workshop

A C\*/K workshop was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks to Maldon PC for hosting this day alongside their regular rally day. Presenters were Jervaise Prime (Saddle Fitting and Confirmation) and Meaghan Sutherland (Lungeing, Flat Expectations and Dressage Tests). There were 5 riders, parents and coaches present. Both presenters were exceptionally thorough in their presentations/lessons and riders really benefited. Meaghan has kindly forwarded a report to me on each of the riders to assist with where each rider is at regarding to assessment in these areas and with future workshop planning.

**Moved:** Nicki Chalmers

**Seconded:** Wendy Dickenson

## **Zone Events Report:**

- Next event is the Ride 2 Time which is being held on July 8<sup>th</sup> at St Arnaud. Program is nearly completed and will be sent out soon
- The Games, Flat & Musical is then to be held in August by Section D. Faye and Julie will take it back to Bealiba to see if they can hold it, if not then possibly Castlemaine
- The SJ & Flat Team ride is then to be held in October by Section A
- Section C is in the process of organising the Dressage & SJ Quals in December

## General Business:

- It was suggested that the Zone should have an equipment/assets list with contents, qty, where it is held, etc. Zone Secretary to implement this and keep up to date. It will be kept in the Zone dropbox
- Debbie Weir suggested that for every zone event there be a "facility fee" added to cost of entry. This fee can then be given to the hosting club towards upkeep and maintenance of their grounds/equipment. After discussion it was agreed to hold off on making a decision until the next meeting
- The Zone sections were discussed regarding club numbers and placement within the sections. Concerns were raised in relation to Section C now that clubs numbers have decreased and how they struggle to have grounds that are suitable to run Zone Events. It was also noted that Section D has 5 clubs, two of which have grade 1 to 6 XC courses. It was suggested by Sue Foley to move Maldon PC from Section D to Section C to even out the sections and give Section C a ground with a venue that has an accredited Cross Country course for Grades 1 & 2 and therefore giving 3 out of 4 sections a Club that can host the Zone HT plus other Zone events that require a larger ground area.  
***Moved by Kaye that Maldon moves to Section C on the condition that Maldon discusses and agrees to the move.*** Debbie Ruff to send a letter to Maldon ASAP
- Suggested that the Midland Zone has its own bank of good quality and suitable Two Way radios for Zone Events and for Zone Clubs to use. Sue will look into prices for two way radios and bring back to the next Zone meeting
- Ararat had a great beach camp at Highview at Iowa near Warnambool and highly recommend this venue to other clubs
- Linda suggested that Nicki have a Midland Zone vinyl backdrop for her Facebook Live and that we can also use for photos at events. Nicki to look into prices and bring back to the committee/next meeting

**Meeting closed:** 9.35pm

**Next meeting:** Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup> at Maryborough

## Job list from Meeting

Job	Responsible	Timeline	Completed
Update Midland Zone By Laws	Sue Foley	Ongoing	
Scoring program for Zone events	Mark Birchmore	Ongoing	
Letter to PCV re: amount of jobs each Zone has State events	Deb R / Linda / Sue	Discuss relevance at next meeting	
Letter to the Bendigo Show re: offering support of members for the PC ring to run better	Deb R / Sue	Before next meeting	
Follow up with any clubs who still have not sent through Club Officials Notification Form	Debbie R	ASAP	

Bealiba to discuss at club level if they can host the Games/Flat and Musical Qualifying event	Debbie W	By next meeting	
Games helmet covers needed for the next Games Quals	Wendy Dickenson	Before Aug. 2018	
Compile an assets list of all Zone equipment	Deb Ruff	Ongoing	
Letter to be sent to Maldon PC re: moving their club from Section D to Section C	Deb Ruff	ASAP	
Obtain prices for Two way radios	Sue Foley	By next meeting	
Obtain prices for vinyl backdrop to be used for photo backdrops, etc.	Nicki Chalmers	By next meeting	

### Midland Zone Sections:

SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTION D
Ararat	Charlton	Bendigo	Bealiba
Beaufort	Donald	Huntly-Spring Gully	Castlemaine
Horsham	Loddon	Mandurang South	Harcourt
Stawell	St Arnaud	Neangar Park	Maldon
			Maryborough

### Section Calendar:

EVENT	2017	2018	2019	2020
Instructors School	D	A	C	B
Horse Trials	C	B	D	A
Games & Flat	B	D	A	C
Instructors School	A	C	B	D
SJ & Flat Team	D	A	C	B
AGM	C	B	D	A
Dressage & SJ Qualifiers	A	C	B	D