

**Midland Zone of PCAV
Committee Meeting
Held on 21st November 2017 at St Arnaud**

Meeting Open: 8.00pm

Apologies: Debbie Ruff (Zone), Alena Olive (Charlton), Mark Birchmore (Neangar Park), Julie Robins (Maldon), Liz McCourt (St Arnaud), Mark Ware (Harcourt), Tina Wilde (Ararat), Jill McEwen (Donald)

Club Representatives Present:

Ararat	Wendy Dickenson
Bealiba	Faye Barnett, Julie Gould
Beaufort	Bronwyn Cuthbertson,
Bendigo	
Castlemaine	
Charlton	Kaye Blanchard
Donald	
Harcourt	
Horsham	Jo Lane, Geoff Lord
Huntly Spring Gully	
Loddon	
Maldon	Kira Chalmers, Nicki Chalmers
Mandurang South	Donna Stebbins, Nikki Grey
Maryborough	Chelsea Gerring
Neangar Park	Trista Hoyland, Sandra Grinton
Stawell	Maree McGregor, Narelle O'Callaghan, Viv Cole,
St Arnaud	
Midland Zone	Linda Gerring, Debbie Weir, Sue Foley

Business Arising from September 2017 Minutes:

- The Zone By Laws are still in the process of being completed
- 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
- Close the "State Events" bank account – complete
- Insurance for the Dressage Trailer has been organised

Confirmation of Minutes:

We have one amendment from the September minutes; the below motion did not have who moved and seconded it.

General Business:

- Motion: That a black saddle cloth with orange and white trim embroidered in orange with the MZ logo, be added to the Zone uniform. From January 2018 the saddlecloth will be presented as a gift to all Zone riders the first time they represent the Midland Zone at either the Dressage and Showjumping Championships in grades 2 or 3 Dressage and/or grades C or B showjumping or the InterZone Horse Trials for grades 3 and 4. One saddlecloth per rider. This is the only approved saddlecloth for Midland Zone riders to compete in at these events in the aforementioned grades.

Moved by Sue Foley at the request of Jo Lane (who was an apology), seconded by Kaye Blanchard

Moved: Kira Chalmers

Seconded: Chelsea Gerring

Correspondence In: 13/09/2017 through to 21/11/2017

Clubs

- Event programs
- Charlton PC – are holding a “Hopes n Dreams Pink Lady Barrel Classic” on the 18th August and are asking if the Zone can avoid running a Zone event on this date.
General discussion re saving date – zone will not compromise dates

Zone

- Emails back & forth regarding the insurance for the Zone’s dressage trailer and arenas
- Info on the State Training Workshop being held at Mandurang South PC on November 18th 2017

PCV

- Notification for the AGM & 55th Annual Conference
- Entries for the State Flat, Games & Musical Ride Teams
- Asking for our Zone to update their contacts list
- Asking for our Volunteers list for the State Flat, Games & Musical Ride Teams

Hard Copies/Other

- Consumer Affairs – Annual Statement reminder
- EA Dressage Festival Flyer
- Consumer Affairs – advising that the Annual Statement has been lodged

Correspondence Out: 13/09/2017 through to 21/11/2017

- Event programs
- To all clubs – Invoice for MZ Affiliation for the 2017/18 financial year
- To all clubs – Flier with details of an opportunity for HERO to visit your club
- To PCV – Entry form for the Games teams to compete at the State event in November
- To all clubs – asking for all clubs to ensure that they get their vote in for the PCV Vice President position before the closing date
- Reminder that some clubs are still to pay their Affiliation fees which are now overdue
- Computer Sashes – Rosette & Ribbon order for MZ SJ & Dressage Quals in Dec
- Emails to some of the Zone Games riders regarding their payments to the Zone
- Emails to all State Games riders with payment info to the Zone
- To all clubs – program for The Petstock Midland Zone State Show Jumping and Dressage Championships - PCV State Qualifying Event which is being held on December 10th at Ararat Pony Club
- To all clubs – reminder re: the NCAS workshop and coach assessment weekend
- Bendigo Agricultural Show Society – Application to hire Bendigo Showgrounds for Zone event in March
- Sponsorship forms for VPTC

Correspondence Moved: Debbie Weir Seconded: Kira Chalmers

Presidents Report from Linda Gerring

No report presented

Treasurers Report from Debbie Weir

Financial statement for Midland Zone PCAV as at 20/11/2017

	Opening Balances	Closing Balances
Community Access	\$10,180.60	\$12,365.70
State Events	\$3,856.53	Closed
Term Deposit	\$45,967.78	\$26,522.57

Overall balance as at 20/11/2017 **\$38,888.27**

Dressage Trailer expenses: **\$30,411.63**

Games & Flat: **Currently \$495.59 Loss**, (*outstanding* Club money owed to Zone = \$285)

Team Champs Sponsorship: \$3000

Interest: \$39.24

Club Affiliation fees: \$1260 (*outstanding* \$180- 2 Clubs)

Moved: Debbie Weir

Seconded: Narelle O'Callaghan

Zone Rep Report from Sue Foley

Hi All,

At the State Council meeting last Tuesday Suanne from head office conducted a virtual guided tour around the My Pony Club data base, in particular explaining everything that can be done from a Zone to Club perspective. It was explained that it is a great tool for communication including the option to link Facebook pages and to also send sms to all MZ members. It also has the option to send bulk emails and will then report on how many of them have been opened so as soon as we get up to speed on how to use it we will begin to do so

To this end it is important that all members of our zone have current information on their member profile. Zone reps were asked to remind clubs to please ensure that all adult club supporters are registered and understand the need to access their member profile. Help is always available via the My Pony Club support desk.

As you will be aware there have been outbreaks of Strangles in Victoria. One of these outbreaks impacted on a pony club and the Zone Rep brought it to the State Councils attention that we have all gotten a bit relaxed when it comes to the bio security information on entry forms that was implemented after the EI outbreak in 2007. Would clubs please start adding this information to programs again?

Huge congratulations to Rile Perry-Parmenter on her and Leo's performance at the Pony Club Nationals in Toowoomba in the senior eventing team. The team collectively rode really well and placed first!

The PCV AGM on October 14th was a wonderful and inspiring occasion. Geoff Lord and I attended and it was amazing to hear the journeys of two PCV riders, Darcy Wade and Alistair Ling, who because of the opportunities offered through pony club, have on numerous occasions represented Australia on the world stage, in the sport they are passionate about. If our riders have the passion they can be confident that their association is with them all the way.

It was wonderful and appropriate that our very own Clinton Hedger was recognised for his years of hard work and his commitment to the Midland Zone by being awarded a very well deserved PCAV State Distinguished Services Award. Sadly Clinton could not be there to accept his award as he was volunteering at a show jumping event in NSW but we will present it to him at a Zone event just as soon as we can get him back from NSW!

Those riders and supporters who attended the Zone qualifiers at Charlton for the State Games Flat and Musical had a great day. Thanks to Charlton for hosting the event and to everyone who pitched in to make the day fun and successful. Well done to Bealiba on winning the games shield. The team chose not to go to State so we have some very excited riders from the composite teams off to compete this coming weekend. When I was presenting Jett from Mandurang South PC with his team sash for coming second he summed it up beautifully. He said "Sue, these composite teams are the best cos you don't know who you are playing with then you make new friends." What a great attitude!

It is sad that we had not even a one pairs team compete on the day. I have thought long and hard about this and I would like to encourage club DC's to plan the rally year before the start of the year as much as possible. This includes talking to riders about the events that are coming up throughout the year. It means encouraging them to participate and it means talking to riders and their families about what team events they can enter and what is needed to make it happen. I realise we all lead jam packed busy lives. This makes

planning even more necessary. We want our kids to participate in the total pony club experience and for this to happen they need the support of their club committee.

Last weekend was a busy one for those of us who participated in the NCAS workshop at the beautiful Mandurang South PC grounds on Saturday and an even busier one for some of the participants who were back on Sunday for the NCAS coach assessment. Thanks to the fantastic Midland Zone riders and their families who answered a late and desperate plea to ride at the workshop and /or the assessment day. It was great to hear really good feedback from participants and coaches alike. Thanks to Mandurang for hosting the weekend and huge congratulations to the coaches who were all successful in their assessment

The PCV rules committee has been working hard updating the rules for 2018. I have occasionally heard grumbles that the rules change all the time. This is in response to requests from our members! There are no huge changes on the horizon for next year. Remember the new rules are added to the PCV website, shared on Facebook and highlighted in red.

I have to apologise for breaking a Midland Zone rule and approving a program for a club to host a clinic on a Zone event day. In my head I had the dates around the wrong way and I made the mistake of not checking the calendar. In the future it would be appreciated if clubs would work with me and also check the calendar and not submit a program that is on a Zone date.

The MZ qualifiers for the State SJ and dressage championships are being held at Ararat on December 10th. This is the day we will present the MZ Award of Merit to the 2017 nominated riders and also the day we will unveil the amazing MZ dressage trailer. Thanks again to Mark Birchmore who made this trailer his special project (obsession) for this year. Without him it would not have happened. It is still not quite finished and has taken longer than anticipated due to the painter and sign writer only being able to work on it in his spare time but it is going to be worth the wait. It is an amazing asset for our Zone and a responsible use of the funds that were raised by hard working MZ committees over the last 20 or so years; an asset for now and forever more.

Moved: Sue Foley

Seconded: Kaye Blanchard

Zone Chief Instructor Report from Jo Lane

Report presented at meeting

Moved: Jo Lane

Seconded: Viv Cole

Zone Examining Secretary Report from Nicki Chalmers

No report presented

Zone Events Report:

- Linda reported on the December event- State final is back to 3 showjumping events; one event on Saturday and two on the Sunday. Riders competing in both SJ and Dressage are able to do so. Midland Zone Showjumping events in December at the Zone Qualifiers will be Competition over two rounds and Top Score
- State Dates for 2018
 - Dressage and SJ Championships – first weekend in March – 3rd& 4th
 - HT Festival – Grade 1 & 2 & Interzone HT - 5th& 6th May
 - IZNMG referred to Committee for date – Mid May
 - Mini HT fundraiser PCVEC - 27th& 28th October
 - GF&M – end of November (will be confirmed once the new date has been reviewed from this year's event)
- Zone Dates for 2018
 - Swap the dates for the SJ & Dressage Teams event (28th October) and the GF&M (19th August)
 - VPTC Long weekend in March – 10th& 11th March
 - Horse Trials – 8th April (Section B)
 - SJ & Dressage Quals – 9th December (Section C)

- Instructors School – (May and November) to be organised and dates notified by Jo Lane
- C Certificate Dates – TBA by Nicki Chalmers

General Business: From the floor

- Thanks from Viv Cole for flowers and Cards on the passing of Zone life member Laurie Cole
- Mandurang South asked if riders that have been *asked* to go to state Games in composite Teams (that did not ride at the Zone competition) pay half price like those that did qualifying event. The answer is no (this is a Zone Rule).
- **Moved** Sue Foley, **Seconded** Chelsea Gerring that Zone move the working bank account from Australia Bank to Bendigo Bank for ease of Access for clubs to deposit cheques. The current situation is very difficult for access to Bank Australia, whereas the Bendigo have branches throughout the community.
Signatories for the account to be Treasurer – Debra Maree Weir, President – Linda Gerring, Zone Rep – Susan Kaye Foley. Any two of three to sign or authorise as required. **Motion Carried**
- **Moved** Sue Foley, **Seconded** Viv Cole that Debbie Weir be authorised to be able to access the Midland Zone “My Pony Club”. **Motion Carried**
- Kaye Blanchard discussed the responsibilities of the Zone Rep, lack of respect for the zone rep who is responsible for our zone applying the rules of PCV and also asked if the zone might look at getting the “training” changed for the led riders at state level rules committee. Sue discussed the PCV rules and formal competition and training differences, and that it’s all in the wording, but riders cannot be led in Graded competitions- i.e. Dressage and Show jumping.
- Discussion in regards to the Pony Club ring ran by the Bendigo Show and other Ag Shows. Running without gear checks and Card checks and using the PC name to make money. Letter to be sent to Bendigo Show Committee, offering support of our members to organise and support the event with the Show Committee so that the event can be better ran in future years.

Meeting closed: 9.54pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 13th February 2018 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 / Linda / Sue	Before next meeting	
Move the working bank account over from Australia Bank to Bendigo Bank	Deb Weir	ASAP	
Set up Zone Signatories for new account (Deb Weir, Sue Foley, Linda Gerring)	Deb Weir	Once new account open	

Deb Weir to gain access MZ "My Pony Club"	Deb Weir	Before next meeting	
Letter to Bendigo Show re: offering support of members for the PC ring to run better	Deb/Linda/Sue	Before 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