

## Midland Zone Delegates Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	<b>Venue:</b>	Online - ZOOM
<b>Meeting Open</b>	1935		
<b>Attendance</b>	Ararat: Wendy Dickenson	Bealiba:	
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo: Maree Campbell	
	Castlemaine:	Charlton:	
	Donald:	Harcourt: Peggy Mills	
	Horsham: Kylie Fiedler, Emelia Sudholz, Kelli Dickenson	Learmonth:	
	Loddon:	Maldon:	
	Mandurang Sth: Donna Stebbin	Maryborough: Linda Gerring, Debbie Ruff	
	Neangar Park: Trisha Hoyland	Stawell:	
	St Arnaud: Katrina Cheeseman	Zone: Sue Foley	
<b>Apologies</b>	Debbie Weir (Bealiba), Tracy Gixti (St Arnaud) Motion2021.06.01 That the apologies be accepted. M: BCuthbertson S: SFoley		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	
<b>1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>	Correction – attendee Peggy Mills Harcourt Motion2021.06.02 That the previous be accepted as true and correct.	Moved: BCuthbertson seconded: THoyland	
<b>2. Business Arising</b>	2.1 midland zone constitution	Discussion re any copies known of the old MZ constitution. CAV currently identifies MZ operating under Model Constitution. ? copy of old constitution held in archive from Beryl Pierce. ACTION – SFoley to follow up with Beryl re a copy of old constitution. If no copy BCuthbertson to contact CAV to see if they have a record of any previous constitutions and obtain copy if possible. Fee may be required.	
	2.2 midland zone bylaw update – change to award of merit		
<b>3. Correspondence In</b>		Mov:BCuthbertson Sec: SFoley	
3.1 clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harcourt – change in exec – Chacka Williams President, Peggy Mills DC.</li> </ul>		
3.2 PCV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notification team Vic 2021 Thoroughbred Industry Careers Pony Club Australia National Championships 2021.</li> <li>COVID update june 11</li> <li>COVID update june 4</li> <li>COVID update june 2</li> <li>Clubhouse Newsletter may</li> <li>Equitana pony club of the year invitation</li> <li>COVID update may 27</li> <li>Club registration for QR code</li> <li>Membership update – no change to day participation for competition</li> <li>State teams GMF draw</li> <li>Notification – allocation of gov funds to pony clubs</li> <li>Reminder Award of Merit nomination</li> <li>COVID update may 10</li> <li>Grading webinar notes</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grading webinar video link</li> <li>Horseland horse trials festival draw</li> <li>Event permit – equitation science proficiency certificate</li> <li>Club house Newsletter April</li> <li>Board update – Maree Fellows appointed to Board Chair</li> <li>Interzone entry forms</li> <li>Grading webinar invitation</li> <li>Event permit – PCV/open HT &amp; CT</li> </ul>	
3.3 PCA		
3.4 other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMZ RTT state qualifier invitation</li> <li>Dan Tehan – budget update</li> <li>VIC state gov COVID survival grant top up</li> <li>Dan Tehan – April news</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Correspondence Out</b>	4.1 To PCV - CI appointment	
	4.2 Delegates meeting minutes to all members via omnisport.	
	4.3 Grassroots grant application – training opportunities.	
<b>5. Reports</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
5.1 Treasurer	Treasurer absent – no report	
5.2 Zone Rep	Report read – see appendix 1	Mov: SFoley Sec: BCuthbertson
5.3 Zone Chief Instructor	5.3.1 Zone Examining Secretaries and Zone Chief Instructors renewal due. From PCV - DCI/ZA who are now due for renewal in the MZ	Submitted to PCV - ZCI Linda Gerring – nominated by SFoley, PMills. DCI ZA nominations Peggy Mills – nominated by JLane, SFoley Trista Hoyland - nominated by DStebbins, JLane Kira Chalmers – nominated by DStebbins, JLane.
	5.3.2 ZCI report. See appendix 2	
5.4 Zone Examining Secretary	Not present C Certificate, nomination closing 25 June for assessment 21-22 August. Venue to be confirmed.	
<b>6. Zone Events: 2021</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
6.1 Zone G/F/M/P State Qualifiers	Successful event @ Bealiba. 9 of the MZ clubs participating. Games teams competitive x6, non-competitive x3. Team of 4 x3. Pairs teams x7. Musical ride teams x2. Equipment – MZ purchased line marker.	Teams to state: games team x4, team of 4 x1, pairs x 4, musical x2. Change to state date. Now 31st July subject to COVID. Some riders now unable to compete on this date.
6.2 Zone Flat Team & SJ	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Donald unable to host as toilet block not completed. Ararat is able to host. Discussion that the time line too short for Ararat. Motion: 2021.06.03 That the SJ&Flat team event that was to be held on 18 July to be held over to December and held with the D & SJ state qualifiers on Dec 11-12. Mov: LGerring Sec: BCuthbertson
6.3 Zone HT State Qualifiers	14-15 August @ Charlton	Section A working bee x 3 planned to prepare grounds. Jo Lane coordinating. W/bee dates x 2 clashing with Ararat

		club rallies so support will be limited. ? Saturdays possible with a works plan and Charlton access. Course accreditation to be organised via SFoley THoyland has confirmed Event Secretary for online entries and on the day scoring. Da
6.4 Zone AGM	20 <sup>th</sup> August @ Maldon	Face to Face event planned. N Chalmers to currently pricing venues.
6.5 Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers	11-12 December @ Mandurang South	
<b>7. General Business:</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
7.1 Electronic SJ timing equipment	"Clinton has done a great job of sourcing electronic showjumping timing equipment in the USA. It is 1/2 the price of getting it in Aus. Delivery takes a week to 10 days from despatch. The price including delivery is A\$ 4000.00. It includes 2 full sets and 4 sets of eyes for 2 phase comps. Peggy I think this equipment should live with you rather than in the trailer so it can go to all the comps you judge at in the Zone for the clubs".	The goal would be to have this purchased by the MZ HT @ Charlton.
7.2	Trista Hoyland stepping down from Events Secretary role.	Thank you Trista for your involvement in this role.
7.3	Midland zone X country briefing resource to support MZ officials at events	Resource to be held on the MZ drop box for access.
7.4	Midland Zone officials lists – accredited gear checkers, dressage judges. ? MZ has list.	Discussion re MZ holding lists and ? available on website for club support. Issues with privacy and not all officials wanting details shared. Current collation of gear checkers who attended recent workshop and dressage judges. Discussion to include SJ judges. LGerring will keep list of those she has details for.
7.5 Around the Clubs	Midland Zone membership retention and recruitment achievement – only zone to increase total membership 08/09 – 19/20. A whopping 35%.	SFoley reports that she believes the MZ community approach. The consistend rally model of education and community has family appeal. LGerring reported that the Maryborough adult and the Ready2Ride are great membership recruitment.
Ararat	Committee identified Beaufort as 'sister club' to support shared rallies. Recent inter-club visitors, riders enjoying the additions to groups at rallies. Active adult member riding at rallies with own children. Some C* & K cert interest from members.	
Beaufort	Low numbers attending rallies. Shared rallies with Ararat working well. Bft attending Ararat and Ararat riders attending Bft.	
Bendigo	Successful grant applications. Planning completion with Dunolly in August.	
Horsham	Combined May rally with Charlton worked well. Riders enjoyed mixing with others. Will repeat in future. CT & D Jackpot 8 <sup>th</sup> August. Flyer soon to be out. Excited 3 club members qualified for Nationals and Paris for International Team.	
Mandurang South	Holding Horse Trials in 2 weeks. Excited that Tegan qualified for Nationals.	
Maryborough	No club meeting in the last month due to COVID lockdown.	
Neangar Park	Nil to report	
St Arnoud	Recent successful grants and working to improve grounds. Looking at combined rallies to support young riders as low rally attendances.	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Tuesday 21 July	<b>Meeting Closed:</b> 2040

Hi All,

*It's great news that clubs have been holding rallies after the recent lockdown. It seems that we have to come to terms with the fact that snap lockdowns are something that are a part of the new normal for the foreseeable future. There are some challenges with the current restrictions when it comes to running competitions. If I can be of any help to clubs navigating their way through this please just ask.*

*Just a reminder that it is a compliance that ANYONE teaching at a PCV rally, camp or clinic whether paid or in a volunteer capacity must be registered as a PCV coach member. There are no exceptions. Some coaches confuse being PCV NCAS coach accredited with being PCV coach registered which is not automatically the case. Any programs submitted for approval that involved coaching are not approved until I have confirmed the coaches are PCV registered.*

*Topics on the agenda at last week's SC meeting included the proposed National gear rules. The PCA constitution decrees that member States must comply with all PCA policies so it is vitally important that we get the rules pared back to the minimum in rider safety and comfort, horse welfare and prohibited items. This will only be possible if the majority of the States agree to this.*

*Congratulations to our riders who competed at the State Horse Trials Festival. It was a wonderful weekend of competition at a fantastic venue. Our riders in their Zone uniforms really stood out and I received lots of comments about how great they looked. All our riders did themselves, their clubs and their zone proud.*

*There were some safety concerns with the InterZone combinations. It was agreed at the State Council table that a discussion is needed as to a qualifying criteria for InterZone combinations. It was agreed that they must have completed In three Horse Trials, two of which must be in a Pony Club section of a PCV Accredited Event in the applicable grade. § An Open event in the applicable grade 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*

*The discussion then went on to identify that some courses are being accredited as qualifiers but are not up to accreditation standard. Focus and education needs to happen around club courses and their standard.*

*ACTION: In order for the course to be accredited as a State Level Qualifier, a minimum course standard to be developed for each grade. To get feedback from experts such as Mick Pineo or Ewan Kellett. DH & ID offer to work on this standard and consult with David Stammers (David started work on standards in 2018/19).*

*I noted at the InterZones that there was a huge variance in the standard of the dressage combinations. The one that really stood out to me was a rider on a 16hh in grade 4. The combination is graded grade 1 in pure dressage. I asked that State Council consider introducing the Modifying Marks system that we use at the Team Champs in the showmanship event. In our association it is not uncommon for combinations in Combined Training and Horse Trials events to be graded higher in pure dressage than they are in CT or HT. This gives the combination an unfair advantage in one test of the overall competition. Modifying marks are a simple handicapping system that evens the playing field and supports competition fairness. A combination has penalties added to their dressage score as per a sliding scale system, in CT and HT events if they are graded higher for pure dressage than in HT or CT. The system can't be applied to Open Riders as they aren't graded. The decision was held over until the next meeting as we are also discussing dressage scoring for Horse Trials.*

*Some really good news for Ready to Ride Rookies, they will soon be sent a REAL pony club card so that their rallies and mounts and all other information can be recorded the same as the other membership categories.*

*The Games Flat Musical has been moved to the weekend starting Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*Last but not least HUGE congratulations go to following the Midland Zone riders who have been selected for the 2021 PCA Nationals representing Victoria. What a fabulous effort!!*

★ Dressage: Junior & Senior Team- Reserve 1 - Paris Fiedler Horsham PC

- ★ *Eventing: Sub Junior Team- Iris Sudholz- Horsham PC*
- ★ *Eventing: Junior Team- McKenzie Downing- Maldon PC*
- ★ *Eventing: Junior Team-Anna Sudholz- Horsham PC*
- ★ *Ride to Time: Senior Team- Reserve 1-Samantha Kelleher- Bealiba PC*
- ★ *Ride to Time: Senior Team- Reserve 2- Shaleah Bray- Bendigo PC*
- ★ *Ride to Time: Junior Team- Teaghan Stebbins- Mandurang Sth PC*
- ★ *Ride to Time: Junior Team- Reserve 1- Bessie Penhall- Maryborough PC*
- ★ *Tetrathlon: Junior Male Team- Kian Blanchard- Charlton PC*
- ★ *Showjumping: Junior Team- Holi Campbell- Bendigo PC*
- ★ *Showjumping: Junior Team- Reserve 1- Kian Blanchard- Charlton PC*
- ★ *Showjumping: Senior Team- Hannah Wigg - Ararat PC*

*May the Horse be with you!*

*Until next time, Sue*

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.

<b>Midland Zone Sections</b>				
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	
Ararat Beaufort Horsham Learmonth Stawell	Charlton Donald Loddon St Arnaud	Bendigo Maldon Mandurang South Neangar Park	Bealiba Castlemaine Harcourt Maryborough	
		<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Midland Zone Horse Trials		<b>A</b>	D	C
Midland Zone Dressage & SJ Qualifiers		<b>C</b>	A	B
Midland Zone Games, Flat Musical & Pairs		<b>D</b>	B	A
Midland Zone SJ & Flat Team		<b>B</b>	C	D
Midland Zone AGM		<b>C</b>	B	D
Midland Zone Coaches Workshop		<b>B</b>	D	A
NCAS Training & Assessment Weekend		<b>A</b>	C	B