

**MIDLAND ZONE OF P.C.A.V. INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE 43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING:**  
**Bendigo Pottery, Bendigo – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

The President of Midland Zone, Mr John Stevens opened the meeting and welcomed 42 members, invited guests and friends to our Annual General Meeting.

**PRESENT:**

Mr John Stevens, President, Sue Foley, Snr Vice President, Clinton Hedger Jnr Vice President, Christine Linton, Treasurer, Gail Baggendorf, Chief Instructor, Kaye Blanchard, Zone Representative and Don Roach Secretary.

**CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ararat	John Stevens
Bealiba	Chris Cohalan, Kaye Coholan, Debbie Weir and Faye Barnett
Beaufort	
Bendigo	Sue Foley and Kerry Long
Castlemaine	
Charlton	Kaye Blanchard (Midland Zone Life Member)
Donald	Beryl Pearse
Harcourt	Jenny Bachmann and Arianne Mountford
Horsham	
Huntly-Spring Gully	
Maldon	Clinton Hedger, Vicki Juniper, Kerrie Jennings, Jill Reece, Don Roach and Pauline Roach
Mandurang South	Fran Turner, Jenny Lockie, John Lockie, Nicole Lockie, Bree Lockie and Kim Lockie
Maryborough	Christine Linton and Gail Baggendorf,
Neangar Park	Allan Robins, Julie Robins, Kira Chalmers and Nicki Chalmers
Newstead	
Nhill	
Stawell	
St Arnaud	

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

Angela King	State Life Member and Midland Zone Life Member
Clarrie King	State Life Member and Midland Zone Life Member
Richard Marston	State Distinguished Service Award
Ann Marston	State Distinguished Service Award
Robin Tranter	State Distinguished Service Award, Midland Zone Life Member
Judy Tranter	
Laurie Cole	State Distinguished Service Award, Midland Zone Life Member
Loris Cole	
Aileen Marshall	State Distinguished Service Award Midland Zone Life Member
Kevin Marshall	
Peggy Mills	State Distinguished Service Award Midland Zone Life Member
Marie Gahan	State Distinguished Service Award, Midland Zone Life Member
Beryl Pearse	State Distinguished Service Award, Midland Zone Life Member
James Fitzpatrick	PCAV Executive Officer

**APOLOGIES:** Ian Homan, Bronwyn Cuthbertson, Angela Gray (all Beaufort) and Kevin Blanchard.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008:**

**AMENDMENT TO MINUTES:**

Donald were in attendance

**Moved – Beryl Pearse - that the Minutes as circulated are a true and correct record.**

**2nd. – Debbie Weir .....carried.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** - Ms. Christine Linton, the written report was distributed to meeting-  
see attached report.

**Moved -- Christine Linton that Treasurer's report be accepted.**

**2nd. – Gail Baggendorf .....carried.**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** - Mr John Stevens– see attached.

**ZONE REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT:** - Mrs. Kaye Blanchard – see attached.

**ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR’S REPORT:** - Mrs. Gail Baggendorf – see attached

**ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY’S REPORT:** - Nicki Chalmers – see attached.

**ELECTION OF ZONE OFFICE BEARERS:**

The President Mr. John Stevens declared all positions vacant and asked Mr James Fitzpatrick to take the chair. Before calling for nominations, James spoke on the need to have people take on roles, but is equally important to have people in the background being groomed to take on the full responsibility.

Only one nomination was received for all positions. As a ballot was not required all nominations were accepted.

The following members were duly elected:-

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Nomination</u></b>	<b><u>Nominating Club</u></b>
Zone President	John Stevens	Maldon
Zone Senior Vice President	Sue Foley	Maldon
Zone Junior Vice President	Clinton Hedger	Maldon
Zone Secretary	Don Roach	Maldon
Zone Treasurer	Christine Linton	Maryborough
Zone Examining Secretary	Nicki Chalmers	Maldon
Zone Event Secretary	Faye Barnett	Bealiba

**ELECTION OF ZONE JUNIOR COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS:**

No elections held as committee is in recess.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS:**

President John Stevens called on Angela and Clarrie King to come forward to make the presentations of plaques to the recipients. In doing so he commented on the fact that Clarrie and Angela are the only couple in PCAV to have State Life memberships. When he was a young riding member it they who gave him the passion for the organisation.

In response Clarrie thanked John and gave a brief explanation of the award why they have been awarded and in doing so also said they were all well deserved.

The Distinguished Service Award plaques were given to Richard Marston, Ann Marston, Robin Tranter, Laurie Cole, Aileen Marshall, Peggy Mills, Marie Gahan and Beryl Pearse.

I response, Laurie Cole spoke on behalf of the group. He said that he has been associated with everybody in the group during his time working for the zone. The awards are really appreciated and we all feel very honoured to receive such recognition of their contributions.

James Fitzpatrick also responded on behalf of PCAV saying that is really great to see this group of people standing before us. He stopped counting at 200 years worth of experience and knowledge. It is also really amazing to now see that PCAV is embracing people like those before us who have given so much to the organisation. In over 50 years of Pony Club in Victoria there have been around 300,000 parents involved. There have been approx 25 State Life Memberships awarded and to have two in Clarrie and Angela from the one zone is really special.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER: MR JAMES FITZPATRICK**

James spoke mainly on what he sees as important issues for pony club in the areas of communications and membership

- When he started 7 years ago he read conference notes to try and learn as much as he could about the organisation.
- There were concerns then about how to replace experienced people with inexperienced people.
- PCAV is concentrating on communications.
- It is hard keeping up with technology
- How do we replace horse knowledge?
- How do we document knowledge?
- NCAS coaching.
- Rider certificates are being assessed differently zones.
- Need to provide basic knowledge to parents without knowledge.
- Need to ensure knowledge passed on is correct.
- Focus on rider with coaching in “D” and “D\*”.
- New show jumping rules.
- New book on course building and plans for show jumping.
- New DC’s manual.
  
- Rider numbers are fairly static and have been around 7,000 for some years.
- HRCVA membership is growing.
- Having open riders in PCAV events. Should they be in Pony Club.
- Increasing age to 26 years didn’t make much difference to overall numbers.
- The riders that stay are the ones clubs want to keep.
- Important message to all clubs is to ensure they ask for regular financial reports and statements from club treasurers.
- Club 2 years ago lost \$14,000 and a club at present is going through the courts over mis-appropriated \$20,000.
- Last year or two have been continuing with the basics, recording our knowledge and ensuring our rules read right.

Questions were taken from the floor

- Why do we need a name change?
- Will not help on by itself. Aim is to try and attract more boys at present the make up about 9% of riders. In Queensland it is close to 50-50.
- Does PCAV support clubs who have suffered from theft?
- Provide support with solicitors/police. Bank and Insurance company did help with finances. Similar help with feed etc for clubs affected by the bushfires.
- PC riders in open sections.
- Grading is done for safety and ability. Riders and parents have a responsibility as well.

- Overall ability of Grade 2 riders at State Horse Trials Championships was not good.
- Why has Polocrosse lost some focus?
- Mainly due to lack of instructors and rider skill. Championships affected by EI. Those clubs attending were surveyed and of 26 clubs only four would send teams to Championships once EI was over.
- Working With Children. Twelve supporters left the organisation following introduction of National Checks.

In closing, James highlighted the need for all clubs to provide a positive environment for riders and parents. It is very important that all clubs encourage a positive parenting culture.

**ZONE AFFILIATION FEE:**

It was felt that the present fee of \$90, comprising of \$50 Zone Fee and \$40 for two Zone Instructor Schools should remain the same.

**Moved – Christine Linton - that total Zone Affiliation Fee for 2009-2010 be \$90.**

**2nd - Julie Robins ....carried.**

**ZONE SECRETARY’S HONORARIUM:**

**Moved -- Kaye Blanchard that Secretary's remuneration be \$700.**

**2nd. Clinton Hedger ..... carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Zone Rules:**

President John Stevens spoke on the reasons for the changes. The aim was to bring the current rules up to date, condensing them and incorporating into our current rule book. There are no radical changes. The document has been tabled and updated at two previous zone meetings.

**Moved – Sue Foley - that updated rules as tabled be accepted and incorporated into the Midland Zone Rules.**

**2nd - Jill Reece ....carried.**

**Zone Event Entry Fees:**

It was felt that all entry fees should remain the same as decided at January meeting.

Zone Horse Trial - \$25.00 per rider.\$30.00 per team

Zone Dressage and Show Jumping - \$8.00 per rider

Zone Games and Flat - \$10.00 per rider

**Moved – Christine Linton - that Zone Affiliation Fee for 2009-2010 remain same.**

**2nd - Sue Foley ....carried.**

President John thanked everybody for their attendance and wished all a safe trip home.

Meeting closed 10.20 pm

Annual Report Midland Zone PCAV  
As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009

**Opening Balance**                      **\$3421.94**

**Income**

'C' Certificate	\$665.00
Interest on cheque acc.	\$2.58
Affiliation fees	\$1640.00
Grant PCAV	\$1100.00
Zone Entries	\$5525.00
State Entries	\$2460.00
Uniform	\$40.00
AGM	\$84.00
Zone Horse Trial Grant	\$2000.00

**Expenditure**

Travel Zone Rep	\$400.00
Zone Chief Inst	\$218.90
Secretarial Expenses	\$1046.90
Honorarium	\$700.00
Fees	\$18.80
Sashes	\$681.26
State Entries	\$3555.00
Judges	\$869.90
Transfer to H/T Acc	\$2000.00
'C' Expenses	\$602.58
Refunds	\$135.00
Meeting Expenses	\$287.00
Dept of Cons Affairs	\$39.70
AGM Expenses	\$189.00
Instructor Schools	\$450.00
Zone Uniforms	\$210.00

**Total Income**                      **\$13516.58**

**Total Expenses**                      **\$11404.04**

**Closing Balance**                      **\$5596.43**

**Income and Expenses for Last Zone event have not been included in this report. Entry fees have not yet been received.**

**Term Deposit Opening Balance**                      **\$31418.26**

Interest	\$1550.11
To State Horse Trials	- \$5000.00
From State Horse Trials	\$5000.00

**Closing Balance** **\$32968.37**

A separate Report has been provided for the State Horse Trials as a separate account was opened for this event. Account will be closed when all cheques have been cashed.

*Christine Linton*

Zone Treasurer

Balance Sheet for State Horse Trials 2009  
Midland Zone PCAV

**Income**

Transfer from T/Deposit\$	5000.00
PCAV	\$3000.00
Donation	\$1435.20
Merchandise	\$8895.00
Meals	\$6587.00
Entries	\$11360.00
Cash Float	\$150.00
Site fees	\$250.00
Interest	\$46.37
Grant	\$2000.00

**Expenses**

Return of TD	\$5000.00
Hire Equipment	\$7154.45
Lanyards	\$595.10
Diesel, Hardware	\$324.77
Merchandise	\$6765.00
Accommodation	\$1485.50
Cash Float	\$150.00
Gate Keeper	\$500.00
Judges & Vet	\$1354.80
Refunds	\$530.00
Bank Charges	\$56.00
Bendigo PC Catering	\$454.00
Stationary/Secretarial	\$514.07
Butcher	\$48.00
Toilet Paper	\$200.00
Printing	\$668.00
Cleaning Products	\$58.29
Entertainment	\$120.00
Meals	\$6825.50
Water	\$220.00
First Aid	\$900.00
Clubs in Zone	\$4300.09
Reimbursements	\$500.00

**Total Income**                      **\$38,723.57**

**Total Expenditure**    **\$38,723.57**

As funds were given to me I divided the income as follows :-

Funds from known sources ie. Grants, donation, term deposit funds, cash float, site fees, interest and entry fees.

The balance of remaining funds could only be attributed to merchandise and meals.

Could be slightly incorrect as meals were \$20.00 each and I have an amount of \$6587. This, however is the amount left over if I use Debbie Weirs' merchandise figures.