

MIDLAND ZONE OF PCAV. INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 4TH 2009
HIGHLAND SOCIETY CLUBROOMS, MARYBOROUGH.

Meeting Started at 8.06 pm

President, John Stevens opened the meeting and thanked every body for attending.

PRESENT: John Stevens, President, Jnr Vice President, Christine Linton, Treasurer,
Kaye Blanchard, Zone Representative, Gail Baggendorf, CI and Don Roach, Secretary.

CLUB DELEGATES :

Ararat	John Stevens
Bealiba	Debbie Weir, Faye Barnett
Beaufort	
Bendigo	Sue Foley
Castlemaine	
Charlton	Kaye Blanchard
Donald	Beryl Pearse
Harcourt	
Horsham	
Huntly-Spring Gully	
Maldon	Clinton Hedger, Vicki Juniper, Kerrie Jennings, Jill Reece, Don Roach
Mandurang South	
Maryborough	Linda Gerring, Gail Baggendorf, Aileen Marshall
Neangar Park	Julie Robins, Kira Chalmers
Newstead	
Nhill	
Stawell	
St Arnaud	Denis McIntyre, David Harvey

APOLOGIES: Christine Linton and Fran Turner.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

**Moved – Linda Gerring that the Minutes of June 2nd 2009 be accepted.
2nd - Jill Reece carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS

- Bendigo PC – Club executive
- PCAV – Show Jumping rules
- Northern Zone – Zone minutes
- Sashes and Ribbons order for Zone Shield
- PCAV – Preliminary notice for State AGM
- PCAV Insurance – Certificate of Currency

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

- Department of Community Planning- Grant invoice
- PCAV – Request for 10 day refund closing period for all State events
- Zone School of Instruction flyer
- Entry form for Zone Shield
- Zone minutes

- AON – Insurance certificate of currency
- PCAV – Preliminary notice of State AGM
- Zone Executive elections nomination form.
- Notice of motion for general meeting
- Sashes and Ribbons for Zone Shield
- State Games and Flat entry form

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

CHRISTINE LINTON

Income

Opening Balance	\$3660.37
'C' Expenses	\$55.00
PCAV Inst School Grant	\$1100.00
Affiliation Fees	\$1440.00
State HT Grant	\$2000.00

Interest	\$0.56
Total Income	\$4595.56

Closing Balance \$6071.28

Expenses

K Blanchard travel	\$100.00
CFI travel	\$70.00
Secretary expenses	\$12.25
Transfer to HT Account	\$2000.00

Fees	\$2.40
Total Expenses	2184.65

Horse Trials Account

Opening Balance	\$2870.09
Grant	\$2000.00
Refund	\$70.00
Laurie Cole expenses	\$500.00

Balance of funds to be disbursed between clubs in recognition of their assistance given and equipment provided. Account will be brought to zero and closed when all cheques have been banked. Please ask club treasurers to bang cheques as soon as possible.

**Moved – J. Stevens that Treasurers Report be accepted and accounts be paid.
2nd - S. Foley carried.**

ZONE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

KAYE BLANCHARD

Well done to Bealiba on their success at the State Games and Flat Championships.
Flat Teams Ride 3rd
Musical Ride 1st and 3rd
Games 3rd

At the Pony Club Nationals, Katherine Clegg placed 6th individually in Grade 1 HT's.

From State Council

4.3 That the travel re-imburement rate be increased from 40 cents per kilometre to 50 cents per kilometre for club DCI/ZA Visits and State NCAS Assessors from 1 July 2009.

4.13 That the sub-committee investigate alternate venues keeping the same date as 12-13 June 2010.

4.16 That the time period for refunds after State Championships be 14 days.

10.3 Equestrian Victoria

EFA now don't allow roped dressage arenas at EFA competitions.

PCAV will continue to allow roped arenas

10.7 Additional to current prizes and awards at the State Showjumping and Dressage Championships, an additional tri-coloured sash will be offered for the individual champion B, C showjumping grades and Grade 2 and 3 Dressage.

Current Awards continuing:

Sashes 1-6 and medallion and rug for 1st be offered for individual entries for A Grade showjumping and Grade 1 Dressage

Teams be eligible for B ,C Grade Showjumping and Grade 2 and 3 Dressage competitions (sashes 1-6, medallions and rugs 1st).

10.10 That we copy the EFA wording effective 1 July 2009

That the first fall of horse and/or rider anywhere on the cross country course at a Horse Trials competition entails elimination.

Examination after a fall – Medical fitness

C.12.24.1 All riders who have had a fall during training or competition at an event must be examined by the official medical officer (or accredited first aid provider) before they take further part in the competition

C.12.24.2 When a rider suffers from unconsciousness and/or Concussion as a result of a fall during training or competition they will be automatically disqualified from the competition and are ineligible to take any further part in any other test or competition at that event. For multiple rides, the rider must be cleared by a medical officer prior to riding the second ride.

ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT: GAIL BAGGENDORF

NCAS preliminary accreditation for clubs are well underway. Congratulations to Maryborough on the success of their candidates and the very positive feedback from the assessors. Ararat and Bendigo are to be assessed in September and October.

Treeless saddles are allowed for all pony club activities as they conform to pony club gear rule 3.6 – commercially manufactured gear. It has been noted that the manufacturer recommends that they be fitted with quick release stirrups as they have an enclosed “D” ring rather the conventional stirrup bar. While this differs to what is contained in our rules the quick release stirrup is certainly a safe alternative. This will be included in the next re-write of the gear rules.

Gaiters – Clarification has been sought on the gear check rule concerning gaiters. The rule for approval states they must be full grain leather on the (outside) exposed side. Leather on the outside and suede on the inside is acceptable.

“C” certificate work books must be used by all candidates preparing for their assessment. The use of the Sue Kukowski manuals is creating inconsistencies for correct assessment. PCAV no longer stocks these manuals. Candidates must complete the check list prior to giving to the examiners at the riding examination.

Instructors Schools. The July weekend at Horsham was postponed. Luke Austin the Design and Course Building instructor was unable to attend due to their house and property being damaged during severe storms. This school will now take place in November at Horsham. The grade 4 and 5 eventing instruction will be held in Section “C”.

Zone Camp The camp is in the planning stage and clubs are reminded to inform their riders that the proposed date is 6-7 March 2010.

Candidates for NCAS preliminary course need to attend Zone and/or State training workshops (instructors schools) as part of the required preparation for assessment.

Proposed Topics for Instructors Schools 2010.

- Gear Checking
- Practical dressage and show jumping
- Show jumping course design and building

ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY'S REPORT: NICKI CHALMERS

We will have 9 or 10 candidates for this round of "C" certificate examinations. The written exams were conducted at clubs over the weekend of 1st-2nd August. Ridden exams will be held on 23rd August at Bealiba. Details will be sent out to the appropriate clubs.

ZONE EVENT SECRETARY'S REPORT: FAYE BARNETT

Zone Teams Shields

- Seven flat teams entered. Bendigo and six from Bealiba.
- Four Show Jumping Teams.
- Three show jumping rings. Will require some extra wings and rails.
- Flat ride to start at 8:00 am.

John wished everybody all the best for the day and to Bealiba with the official opening of their new sand arena.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

President John Stevens discussed a letter from Angela and Clarrie King re Distinguished Service Awards for Richard and Ann Marston. John had held discussions with Kaye Blanchard. It was felt a State Award was appropriate and Kaye would raise the matter with PCAV.

Zone Draft Rules

- Dogs allowed on grounds at the discretion of club rules. Must be restrained.
- Zone dates as per handout.
- Time limit on items of business.
- No club events on zone event days.

Notice Of Motion

The motion that the zone makes a special payment to clubs was discussed and put to the meeting.

**Moved – F. Barnett that Midland Zone make a payment of \$500 to each member club.
2nd - C. Hedger..... carried.**

Zone AGM

We need a minimum of 50 people to attend. Will be held at the Bendigo Pottery.

Presenting awards to zone AGM.

Zone to pay cost of meals for invited special guests.

Other General Business

- NCAS accreditation is not daunting. Clubs should encourage members to have a go. Costs are subsidised..
- The Show Jumping and Dressage Qualifiers will probably be held at Ararat.
- Bealiba has a local rule that ALL members must wear a body protector when jumping at their ground. Not a competition rule. They have vests to borrow..
- Maldon asked about barrel racing becoming a pony club activity. Riders enjoy it. Maldon will make an item of business at the DState Conference.
- Can clubs send any information they have to Don for Zone history.

- Where is the Zone banner?
- Debbie Weir is now the zone website administrator.

For members that may be interested, there will be a heavy horse expo at Aileen and Kevin Marshall's. September 19th at 9:30 am

Meeting closed 9:34 pm.

**Next Zone Meeting :- 22nd October 2009.
To be held at the St Arnaud Sporting Club Rooms, St Arnaud.**

**Zone AGM :- 4th September 2009.
To be held at the Bendigo Pottery, Bendigo.**

Chairman

Date