

MIDLAND ZONE OF PCAV. INC.  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> 2009  
MARYBOROUGH HIGHLAND SOCIETY, MARYBOROUGH.

**Meeting Started at 8.10 pm**

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

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

**CLUB DELEGATES :**

Ararat	John Stevens
Bealiba	Debbie Weir, Faye Barnett
Beaufort	
Bendigo	Sue Foley
Castlemaine	
Charlton	Kaye Blanchard
Donald	
Harcourt	
Horsham	
Huntly-Spring Gully	
Maldon	Vicki Juniper, Kerrie Jennings, Clinton Hedger, Don Roach
Mandurang South	Fran Turner
Maryborough	Linda Gerring, Gail Baggendorf, Christine Linton
Neangar Park	Julie Robins, Nicki Chalmers
Newstead	Jill Reece
Nhill	
Stawell	
St Arnaud	Richard Bazeley, Denise Mc Intyre.

**DELEGATES :**

Aileen Marshall

**APOLOGIES:** David Harvey, Angela Gray and Bec Eaton

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**Moved – F. Turner that the Minutes of January 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 be accepted.**

**2nd - D. Weir ..... carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Nil.

**CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS**

- PCAV – State Inter Zone HT
- Espresso Event Catering – Request to cater at State HT
- PCAV State President - Thankyou letter for State Champs
- Rob and Judy Tranter - Thankyou for State Champs
- Piona Matheson Thankyou letter for State Champs
- Ann Marsden - Thankyou letter for State Champs
- Angela and Clarrie King - Thankyou letter for State Champs
- Northern Zone – Zone minutes
- Brougham Arms Motel – Accommodation account for State HT Champs
- Minister for Community Development – Grant of \$2000 for State HT's

## **CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS**

- Letters to helpers etc state HT's
- PCAV –New PF show jumping grade
- State HT Judges and Guests – Invitation to attend
- State HT Judges – Confirming grades etc
- Bendigo Motels – Confirming booked accommodation for State HT judges
- Castlemaine – Use of show jump wings
- Maryborough – Re club colours.
- Zone clubs –Zone games qualifier
- Games and Flat Qualifiers
- Bereavement cards to David Harvey and Teagan Tresize
- PCAV - Award of Merit nominations

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

Nil

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**CHRISTINE LINTON**

No report

Move the \$3000.00 Horse Trial donation from PCAV from the general account to State Horse Trials Account.

## **ZONE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:**

**KAYE BLANCHARD**

### From State Council

- National rollout of NCAS accreditation for instructors
- Membership for 2009-2010 \$68 and \$40 pro-rata
- PCAV has a website for donations to bush fire affected clubs.
- EFA has changed name to EA, Equestrian Australia.
- There is some sections of PCAV looking to change the name of PCAV as a way of better reflecting the diversity of ages and mounts. One thought is to remove the "Pony" from our name. Would like our riders to come up with a name for the organization.

**New Rule :** PCAV will not hold State events in extreme weather conditions.

There is a proposal to introduce new heights for PCAV show jumping. (refer general business)

## **ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT:**

**GAIL BAGGENDORF**

Victoria had a devastating start to 2009 with horrendous bushfires in February.

Many Pony Clubs, their members and families have been affected. The loss of homes, pasture, feed, club facilities and tragically the loss of life, both human and equine.

Midland Zone clubs can help and make a difference by donating to the bushfire relief fund set up by PCAV.

The funding will go directly to assist our own people to cope with their special needs as horse owners. Please don't let them down.

The instructors school at Maryborough was very well attended with 50 people either mounted or as observers.

Thank you to the instructors Julie Robins, Nicki Chalmers and Aileen Marshall who covered the

riding and jumping demonstration and to Linda Gerring for taking horsemastership theory.

The gear checking phase after lunch was huge success with Debbie Ruff from Maryborough and Aileen Marshall as her very thorough but caring gear checker. This was very entertaining as well as informative and could be presented at club rallies with great results

**\*\* Don't Forget Instructors Schools \*\***

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** Dressage Judges at St Arnaud. All welcome  
**July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** Instructors, mounted, un-mounted and trainees at Horsham.  
**November 29<sup>th</sup>** Eventing Instructors, mounted, un-mounted instructors and trainees at Maldon and/or Charlton

Maryborough hosted the day beautifully and thank you for helping the school go so well.

Certificate training for "C", "D" and "D\*" on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Mounted and un-mounted riders needed as candidates.

**ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY'S REPORT: NICKI CHALMERS**

There are 34 candidates presenting for "C" certificate examination. Eighteen from Bealiba and sixteen from Neangar Park. Practical on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Theory has been completed, one rider to sit a supplementary exam prior to doing ridden component.

**ZONE EVENT SECRETARY'S REPORT: FAYE BARNETT**

Zone Horse Trials

- Entries are slowly coming in. 80 to date including 12 teams. Also have riders from outside our zone wanting to qualify for State.
- Draw is not finalized as yet.
- Still a problem getting enough helpers.

Zone Games and Flat Qualifier

- Will be held at the St Arnaud Racecourse. Bealiba have offered assistance to St Arnaud.
- Clubs should note that they require the correct equipment and it must be identical.
- Composite team riders may be led.
- HC teams only compete against each other.

**Moved – F. Barnett that a Zone accept non-competitive teams at the Zone Qualifying Event.  
2nd - C. Hedger ..... carried.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Change to show jumping rules

Discussion was held on the merits of changing rules with regard to heights.

- Obstacle dimensions for both disciplines have been used successfully for many years and to change them is unnecessary.
- Most of the uncertainty exists with the parents and riders competing at the lower grades.
- There is anecdotal evidence to suggest that some clubs automatically grade riders for Grade 5 and PE show jumping without really considering this difference.
- It is felt that some members and parents are unaware that younger Grade 5 riders graded "PE" are jumping the equivalent of Grade 3 cross country dimensions.

**Moved – L. Gerring that a new show jumping grade of "PF" be introduced with a maximum starting height of 45cm and maximum finishing height of 53 cm.**

**2nd - S. Foley ..... carried.**

State Horse Trials 2009

John gave a verbal report on arrangements to date. He again emphasized the point that we need all clubs to support this most important event.

- Working bee on 26<sup>th</sup> April.
  - A BBQ will be provided.
  - 10:00 am start
  - Enter via front gate to property.
- We will need assistance on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> to help set-up.
- Require lots of help for the weekend
  - Hospitality
  - Lunches for judges and XC stewards
  - Stewards
  - Toilet cleaners
  - Parking attendants
  - Assist with dismantling Grade 1 dressage arenas and building show jumping course. Time allowed around 90 mins.
  - In total need at least 100 volunteers.

We really need as many of the volunteers for State to attend the Zone HT at Maldon. We want to use it as dress rehearsal.

Can clubs who are lending radios please get to Clinton.

Parents of riders at State can help. Most jobs are for 2-2.5 hours.

State merchandise is available to everybody. Orders to Debbie by 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Other General Business

- Mandurang South Geriatric Horse Trial is cancelled.
- Cost of "C" Certificate is \$25 not \$15 as advertised.

Meeting closed 10:00 pm.

**Next Zone Meeting :- 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009.**

**To be held at St Arnaud Sports Complex, St Arnaud.**

**Chairman** .....

**Date** .....