

Midland Zone Delegates Meeting - MINUTES		
Date:	Tuesday 12 March 2024	Venue: zoom meeting
Meeting Open	7.53 pm	
Attendance	Ararat: Helen Spencer, Jill Marshall	Bealiba: Julie Gould, Carolyn Stephenson, Debbie Weir
	Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson	Bendigo: Susan Harvey
	Castlemaine:	Charlton: Kaye Blanchard
	Donald:	Harcourt:
	Horsham: Apologies	Learmonth:
	Loddon:	Maldon: Melissa Gillespi
	Mandurang Sth: Nicole Chalmers	Maryborough: Apologies
	Neangar Park:	Stawell:
	St Arnaud: Katrina Cheeseman	Zone
Apologies	Sue Foley (Bendigo), Kylie Fiedler (Horsham), Emelia Sudholz (Horsham), Linda Gerring (Maryborough), Fayel Barnett (Bealiba), Nicki Dowler (MSPC), Paris Room-Batters (MSPC). Motion 2024.03.01: That the apologies be accepted. Mov: BC Sec:JM	
Item	Action/Discussion	Outcome
1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Motion 2024.03.02 That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as correct and true.	Moved: Seconded:
2. Business Arising	2.1 Charlton flood recovery.	Final payment from Flood Recovery grant paid to Charlton and forwarded to MZ to replay loan. No GST included, therefore funds forwarded to MZ, not covering entire loan. Charlton PC able to cover shortfall. Flood in January – some jumps floated off as working be to insert pins not completed. ? all jumps found. Unknown if damaged. Need to plan working bee to complete course build <b>ACTION: Clinton to follow up with Jarrod when available.</b>
	2.2 Advanced First Aid Training	Grant aquittal submitted. As we asked for 2023 participants to contribute part payment, funds remaining for further course in 2024. Some MZ members submitted EOI but unable to participate in previous training days. <b>ACTION: Jill Marshal to follow up with planning final adv1st aid course during 2024</b>
3. Correspondence In	Resignation Dylan Mealmaker from MZ committee.	We thank Dylan for his contribution to the MZ committee and wish him and his girls every success in their Pony Club life.
	Maldon PC – request discussion re MZ SJ & D qualifier date	
Clubs	Beaufort & D PC – event notification – Springkhana, 29 <sup>th</sup> September	
	Ararat PC – notification of change of DC	DC approved: Helen Spencer
	Learmonth PC – officials update	DC approved: Kerry Farrell
	Horsham PC – Super Clinic 6-7 April	
	Mandurang Sth PC – Dressage Trailer/radios bond payment	
	Bealiba PC – 2024 event dates	
	Rider exemption request for 2024 D & SJ team	
	Charlton PC – Flood Recovery Grant payment forwarded to MZ	
	Charlton PC – new flood damage, loss of some new jumps	

	Neangar Park PC – Summer Show Program	
	Mandurang Sth PC – HT program	
	Rider refund request for scratching from MZ state qualifier	
	Horsham PC – club event notification – D jackpot & CT, 11 August 2024	
PCV	Grant opportunity – sporting club grants – uniforms/equipment, volunteers, engagement, competitors	
	Come & Try update – registrations using JustGo	
	PCV sub committee nominations open – quiz, Prince Philip Mounted games, ride to time, annual awards, nationals selection, Kay Irving flat/musical teams, rules, tetrathlon, D judge accreditation	
	Gear Checker Accreditation – opportunity for members aged 16yrs & over. Dates provided jan-apr.	
	JustGo 2024 membership set up – noted clubs still have coaching/come&try, no club supporter.	PCV has corrected. Life members who wish to ride must purchase riding membership. COMMENT: clubs not notified of C&T members. PCV working on this to correct. ** riders to show proof of PCV registration
	JustGo Pro offer. Offering membership payment by instalments. \$125 annual fee	
	Appointment interim general manager – Derek O’Leary	
	Gear check summary HT event resource – available on PCV website	
	Horseland PCV 2024 SJ & D program	
	Insurance reminder for clubs	
	Membership reminder update and office xmas closure. Club payment PCV fee	
	OTT sponsorship – social logos & webinar info.	
	Sports Integrity Webinar – tackling poor behaviour in sport.	
	Office closure 21 dec – 8 jan.	
PCA	Integrity news March – recognising boundaries and managing behaviours, Game plan and how to get started.	
	Social media and children club documents from Game Plan	
	Confirmation MZ affiliation payment	
	PC newsletter	
Other	Kaye Blanchard acceptance invite	
	Don Roach acceptance invite	
	Australian Sports Foundation – improved projects & new donation form	
<b>4. Correspondence Out</b>		
JustGo members	MZ letter to members re volunteers for PCV D&SJ event	
	MZ letter to clubs re \$ support to MZ to run PCV D & SJ event	
MZ Clubs	Funding request for MZ hosting of PCV D & SJ championship	
Other	Sue Foley – Elmore Equestrian Park, event summary report	

	Invite MZ life members to attend PCV D & SJ championships.	Moved: BronwynC Seconded: NicoleC
	PCV – notification of new MZ representative.	
<b>5. Reports</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Treasurer	Report presented – see appendix Current Balance \$20,134.85 in two accounts Outstanding invoices: Neangar Park, Maryborough Refund to Ararat to be paid \$94 State Championship balance sheet presented, still some income to be received from PCV	Moved: DebbieW Seconded: SusanH
Zone Rep	Report presented – see appendix	Moved: NicoleC Seconded: DebbieW
Zone Chief Instructor	Not present	
Zone Examining Secretary	Nicole stepping down from this position. Casual Vacancy.	<b>ACTION: sec to forward casual vacancy notice to all MZ clubs</b>
<b>6. Zone Events:</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Midland Zone Games/Flat/Musical/Pairs	April 21 <sup>st</sup> – Section C	Venue: Bendigo Show Grounds or Bealiba PC grounds, to be confirmed.
MZ Ride to Time Qualifiers	June 16 <sup>th</sup> , July 21 <sup>st</sup>	NicoleC organising venues for 2024
Midland Zone Horse Trials	July 14 <sup>th</sup> – Section A/B	Hopefully Charlton will be completed and able to be used.
Midland Zone AGM	August 16 <sup>th</sup> – Section A/B	Invite Horsham PC to host at Royal Hotel Request Horsham PC to source guest speaker.
Midland Zone NCAS Workshop	Section D	LindaG to confirm
NCAS Training & Assessment Weekend	Section C	LindaG to confirm
Midland Zone Dressage & SJ Qualifiers Midland Zone SJ & Flat Team Shield	1 <sup>st</sup> December – Section D Change date to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday December. Will be 2 day event, so will be 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov -1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. Aware will impact on clubs Xmas rally 2024.	Discussion from Maldon re date and club activities. Generally felt adequate warning for clubs to changed rally dates if needed. Many clubs have done this for past events. Date will be reviewed for 2025 calendar. 1 or 2 days will be dependent on venue size.
<b>7. General Business:</b>	<b>Action/Discussion</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
7.1 MZ Show Jump Trailer	1 <sup>st</sup> use at State Event. Broken pole x 1, damaged poles (dint/chip), dazzle boards stuck together-paint damaged. Future plan-pack dazzle boards with carpet btw  Trailer not made for shorter poles/dazzle boards. These fell off trailer during transport to State event. Discussion regarding future housing. Julie happy to house at present, but will have to spend time outdoors during harvest as shed will be in use. Suggestions offered, Maldon shed, Bealiba adapt current container storage. MZ would offer financial support if building modification necessary.	<b>ACTION: Ingrid Gould to take photo of damage &amp; forward to Sue Foley to liaise re any warranty</b>  <b>ACTION: Julie Gould to source quote for trailer refit (Tim @ Bridgewater) to modify gates &amp; add padding.</b>  <b>ACTION:</b> 1. Julie to take to Bealiba for discussion 2. Sec to forward EOI to all MZ clubs
7.2 Games Trailer	JillM requested MZ to consider creating games trailer	Carry over to next meeting
<b>7.2 Around the Clubs</b>		
Ararat	Welcome Helen Spencer to DC role. Rally this month in heat – early start, early finish, low numbers attending. Planning for CT comp on 28 <sup>th</sup> April.	
Bealiba	Successful SJ & D clinic in feb with club rally welcoming riders from other clubs. St Arnaud PC members attended March rally. New R2R members x 2. Unfortunately some members missed state SJ&D due to fres. Planning for competition in April school holidays.	

Beaufort	All R2R members re-registered. Planning whole club to compete as noncomp games team. Riders keen to compete at Ararat.
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Bendigo	<p><b>Update for MZ meeting</b></p> <p>Our council allocated budget is \$500k for this current financial year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of our storage shed with power and water is expected to start in 3 weeks</li> <li>• External Fencing (inc arena fencing and yards) and civil works construction is due to start in April (road works have had to be included to widen road - this has come out of our project money at significant cost upwards of \$100k)</li> <li>• Portable clubrooms will be moved in May.</li> <li>• Gap analysis of what still needs to be funded ( such as funding for the materials to build cross country course, dressage for sand arena and whether they will give us sand for showjumping arena) will be provided to BPC in May/june in readiness for Council to vote on for the next financial year. BPC will be lobbying council heavily for these items to be fully funded.</li> </ul> <p>BPC has constructed a temporary cross country course with 30 jumps on course at various heights. We are very excited at the completion of the first element of our infrastructure and this was all completed by our volunteers. This is in place until our permanent Xc course is designed and built.</p> <p>By far the majority of the Goornong community supports BPC but we are still facing challenges with opposition to the project from some groups of people who don't want the Rec Reserve to be developed at all for various reasons - some are adverse to any development, some are environmentalists. Some of the extreme behaviours we've faced have included defacing our BPC large metal sign.</p> <p>BPC is working with the Goornong Rec Reserve Committee and COGB and DEECA. Managing this project and navigating these working relationships has been an enormous challenge and thrown up enormous hours of work. We are finally though now very close to putting down some significant infrastructure.</p> <p>While our grounds are about to be carved up, we will likely have to hire other grounds to hold our rallies on and off over the next 6 months. Winter weather, temporary fencing, OH&amp;S issues will render our grounds out of action for different periods. We won't know timeframes until we get into the middle of it and make those assessments.</p> <p>PCA are currently doing a story on our relocation project to highlight our plight and report on our dedication to see it through.</p> <p>Enthusiasm in the Club remains high - we've picked up 8 new members in this past month. Committee and members are finally starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel.</p>
Castlemaine	Not in attendance
Charlton	No rally held this year. Three members in international teams. Charlotte Stewart, currently in NZ with mounted games team Marlee Blanchard to NZ in April to promote Tetrathlon Kian Blanchard to Ireland in July in Australian Tetrathlon team
Donald	Not in attendance
Harcourt	Not in attendance
Horsham	Not in attendance
Learmonth	Not in attendance
Loddon	Not in attendance
Maldon	Celebrating club 50h anniversary this year. Planning dinner towards end of the year. AGM will be held at April Rally. Feb rally postponed due to heat, then Friday night rally planned. 12 members re-joined for March rally.
Mandurang South	Horse Trials this weekend
Maryborough	Not in attendance
Neangar Park	Not in attendance
Stawell	Not in attendance
St Arnaud	Congratulations to everyone involved in the State Event. Current membership low, with many non renewals. New membership recruitment challenging. Planning Combined rallies with other clubs to increase participation. April events have been cancelled and not enough club members to run.

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April – face to face @ St Arnaud. <b>ACTION: St Arnaud to book facility &amp; notify MZ sec.</b>	<b>Meeting Closed: 9.43 pm</b>
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Midland Zone Sections					
A	B	C	D		
Ararat	Charlton	Bendigo	Bealiba		
Beaufort	Donald	Maldon	Castlemaine		
Horsham	Loddon	Mandurang South	Harcourt		
Learmonth	St Arnaud	Neangar Park	Maryborough		
Stawell					
		2024	2025	2026	2027
Midland Zone Horse Trials		A/B	A	D	C
Midland Zone Dressage & SJ Qualifiers		D	C	A	B
Midland Zone Games/Flat/Musical/Pairs		C	D	B	A
Midland Zone SJ & Flat Team		A/B	B	C	D
Midland Zone AGM		A/B	C	B	D
Midland Zone NCAS Workshop		D	A	C	B
NCAS Training & Assessment Weekend		C	B	D	A

**\*\* Sections A & B combined for 2024 – review at December meeting.**

## Treasurers Report

# Balance Sheet

Midland Zone Pony Club  
As at 12 March 2024

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### Assets

#### Bank

Midland Zone	10,742.72
Midland Zone Term Deposit	9,392.13
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>20,134.85</b>

#### Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	Money owed by Maryborough and Neangar Park - now 4 weeks overdue	200.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>200.00</b>

#### Total Assets

20,334.85

## Horseland PCV SJ & Dressage Championship – Midland Zone Budget

### Account Transactions

Midland Zone Pony Club  
For the period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024

Account Code & Name	Debit	Credit	Running Balance	Account Code	Account
2 - State Event Income	65.00	7,527.00	7,462.00		
Event Secretary income		27,321.87	27,321.87		
Raffle		263.00	263.00		
500 - State Event Costs	21,528.44	0.00	21,528.44		
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,593.44</b>	<b>35,111.87</b>	<b>13,518.43</b>		

## **Zone Rep Report - 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**

Welcome to pony club for 2024! I attended my first state council meeting earlier this year and enjoyed meeting the other Zone Reps, several of them also new to the role.

Derek O'Leary has been appointed in the interim role as PCV general manager. I look forward to working with Derek as he has a wealth of knowledge in sports management, I believe he has a lot to offer pony club moving forward.

The next state event is for 2024 is State Horse Trails, hosted by Northern Zone at Finley grounds in NSW. I have had a few people questions the venue. Due to vast distances, Pony Club Victoria extends to some of the Southern NSW areas, including several in the Northern Zone of Pony Club. Riders wishing to participate in this event need to qualify as per the qualifying requirements available in the Horse Trials rule book. Any questions after checking the rules, please don't hesitate to ask. Once entries open, further information will be sent out in regards to how to enter.

The National Gear Rules were updated on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Some clarity around the bitless bridles rules has been provided now that they are allowed. Bitless bridles must be used at a minimum of 2 rallies before being allowed to compete in them. DC's should record \*bitless\* next to the mounts names in the card for proof of this.

Sadly, Dylan Mealmaker has advised the Zone Executive of his resignation from his role on the Zone Executive. I would like to thank him for his time and support, particularly his expertise in risk management. I wish Dylan and his girls all the best in their future horsey endeavours.

State Dressage and Showjumping is now done as dusted. But what a fabulous weekend it was! Congratulations to who qualified and represented our Zone with pride. I would also like to take the time to acknowledge the riders who qualified and were unable to attend due to unavoidable circumstances.

The parade was a fantastic success, and it was great to see the kids getting into the spirit of it. Steve Cox and Nirelle Summerville, provided amazing entertainment. Zulu was certainly a highlight. Thank you to the Royal Hotel Horsham for sponsoring their presence.

I don't know where to start in thanking people, as there is literally an army of people who made this weekend all that it was. A heartfelt thank you from the very bottom of my heart to the tireless members of the organizing committee, who invested an extraordinary amount of time. They well and truly demonstrated the definition of true teamwork. Their unwavering dedication, support of one another and meticulous planning laid the foundation for a weekend filled with competition and camaraderie. Special thanks to Sue Foley for exceptional organisational skills, Julie Gould for her amazing catering, Camille and Debbie for their patience in the office and greeting everyone with a smile, no problem was too big, Our sponsorship crew – Ingrid Gould, Jill Marshall and Kira Chalmers. And then there is Tony and Adam Foley – who didn't stop for the entire weekend.

I'd also like acknowledge the invaluable volunteers, from the clubs of the mighty midland zone, who dedicated their time and energy to ensure the smooth running of this event for our guests.

Special gratitude is extended to major sponsor, Horseland, whose generous support played a pivotal role in making the championships a reality and their presence over the weekend was much appreciated.

On a bit of a downer, it was very disappointing that there was some vandalism overnight Saturday. This shocks me at a pony club event and does not at all align with the values and ethos of pony club, especially at a State event which showcases our organisation.

***Nicki Chalmers***