

**Midland Zone Delegates Meeting 15 June 2023**

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Date:</b><br>Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> August | <b>Venue:</b>  | Online -   |
| <b>Meeting Open</b>                          | 7.25pm   |  |
| <b>Attendance</b>                            | Ararat: Helen Spencer, Jill Marshall   | Bealiba: Debbie Weir, Carolyn Stephenson, Julie Gould, Michelle Nisbet   |
|  | Beaufort: Bronwyn Cuthbertson  | Bendigo: Pauline Campbell, Kerry Yean  |
|  | Castlemaine:   | Charlton:  |
|  | Donald:  | Harcourt: Peggy Mills  |
|  | Horsham: Kylie Fiedler, Emelia Sudholtz  | Learmonth:   |
|  | Loddon:  | Maldon: Jacqui Hogan, Melissa Gillespie  |
|  | Mandurang Sth: Dylan Mealmaker, Nicki Chalmers   | Maryborough: Linda Gerring   |
|  | Neangar Park: Trista Hoyland   | Stawell:   |
|  | St Arnoud: Ashlea Martin   | Zone : Sue Foley   |
| <b>Apologies</b>                             | Learmonth PC   |  |
| <b>Item</b>                                  | <b>Action/Discussion</b>   | <b>Outcome</b>   |
| <b>1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>   | Motion 2023.08.01<br>That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct.   | Moved: KylieF                      seconded: LindaG  |
| <b>2. Business Arising</b>                   | 2.1 Charlton flood recovery.   | Work commenced. Jumps being built off site.  |
|  | 2.2 Advanced First Aid Training  | Midland Zone to plan a further two course dates prior to end of funding in October<br>Stawell running course HLTAID011 only.   |
|  | 2.3 MZ to host 2024 PCV State SJ & D Championships. 24-25 feb 2024   | Seeking MZ committee members. There will be guidance from State Council, planning to be done for first meeting, minutes to be send to MZ clubs with info re club support and outlining expectations. |
| <b>3. Correspondence In</b>                  |  |  |
| Clubs  | Mandurang south club officials   | DC – Dylan Mealmaker   |
|  | Horsham PC – cancelled gymkhana  |  |
|  | Neangar Park PC – cancelled gymkhana   |  |
|  | Bendigo & District PC - invoice  |  |
| PCV  | Upcoming events & activities. Hygienic interzone quiz challenge No2, Prince Phillip mounted games team challenge, Pony racing taster days, Ride to time state, championship, Ride to time coach the coach, gear checker accreditation, |  |
| PCA  | PCA Awards – new, young coach, adult riding member,  |  |
|  | Club development – webinar strategic planning  |  |
|  | Club Development – webinar safeguarding and integrity  |  |
|  | PCA coaching program – foundation coach accreditations, Gear Checker accreditation, Prelim/Level 1 coach accreditation, PCANCAS assessor qualifications, Resources/lesson plan library.  |  |

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
|   | Club development – webinar marketing and communications.   |  |
|   | JustGo V2.8.3 release notes  |  |
| <b>4. Correspondence Out</b>                            |  |  |
| JustGo members  | Shield event flat tests  |  |
|   | Shield event program   |  |
| PCV   | Award of Merit nominations x 2   |  |
|   | Motion 2023.10.02<br>That the correspondence be accepted.  | Moved: BronwynC Seconded: SueF   |
| <b>5. Reports</b>                                       | <b>Action/Discussion</b>   | <b>Outcome</b>   |
| Treasurer   | MZ currently has a healthy balance. Funds not yet transferred to term deposit – this will roll over for further 6mths.   | Motion; 2023.10.03 That the financial report be accepted.<br>Moved: Debbie W Seconded: NickiC  |
| Zone Rep  | Report read – see attached   | Motion: 2023.10.04 That the Midland Zone Rep be accepted<br>Moved: SueF Seconded: JacquiH  |
| Zone Chief Instructor                                   | No report<br>Query re clubs with Chief Instructor roles – is there minimum qualification of NCAS prelim or Level 1.<br>Is there a Position Description for Chief Instructor?   | No current qualification requirement for club role<br><br>Position description on PCV By-laws  |
| Zone Examining Secretary                                | C C* and K certificate nominations close 1st September. Followed by ridden assessments on 14-15 <sup>th</sup> October. Venue to be confirmed.  | Motion: 2023.10.05<br>Moved: NickiC Seconded: SueF   |
| <b>6. Zone Events:</b>                                  | <b>Action/Discussion</b>   | <b>Outcome</b>   |
| 6.1 2023 Ride to Time Qualifying series                 | Qualifier 2: 15 <sup>th</sup> July<br>Venue changed to Echuca  | Event review: only 1 rider. Great venue and able to use the track. Neve Nisbet qualified for the Maiden finals. Good luck at Moonie Valley.                      |
| 6.2 Zone HT State Qualifiers                            | 9 <sup>th</sup> July. Section C. Venue - Maldon  | Event review:  |
| 6.6 Zone AGM  | 18 <sup>th</sup> August. Section D. Hosted by Castlemaine  | Cumberland hotel, Castlemaine<br>Meals at bar prices.  |
| 6.3 Zone Flat Team & SJ                                 | 20 <sup>th</sup> August. Section D.  |  |
| 6.4 MZ club camp  | November 4-5 @ Dunolly   |  |
| 6.5 NCAS workshop                                       | 25-26 November. Section B.   | Venue to be confirmed.   |
| 6.6 Zone Dress & SJ State Qualifiers                    | 9-10 December. Section B. Venue to be confirmed.   | Options – Charlton or Donald (Charlton now have cattle yards removed)<br>ACTION – contact clubs to determine who would be able to host                           |
| <b>7. General Business:</b>                             | <b>Action/Discussion</b>   | <b>Outcome</b>   |
| 7.1 MZ Bylaw 18c.                                       | 18.c. Once the calendar is set clubs that wish to move a date or add a date must apply by email to the MZ secretary for approval to do so from the MZ executive.   | To ensure calendar coordinator able to track event changes.  |
| 7.2 MZ Bylaw 12.f                                       | 12.f. Team compositions<br>vi. Riders qualifying in both disciplines <b>on the one mount</b> must choose on the day at the qualifiers to represent the zone at the State Championships in either dressage or showjumping | Additional change (in red text) to those discussed/approved feb 2023 minutes.  |
| 7.3 From Bendigo PC MZ financial support of event hosts | BPC understands that the Maldon Pony Club had to weatherproof its course immediately prior to staging the Midland Zone Horse Trials last month. BPC is   | ? consideration in MZ by-laws for club out of pocket expenses involved in hosting MZ events. Feasible option that host clubs may submit request for MZ financial |

|                           |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
|                           | concerned that this may have been a costly exercise both in time and money. If this is the case, given this is a Zone event, will the Zone reimburse Maldon for these costs? BPC feels in these circumstances that Clubs should be reimbursed to encourage Clubs in the future to put their hands up to hold events. | support if expenses beyond that of expected grounds maintenance. Clarification of MZ By-laws re event running costs: MZ cover judge fees, host Club provides catering for judges/volunteers. ? need to revisit how events source volunteers – running events as a section rather than individual club. Host club would be appropriate to coordinate section clubs.   |
| 7.4<br>MZ event           | MZ SJ & Flat teams shield event not well supported for many reasons including football/netball finals, costs   | Motion: 2023.10.06<br>Commencing in 2024, the MZ combine the MZ SJ & Flat teams Shield event with the MZ SJ & D qualifier in December of each year.<br>Moved: SueF seconded: LindaG<br>Carried by majority.  |
| 7.5 Midland Zone planning | Maldon new committee seeking to understand the future, direction, aspiration of the MZ. Does the MZ have a future plan? Goals/aims for the future? Are there plans for spending of the currently healthy bank balance?   | Healthy bank balance for PC team champs – this income is not continuing. MZ finances have been well managed for past 20yrs. MZ events generally \$ successful<br>MZ purchase assets to support all members of MZ now & into the future. eg-radios/dressage trailer.<br>Future options – SJ trailer, games trailer, considerations – storage of trailers.<br>Considerations of future of Charlton and MZ events.<br>MZ support to clubs is by other activities such as NCAS training,<br>Planning – SJ trailer as priority – SF to source SJ eq. Investigate trailer types, weight ratio, security.<br>Consideration – security of equipment on trailer – storage of trailer. |
| 7.6 Around the Clubs      |  |  |
| Ararat                    | Endurance ride in august – major fund raiser. Coordinated well with PCA discipline of the month. High attendance from members, with commemorative award for Wendy Dickenson.   |  |
| Bealiba                   | Well done to riders competing at state team games, flat & musical and coach Faye. Planning camp over school holidays.  |  |
| Beaufort                  | Successful Winter Woolies Gymkhana with new committee. Ready2Ride members progressing.   |  |
| Bendigo                   | Ongoing negotiations with Bendigo city council   |  |
| Castlemaine               | Not present  |  |
| Charlton                  | Not present  |  |
| Donald                    | Not present  |  |
| Harcourt                  | Have had to postpone the HT planned for October. Changed event to SJ & stockmans challend  |  |
| Horsham                   |  |  |
| Learmonth                 | Not present  |  |
| Loddon                    | No present   |  |
| Maldon                    | Riders successful at state team games/flat/musical event. Successful grant for sand arena surface.   |  |
| Mandurang South           | Successful grant for portable cross country jump. Noted on facebook – fancy freshmans (fancy dress, SJ and music) inspired by Melb 3 day event   |  |
| Maryborough               | Adult members appreciative of Sue Foleys representation at state level.  |  |

|                      |   |                              |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Neangar Park         |   |                              |
| Stawell              |   |                              |
| St Arnaud            | Successful gymkhana. Section B joint rally @ Dunolly, utilising the xcountry course.                  |                              |
|                      | Linda Gerring thanked the MZ for the flowers received on the passing of her mother.                   |                              |
|                      | Assets comment – could zone purchase xcountry jumps that are moveable and can travel to other venues. |                              |
| <b>Next Meeting:</b> | <b>October 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 – online</b>  | <b>Meeting Closed: 10.02</b> |

| <b>Midland Zone Sections</b>          |           |                 |             |             |             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>A</b>                              | <b>B</b>  | <b>C</b>        | <b>D</b>    |             |             |
| Ararat                                | Charlton  | Bendigo         | Bealiba     |             |             |
| Beaufort                              | Donald    | Maldon          | Castlemaine |             |             |
| Horsham                               | Loddon    | Mandurang South | Harcourt    |             |             |
| Learmonth                             | St Arnaud | Neangar Park    | Maryborough |             |             |
| Stawell                               |           |                 |             |             |             |
|                                       |           | <b>2023</b>     | <b>2024</b> | <b>2025</b> | <b>2026</b> |
| Midland Zone Horse Trials             |           | C               | B           | A           | D           |
| Midland Zone Dressage & SJ Qualifiers |           | B               | D           | C           | A           |
| Midland Zone Games/Flat/Musical/Pairs |           | A               | C           | D           | B           |
| Midland Zone SJ & Flat Team           |           | D               | A           | B           | C           |
| Midland Zone AGM                      |           | D               | A           | C           | B           |
| Midland Zone Coaches Workshop         |           | A               | C           | B           | D           |
| NCAS Training & Assessment Weekend    |           | B               | D           | A           | C           |

# Balance Sheet

Midland Zone Pony Club  
As at 14 August 2023

14 AUG 2023

---

## Assets

### Bank

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Midland Zone              | 36,036.40        |
| Midland Zone Term Deposit | 29,392.13        |
| <b>Total Bank</b>         | <b>65,428.53</b> |

# Profit and Loss

Midland Zone Pony Club  
For the period 12 June 2023 to 14 August 2023

12 JUN-14 AUG  
2023

---

## Trading Income

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Certificate - Rider Fee     | 80.00           |
| Horse Trials                | 8,559.20        |
| Interest Income             | 856.72          |
| Merchandise sale income     | 20.00           |
| Team Champs                 | 154.00          |
| <b>Total Trading Income</b> | <b>9,669.92</b> |

---

## Gross Profit

9,669.92

---

## Operating Expenses

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Consulting & Accounting                 | 112.10           |
| Executive payments                      | 29.55            |
| Expenses occurred with dressage trailer | 186.00           |
| G F M & P Expenses                      | 2,340.00         |
| General Expenses                        | 197.00           |
| Horse Trials Expenses                   | 4,179.34         |
| Show jumping equipment                  | 10,252.50        |
| State HT Half Rider Refund              | 62.50            |
| Team Champs Expenses                    | 154.00           |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>         | <b>17,512.99</b> |

---

## Net Profit

(7,843.07)

# Event Secretary Pty Ltd



Date 15 Aug 2023

Invoice 18299

**Midland Zone PCV & Open Horse Trials (at Maldon Pony Club ) & Midland Zone Club Tea**

Event date : 9 Jul 2023

## 1. Online Entries

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| 1.1 Payments Received                      | \$9,990.00  |
| 1.2 Financial Fees                         | -\$177.75   |
| 1.3 Refunds                                | -\$1,120.00 |
| 1.4 Financial Fees Refunded                | \$16.80     |
| 1.5 Event Secretary Online Fees (GST Incl) | -\$149.85   |

## 2. Times

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| 2.1 Entry Handling (GST Incl) [157 Combinations] | -\$172.70 |
| 2.2 Times Handling (GST Incl) [157 Combinations] | -\$293.59 |

## 3. Scoring

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 3.1 Scoring (GST Incl) [2 Person] | -\$550.00 |
| 3.2 Travel (GST Incl) [370 KMs]   | -\$162.80 |
| 3.7 Digital Scoring (GST Incl)    | -\$260.00 |

## 4. Payments To Officials

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| * Peggy Mills     | -\$180.00 |
| * Liz Ellerton    | -\$90.00  |
| * Steph Horton    | -\$125.00 |
| * Bianca Franklin | -\$90.00  |
| * Jaime Thompson  | -\$150.00 |

## 5. Competitor Prize Money

## 6. Levy/Fees/Other

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 6.1 Day participation insurance | -\$100.00 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|

## 7. Office Expense

## 8. Sundry Expense

## 9. Sundry Income

---

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Credit Balance     | \$6,385.11 |
| Total GST Included | \$144.45   |

## Banking details

Midland Zone  
BSB: 633000  
Account Number: 161780325

If you have any queries or concerns regarding this invoice please contact us via [office@eventsecretary.com.au](mailto:office@eventsecretary.com.au) or 0407 433 956.

Event Secretary Pty Ltd

ACN 169 441 230

ATF Slade Family Trust

ABN 14 136 495 768

## MZ Rep Report August 2023

---

Good evening all,

The last State council meeting was held on July 11<sup>th</sup> by Zoom. Thankfully we received minutes from this meeting which made writing my report much easier!

The 2024 State horse trials were discussed. The host Zone is Northern Zone. Two clubs have submitted an EOI to host the event being Deniliquin and Finley. A decision is yet to be made by the host zone as to the best venue.

Qualifying criteria for the 2024 event was also reviewed and it was voted to allow two open qualifiers in events hosted by a pony club hosted events .

For example the amended rule for grade 2 will read:

**GRADE 2 combinations must complete three Horse Trials, two of which must be in a Pony Club section or the Open section of a PCV Accredited Grade 2 Event. • An EVA95 event 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**

This applies to all grades however PCV 1.10m and grade1 will read:

**PCV110 combinations must complete two Horse Trials, one of which must be a PCV Accredited PCV110 event in the pony club section or Open section • An EA CCN1\*-S or above may be used as one qualification. Combinations graded as PCV110 Horse Trials may compete in PC Grade 1 Horse Trials events where a PCV110 class is not offered. • One qualification must have been gained in the calendar year of the championships. • One qualification with no more than 20 jumping penalties in the Cross Country phase & one with zero jumping penalties in the Cross Country phase.**

Rationale:

- Better for the clubs that are starting to combine graded and open classes due to a lack of entry numbers.
- Riders are competing at and supporting a pony club event when entering either class

### Adult rider classes for PC

I again took the proposal to the SC to allow PCV adult riders the full benefits of belonging to pony club .

**PCV should to allow adult members to compete at PC events by allowing clubs to offer a junior (under 18 years) and senior (over 18 years) section for Grades 4, 5, 6.**

Rationale:

PCV is bleeding numbers and has been for a decade. As an association we must evolve and not remain static. The association needs to fully support adult riders who commit to pony club by joining as a riding member and allow them the full PCV member benefits enjoyed by other PCV riding members.

Relevant points:

Needed to support clubs who rely on adult members for their viability, by allowing these members the full benefit of belonging to Pony Club.

- Not compulsory for all events – clubs can choose to run the two sections or not. It may not be relevant to all zones
- Will allow adult members the full benefits of the association they have committed to as riding members.

Riders and club members need to be aware that PCA has introduced a new whip rule in the horse welfare policy. The rule is that a whip may be used for 2 strikes only . The PCV Horse trials rule C.7.4.f. reads: **The whip is not to be used more than three times for any one incident.** Clubs need to advise in this in their programs immediately.

Thank you to the members of section C and especially so to Maldon Pony Club members for hosting the 2023 Zone Horse Trials. The grounds and course looked fabulous and despite some challenges due to rain the ground held up beautifully because they were so well prepared. Congratulations to Bealiba on winning the 2023 MZ Club Team Challenge at the Midland Zone PCV & Open Horse Trials, Combined Training & Midland Zone Club Team Challenge.

Huge congratulations to the members of the Zone who qualified to compete at the 2023 State Games, Flat and Musical Championships held at Bacchus Marsh PC.

**Games Teams:**

Maryborough/ Harcourt Composite

Ararat Pony Club:

Bealiba /Charlton Composite

Pairs Team Ride:

Lily Gillespie, Madison Drohan

Sophie Bourke, Sadie Garsed

Bealiba: Ingrid Gould, Nicole Catto

**Musical Ride:**

Bealiba Pony Club- Girls from Snowy River

Smurfs Just Want To Have Fun.

Maryborough/ Harcourt- The Highlanders

It was sensational, successful weekend for our small but MIGHTY Midland Zone.

In the Musical Ride section Bealiba Pony Club riders Ingrid Gould, Nicole Catto , Neve Nisbet, & Ella Parker WON with their brilliant ride 'The Girls from Snowy River'

The Bealiba Musical Ride team "Smurfs Just Want To Have Fun" consisted of Lillian Stephenson, Violet Stephenson, Charli Catto & Zeva Missen and placed 4<sup>th</sup>!

Maryborough/ Harcourt- Musical ride team members Makayla Cocking, Renae Neilson, Beccy Neilson,& Maddy Jackson did a great job as The Highlanders to finish 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bealiba riders Ingrid Gould and Nicole Catto had a hugely successful day and won the pairs!

The dynamic duo from Maldon PC, Sophie Bourke, and Sadie Garsed rode brilliantly to place 4<sup>th</sup> in the pairs.

The Bealiba /Charlton Composite games team of Nicole Catto, Charlotte Stewart, Victoria Heywood, Ella Parker, Zeva Nissen, Charli Catto, and Maddi Corcoran also did a fantastic job to finish to 4<sup>th</sup> in the games.

The Ararat games team of Stephanie Holden, Ruby Thomas, Haley Roche, Wilhelm Mellors, Clare Clarke, Natalie Marshall, and Emily Marshall finished just out of the placings and came 7<sup>th</sup> . Congratulations to all involved in this great weekend. You did your club and your Zone proud.

On June 27<sup>th</sup> the Midland Zone sadly and suddenly lost one of our best and most loved members. Wendy Dickenson passed away after a short illness leaving a place no one will fill. I first met Wendy at a Zone meeting and quickly realised she had the best sense of humour and took nothing too seriously. Wendy will always be remembered by those who knew her with love and a smile and for teaching us all that there is no such thing as odd socks. They are not odd, they are to be celebrated!

Well done to all the MZ clubs that have hosted successful events over the last few months. A special mention must go to the new committee of Beaufort pony club who gave there all to their first winter woollies gymkhana and it was an outstanding success. Congratulations to the new team!

Thank you to Nicki Chalmers for organising the 2023 MZ Ride to Time State qualifiers and congratulations to Neve Nisbet who qualified to compete at the State Championships at Moonee Valley on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck Neve!

To me the secret to the success of everything in pony club be it at club level, Zone or State level is **teamwork**. It may a well worn cliché but Team work really does make the Dream work. When you are part of a committee or club, being a good team player is essential as is supporting the decisions of the club or Zone committee.

Another well worn cliché is "United we stand, Divided we fall." When we work together and support each other we are stronger and from that everyone benefits, especially our riding members. At the end of day that is who we are here to support and our reason for doing what we do for pony club.

May the Horse be with you,

*Sue Foley*