

PONY CLUB VICTORIA
ABN 6432002009
STATE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT



Meeting Date: Tuesday 4 February 2020
Location: "Irving House", 73-75 Mackie Rd, Mulgrave. VIC 3757

In Attendance –

Peter Favaloro (PF) - President, James Lang (JL)– Vice President, Linda Smith(LS) Vice President, Hellen Symmons (HS) – Treasurer, Ian Don (ID) – NEZ, Beth McCann (BM) – NMZ, Jan Calaby (JC) – BZ, Leonie Lang (LL) - CZ, Jan Bromwich (JB) - EGZ, Sue Foley (SF) – MZ, , Shari Mawson – Cannon (SMC) – NZ, Carol Rotherham (CR) – SMZ, Lisa Hocking (LH) – WGZ, Rod Keast (RK) – WZ, Rick Gill (EO)

Safety: Following several letters concerning safety and the PCA safety conference State Council prioritised safety in Eventing. PCV is considering setting up an Eventing Sub-committee to advise the State Council on all Eventing matters including safety. The Rules Committee have been allocated a project to address safety in Eventing.

A motion was passed "That the Rules Committee initiate a safety project to address safety and risk management items in Eventing, to co-opt additional expert assistance as required and to extend outcomes to other disciplines as necessary"

Back Protectors. Rules are to be updated to include the EA wording in regard to standards and to reword the Helmet rule with more clarity.

Governance: The Committee have met twice and reviewed the draft constitution. Comment has been asked for and included in the review. A document is almost complete but not quite ready to proceed to next stage. Committee is due to meet soon to conclude the document draft. The draft will be circulated to State Council for feedback then to the membership for further comment. The Governance committee will provide an up to date timetable after it meets

Action. PF to provide an update to members for state office to circulate to members.

PCVEC: It was discussed that PCV needs to consider changes in how people participate in sport as evidence indicates that people are looking at different ways of consuming sport. The centre may assist in experiencing Pony Club. PCV needs to consider non-PCV income to avoid unnecessarily increasing fees for membership. It needs to be determined if the centre is that mechanism or if there is a better way to use the money tied up in the centre to support the members we do have.

At its last meeting, the PCVEC Committee discussed one of the key objectives was more use of the centre by member clubs. The PCVEC Committee have suggested that 1 week is set aside in the April school holidays and 1 week in the September school holidays and those dates be blocked out for the use of PCV clubs. This would work through the zone with 5 zones being allocated 1 week and 5 zones allocated the other week. Clubs would coordinate through the zones their use of the centre, however it is up to clubs what they do with their time allocation. NZ and NEZ indicated they would like to use September.

Grants for PCVEC

Currently a grant for \$17,000 has been received.

2020/21 Budget Major Items

Membership to increase by \$4 to \$152 for Junior and Associate members, and to \$172 for Adult Members. Fees include insurance but are exclusive of PCA capitation. The insurance component of the PCV membership fees is approximately \$17 for Junior and approximately \$26 for Associate and Adults. The PCA capitation fee is \$14 on top of the PCV membership. The increase is to cover the rising cost of providing services, and to allow for increases in the cost of insurance.

PCV is to develop a Competition Membership. This has not been finalised and the Executive Officer will produce a concept for State Council to consider based on the following base parameters:

- No club membership required
- Replaces the \$15 day participation fee
- Minimum age 18
- Approximate cost range \$50 - \$80 plus PCA Capitation

To be investigated is could\ accident insurance be provided

The club affiliation fee was set at \$35, up from \$25. The rise is to reflect a more accurate cost of providing services to clubs.

Travel Fees to reimburse our volunteers for travel are now all set all the same at 0.50c per km

Assessment Fees for coaching remaining at \$165

To encourage professional coaches to register the \$25 registration fee has been removed.

Approval of Pony Club Advanced grade as a State Championship grade.

State Council approved adding Advanced to rules. No grading for Advanced for 12 months. All Grade 1 riders are eligible to ride Advanced.

Riders can only compete in one PC grade per class in competition. To be reviewed in 12 months.

SDSJ: As the Northern Zone is conducting the State Dressage and Showjumping Championship it was resolved that the Zones share with PCV 50/50 any surplus from running the event.

GFMR: Following a recommendation from the GFMR the championship venue will be tendered out to PC clubs.

Response to Victorian Fires

There are 4 clubs affected in EGZ: Mallacoota who have lost everything; Buchan, Swifts Creek and Nowa Nowa who all have members where the fire has had some affect. All will be affected by the availability of feed, and Mallacoota will require items such as rally equipment, jump wings, poles, jump blocks, poles etc. Mallacoota is registered with Blaze Aid which may cover fencing and they are eligible for several grants. EO has been discussing with SRV on their response which will be something but has not been determined yet. Need to wait and see what is required. The GoFundMe is over \$8000 at present which has been a great response with many clubs still to hold fund raisers. PCV has provided the centre for 2 fund raising events, and is in contact with Mallacoota. The club has held one rally and it is important that members continue to stay involved with the club. PCV could also assist with instructors.

ID advised NEZ also have some clubs who have affected members and the zone are monitoring

Zone reps will keep monitoring clubs and members in their zone and if any assistance is required.