



Pony Club Association of Victoria

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 41st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

41st ANNUAL PCAV CONFERENCE SUMMARY

10.30am OPEN ANNUAL PCAV CONFERENCE

10.20am

BUSINESS PLANNING PROCESS – JAMES FITZPATRICK (PCAV EO)

James Fitzpatrick gave an outline of the Business Planning Process that is being undertaken by the PCAV. He highlighted the need for the PCAV to have a clear vision. The process being implemented involves many group workshops and these have already commenced. The PCAV Council will review the plan in September and then it is James' role to implement the strategies that have been agreed. The Vision for the future will be circulated to zones and clubs and everyone will be informed of the key outcomes.

INSURANCE – JAMES FITZPATRICK (PCAV EO)

James Fitzpatrick gave an update on the change of insurance this year. With a new underwriter through Lloyd's of London, we were still waiting on the Policy Documentation. A "Red Book" will be written and circulated to clubs when the information is available. The website will contain insurance information in the future.

INTER PACIFIC RALLY – DANIELLE VIDLER

Dannielle Vidler was a guest presenter for the Inter Pacific Rally hosted in Victoria in May 2003. She gave a terrific account of the event and it was very evident that she had thoroughly enjoyed this event. Dannielle offered to be a speaker at any clubs with young riders wishing to be in the next Inter Pacific Rally in 2005 in Canada.

UNIFORM WEARING OF LONG BOOTS – SEVILLE PONY CLUB

Mornington Pony Club agreed with the letter in support of long boots but the motion lapsed as there was no-one present from Seville to speak on this issue. The President informed those present that the Uniform Survey was being discussed. This process had taken some time, as the quantity of surveys was enormous making interpretation of the data difficult.

DC CARDS – NORTH EAST ZONE

Jess Hull highlighted that riders were presenting themselves at competitions without their card signed by the DC or cards were incorrect and this was causing rider disappointment. This statement was endorsed by the President who reiterated that it was the DC's responsibility to ensure that the rider and card showed that the rider was eligible to compete.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PONY CLUB COMPETITIONS – RINGWOOD HORSE AND PONY CLUB

Jim Hurley raised the concern with 50% attendance at rallies as some clubs hold 21 rallies and they recommended that 50% attendance be replaced with a minimum of 6 rallies. Other speakers claimed that 6 rallies were not enough for eligibility.

**Voted by the assembly that the PCAV State Council consider the motion that the current eligibility clause have added "or a minimum of 6 official club rallies
CARRIED 13 For, 10 Against**

APPOINTMENT OF PCAV PERSONNEL – NORTHERN ZONE

The appointment of Treasurer, State Coaching Director, and Executive Officer are appointed positions and the duration and review process needed State Council action. The President stated that the State Coaching Director and Executive Officer had employment contracts with reviews built in to their contracts. The Treasurer is nominated by the State Council and is reviewed annually. The Council will review all contracts and processes to ensure it is meeting its obligations.

DISCIPLINE POLICY ADULT SUPPORTERS – NORTH EAST ZONE

David Mortimer spoke in general terms regarding the Code of Conduct for Adult Supporters and highlighted the lack of reference to adult supporters in the Rules/Bylaws. He noted the drop in officials as documented by the Australian Sports Commission. He stated that some behaviour witnessed this year that was not becoming of a Pony Club Member. The President responded by stating that the Governance Review would address the issues of individual membership and the control of the State Council over the individuals, which does not exist at present. Also commented was that the State Council could issue guidelines on the process to handle these situations and dispute resolution.

GUEST SPEAKER – PROFESSOR ANDREW CLARKE (MELBOURNE EQUINE CENTRE)

Professor Andrew Clarke gave a thoroughly enlightening presentation on today's horses, tomorrow's veterinarians. He spoke of the significance of the equestrian industry being a large employer and significant financial contributor. Professor Clarke's presentation clearly demonstrated Melbourne Equine Centres role in world class medicine and surgery experience and he was very detailed in using case examples of their work. The President thanked Professor Clarke for his outstanding presentation and members gave him warm recognition of this sentiment. The website address is www.equinecentre.com.au

POLICE CHECKS – WYENA HORSE AND PONY CLUB

This issue is considered by society as the appropriate practice to ensure the safety of children. It ensures that the individuals interacting with our riders are acceptable individuals. The President stated that poor behaviour had been identified in the Risk Management Process that is currently underway. There was discussion as to the privacy laws and policy for the information collected and whether it could be included as a centralised database. The President acknowledged that this was clearly an issue and the Council would include this item as it moves through the Risk management process.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR CHANGE TO CALENDAR YEAR – NORTH EAST ZONE

Jess Hull highlighted the difficulties in membership collection with members starting in Jan/Feb each year with the start of school/Tafe etc which impacted due to prorata fee collection and then strength returns. She also noted the current excessive work load for the PCAV Office with strength returns, end of financial year, insurance renewal, etc all in the middle of the year. The topic was discussed at length and was put to a vote.

Voted by the assembly that the PCAV State Council consider the motion to change the membership year to the calendar year.

2 For, Lots Against

12.30pm **LUNCH** (60mins)

1.30pm **NATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES – MARILYN HEALY**
Marilyn Healy presented the year of Mounted Games development. This power point presentation included the skills clinics, squad selections, and competitions attended by the PCAV Mounted Games Team including the National Championships in South Australia.

SCORING FOR DRESSAGE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – LANGWARRIN PONY CLUB

Wayne Hewitt outlined the key concerns with the scoring system used for the Dressage State Championships. He suggested that the scoring system revert back to the highest aggregate of the tests ridden.

Voted by the assembly that the PCAV State Council should review the scoring for the Dressage State Championships by discarding the World Cup Points system and revert back to the highest aggregate of the tests ridden.

CARRIED 19 For, 6 Against

STATE COUNCIL TRANSPARENCY – MONASH PONY CLUB

Graham Dewar wanted to see a greater State Council Transparency regarding the voting on issues at State Council Meetings. This would assist clubs and zones in knowing the views of their representative and the way other regions viewed matters of importance eg leaving age issue. There was discussion regarding the role of the State Councillor and his/her statutory obligation to vote in the best interest of the State.

Voted by the assembly that the PCAV State Council should adopt a policy where all motions in Council Minutes include the mover, seconder, and voting numbers by zone.

Carried by the overwhelming majority

LEAVING AGE – MONASH/RINGWOOD PONY CLUBS

The president gave an outline of the process and outcomes that were used to review the Leaving Age. This included a vote by clubs where the level of 75% of clubs voting was not achieved and therefore Council made the decision. Graham Dewar spoke against the Council decision as per the supporting commentary as he felt the decision that Council made did not reflect the views of the membership especially in the metropolitan area. The President stated that the issue had been dealt with and that it may be reconsidered no earlier than the 2004 Annual Conference.

PCAV GOVERNANCE – JAMES FITZPATRICK EO

The Executive Officer commenced debate on the governance of the PCAV stating that a review had been undertaken over the last two years whereby the State Council had viewed many models. The current model was presented with three motions or outcomes for discussions.

Motion 1: that the PCAV Rules be changed to recognise individual membership categories and association members.

Motion 2: was the Voting Classes per membership category

Motion 3: was the name change from Zone Representative to State Councillor.

Voted by the assembly that the PCAV State Council should consider the following Governance Motions as per feedback. There was a show of hands in support of the motions

Motion 1 Majority for

Motion 2 Low vote, split

Motion 3 Majority For

LAND TENURE – JAMES FITZPATRICK EO

James Fitzpatrick outlined the proposal of Monash and Nunawading Pony Clubs efforts to retain existing equestrian facilities in Bushy Park, part of Dandenong Valley Parklands in the Glen Waverley area. Clubs were encouraged to circulate and complete a signature assistance sheet to lend moral support.

VICHEALTH GRANT – JAMES FITZPATRICK EO

James Fitzpatrick announced that the PCAV were successful in obtaining a grant from VicHealth to improve our Club/Zone Liaison. The three-year grant is to improve the communication and policy documentation for/with clubs.

3.30pm

CLOSE ANNUAL PCAV CONFERENCE & AFTERNOON TEA