



Pony Club Association of Victoria

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22nd August 2010

Minutes

Held at the Ballcourt Hotel, Sunbury hosted by Central Zone
Sunday 22nd August, 2010 at 10.30am.

1. OPEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10.30am

2. PRESENT

People Present

Wendy Abey, John Barlee, Kaye Blanchard, Jacinta Blanchard, Tony Blanchard, Kylie Blanchard, Phillip Cobbledick, Kammy Cordner Hunt, Robyn Coutts, Laurie Cruise, Diane Curtis, Aimee Cuthbert, Wayne Cuthbert, Pam Davey, Deirdre Davey, Jan Dear, Adrian Dowell, Justin Dullard, Jan Faulkner, Ruth Feltoe, Chris Feltoe, Bronwyn Glenn, Paul Guthrie, Issie Hill, Phil Holland, Sue Hollins, Jim Hurley, Graeme Johnstone, Vicki Kneebone, Leonie Lang, Clare Lewin, Christine Linton, Lu Marciniak, Fiona Matheson, Brenda Mitton, Sue Muirhead, Peter Muirhead, Jim Page, Margaret Page, Keitha Raabe, Jill Reece, Andrew Rodaughan, Bette Scougall, Linda Smith, Lyn Stevens, John Stevens, Anthea Sutherland, Liz Turner, Jenny Waldhauser, Kevin Watson, Kate Wilson

Clubs Represented

Ararat, Bacchus Marsh, Bairnsdale, Ballarat, Benalla, Braodford, Charlton, Cobram, Colac, Deniliquin, Dennington, Gisborne, Kangaroo Ground, Kyneton, Lockington, Maldon, Mansfield, Maryborough, Meeniyian, Mentone, Mooroolbark, Mornington Peninsula, Moulamein, Nunawading, Riddells Creek, Ringwood, Rochester, Swan Hill, Tooradin, Werribee, Wyena

3. APOLOGIES

Barwon Heads Pony Club, Anna Beard, Pat Barlee, Diana Earp, Rachael Edwards, Angela King, Clarrie King, Jeanette Laffan, Robina Stevens, Mandy Tripconi, Jenny Walker

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES (23 August 2009 Minutes)

Moved: Robyn Coutts

That the Minutes of the AGM 23rd August 2009 be taken as circulated and read.

Seconded: John Barlee

Carried

Moved: Linda Smith

That the Minutes of the AGM 23rd August 2009 be accepted as a true and accurate account.

Seconded: Leonie Lang

Carried

5. APPOINT A RETURNING OFFICER

The attendees present appointed host Zone President, Elizabeth Turner, as Returning Officer for both the Vice Presidential vote count and the South Metropolitan State Councillor.

Candidates nominated Lyn Stevens and Anthea Sutherland as scrutineers for the Vice President count and John Barlee and Graeme Johnston as scrutineers for State Councillor count.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Pam Davey presented a summary of her report which was printed in the Annual report. A deficit of \$20,000 for 2009/2010 was noted and the Treasurer explained that measures have been put in place to reverse this position in the next financial year.

Moved: Pam Davey

That the Treasurers Report be accepted

Seconded: John Barlee

Carried

Moved: Pam Davey

That the Clements Dunne and Bell Partnership Chartered Accountants be appointed as Auditors for the year 2010-2011.

Seconded: Robyn Coutts

Carried

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND AWARDS

Jan Faulkner invited people to read her report, which was printed in the Annual Report.

Jan thanked and commended the Zones and subcommittees who have organised and hosted State Events all of which were an outstanding success.

She made note of two PCAV Members selected to represent Australia in International events. Shae Smith went to Hong Kong for the Inter pacific Exchange and Patrick Dyson was part of the International Mounted Games Team in the United Kingdom.

Jan also spoke of the continued support from Government Departments in the form of Grants which support programs such as the NCAS rollout and State level Clinics.

She thanked the State Council and Executive Sub Committee members for their support and friendship and Clare, Vicki, Kate and Barbara in the office for shouldering greater responsibilities following the resignation of the Executive Officer.

Jan then called on speakers from the Zones involved to assist her with the presentation of the 2010 Distinguished Services Awards. The recipients were Beryl Gamble, Pam Whitton Jane Nevile from Barwon Zone, Wendy Abey, Fay Mitchell and Kevin Watson from Central Zone and Brenda Mitton from Northern Metropolitan Zone.

Jan then invited Kaye Blanchard from Midland Zone to the floor and presented her with a PCAV Life Membership. Fiona Matheson – also a PCAV Life Member – spoke about Kaye's lifetime involvement with and commitment to the Pony Club movement.

8. COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Clare Lewin invited people to read her report, which was printed in the Annual Report. Clare highlighted the continued success of the NCAS rollout and State Training Clinics. She thanked the Council, sub-committees and staff for a year of consolidation and achievement. Clare also thanked outgoing ZCI's Gail Baggendorf (MZ) and Meaghan Harrington (EGZ) for their contribution over the years.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Acting Executive Officer Clare Lewin invited people to read her report printed in the Annual Report. Clare explained that the year had been one of consolidation with the Strategic Plan directing the areas of focus. The NCAS rollout gathered momentum, State training clinics were well attended and five rule books were updated. The membership remained steady and member attraction and retention is an area that would need to be addressed.

Clare thanked Vicki, Kate and Barbara for their extra effort and dedication following the resignation of the Executive Officer and State Council and the Executive sub-committee for their help and support.

Moved: Leonie Lang

That the President's, Coaching Director's and Executive Officer's reports be accepted.

Seconded: Anthea Sutherland

Carried

10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

All positions were declared vacant and the following election took place.

a. President – Nominations received by due date

- i. Jan Faulkner

As nominations did not exceed vacancies there was no election for President

b. Vice President – Nominations received by due date

- i. Kammy Cordner Hunt

- ii. Vicki Kneebone

Both positions were declared vacant and an election by mail was held prior to the meeting. The postal and hand delivered votes were tallied by the Returning Officer, and one candidate was elected.

The candidate elected as Vice President for 2010-2011 was:

Vicki Kneebone

Jan thanked Kammy for her help and support during her time as Vice President.

Jan presented Vicki with a Vice President badge

11. ELECTION OF ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

a. Nominations received by due date

All positions were declared vacant and as there were no other nominations for the positions, the following persons were duly elected for 2009-2010.

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| i. | Barwon Zone | – Deirdre Davey |
| ii. | Central Zone | – Leonie Lang |
| iii. | East Gippsland Zone | – Stephen Bragg |
| iv. | Midland Zone | – Kaye Blanchard |
| v. | North Eastern Zone | – |
| vi. | Northern Zone | – Bronwyn Glenn |
| vii. | North Metropolitan Zone | – Linda Smith |
| viii. | South Metropolitan Zone | – Robyn Coutts |
| | | - Sue Muirhead |
| ix. | Wannon Zone | – Anthea Sutherland |
| x. | West Gippsland Zone | – Darrelyn Boucher |

As there were two nominations received for South Metropolitan Zone the position was declared vacant and an election by mail held prior to the meeting. The postal and hand delivered votes were tallied by the Returning officer and one candidate was elected.

The candidate elected as Zone Representative for South Metropolitan Zone was;
Sue Muirhead.

Jan Faulkner presented a State Councillor badge to Sue Muirhead

Jan thanked the outgoing SMZ Zone Representative, Robyn Coutts, for her support

CLOSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11.45am

12. SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was Meaghan Sutherland a past Riddles Creek PC member and “A” Certificate holder who gave a very interesting presentation on her work as a Veterinary Nurse. Her speciality is large animals and AI. Her studies have taken her to various parts of the world where she has worked in state of the art facilities.

13. OPEN CONFERENCE

Jan Faulkner opened the conference and gave an overview of the afternoon stating how it is really positive to have input and feedback.

14. **ITEM 1 – SUGGESTED CHANGES TO STATE GAMES TEAM CONFIGURATION**

Laurie Cruise, Pakenham Pony Club spoke to his proposal to change the make up of teams in Pony Club Games.

His suggestion is to reduce the number of riders in the team from 6+1 riders to 4 +1 riders and change of the format of ages in the new smaller teams

Reasons :

- To allow smaller clubs to field teams at Zone qualifiers that currently miss out as the current team size is making it too hard to get a team together (West Gippsland has 24 clubs and only 10 were represented at games qualifier)
- Simplify the age groups to make it easier to put a team together (open & Junior, or 2 age groups, as a suggestion)

This could allow, with smaller teams, to include more games which would be better as a competition and spread the style of games played and the skill levels.

This is all about getting more participation from more clubs, as games is just as important to teaching hand eye co ordination, balance and basic riding skills.

I would like to see more games played and more competitions, than just a qualifier and state champs. What I would like is that PCAV would put a proposal to all clubs and Zones that the subject is discussed at club level and through the Zones, brought to council and Games committee. I know there are views that cannot see the benefits of this proposal. Mine is to see more clubs participating and more riders interested in playing.

This item was discussed with many views being put forward and it was suggested that it be sent to the Games Committee for serious consideration

15. **ITEM 2 – REVIEW OF GAMES TEAMS RULES**

Paul Guthrie from Cobram Pony Club spoke to the proposal submitted by Cobram Pony Club

Creating Two Age Groups

- Juniors-16 and under
- Seniors- any age

By creating the two sections it will help decrease the danger of an accident, as older riders on big horses and younger riders on small horses don't mix;

Riders who are under the age of 13 should not be able to ride in the Senior Section, unless the Pony Club DC at Zone Level and then a Zone Official at State Level has allowed them, because they are capable of competing at this level

Reducing the Amount of Team Members

- Four-five team members.
- Four team members on a field at a time, a fifth rider can be subbed into races.

A reduction of team members would not only make it less dangerous, as the amount of people and horses on the field can be dangerous, but this will also help the day run a lot smoother.

Increase the Amount of Games

Even if the above recommendations are not implemented, we consider this point very important, as there are riders who will discontinue competing in this event due to the lack of games. There are Pony Clubs who run these events that are able to have more games than the state event, including Kangaroo Ground Pony Club and Cobram Pony Club. We recommend that something really needs to be done about this.

Team Coaches

The Team Coach for the Junior Team should be allowed to be on the field, but should not be able to enter the box, or help with passing of the objects. They should however be able to help riders before and after they are in the field of play.

Senior Team's coaches should not be able to do any of the above but stay outside the arena.

Senior Riders should be able to coach the Junior Teams (so long as they are over the age of 15). This would help Senior Riders learn to help teach and become leaders.

Stewards

There are too many people on the field, some of whom do not really know the rules. There doesn't need to be this many stewards on the field. In fact there only really needs to be people in each corner or lane to make sure the team has finished everything correctly after completing the game. The riders know the rules, some better than the stewards.

Please don't ignore these recommendations, because if you do you run the chance of making this completion unpopular and unattended. Cobram Pony Club will see by implementing these changes that this completion will become more popular, prestigious and will continue on for many years.

The theme for this item is similar to item 1 and it was suggested it also be forwarded to the Games Committee for consideration.

Phillip Cobbledick spoke on the misconception of how change occurs. The games committee does not have the power to make changes this must come from the clubs.

Leonie Lang requested clarification on the process for making changes to rules. The process is club to zone to State Council. There must be a year lapse before a motion can be re submitted.

Kevin Watson cautioned that it is important that PC cater for all riders especially those of lesser ability and age.

16. ITEM 3 - ZONE QUALIFYING SCORING FOR GAMES

Mentone Pony Club submitted an item for discussion. Sue Muirhead spoke on behalf of the Club Current rules for Zone games qualifying events are the same as for State Competitions. We wish to expand Bylaw rule 37.8b.11 to have a run off for first, second and third for Zone qualifying competitions. This leaves no doubt on the day as to the best team to send to the State Championships whether it is two or three teams (depending on the year) With less than 15 teams in a competition it is hard to get fair and even team heats and much more chance of having equal scores after 6 games. At State competitions there are 25 teams and the count back system is still reasonable.

There was much discussion with most Zones indicating that they adopt a run off system at their qualifying events.

This issue to be passed on to the Rules committee for consideration for inclusion in the next Bylaws rewrite

17. ITEM 4 – “F” GRADE SHOWJUMPING

Langwarrin Pony Club submitted the following letter.

The executive committee of Langwarrin Pony Club would like to express their concern regarding the rules for “F” grade showjumping. The current rule does not state clearly the eligible age bracket nor the definition of experience (or rather lack of it) expected for this grade.

It is our understanding the “F” grade is for our youngest and most inexperienced riders. Without clear guidelines we are getting too many older and more experienced riders competing at this level.

It was generally decided that this is an issue with the grading process and more effort needs to be put into ensuring that DCs are trained and supported through the DCI/ZA panels. The proposed DC resource Kit will also help with this matter.

18. CLOSE CONFERENCE 3.00pm

Jan Faulkner closed the conference and thanked everyone for coming and wished them all an enjoyable year in pony club.