

PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC
MINUTES OF PCAV COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1999, AT
10.00 A.M. AT PCAV HEADQUARTERS, "IRVING HOUSE", 12 WARLEIGH GROVE, NORTH BRIGHTON.

PRESENT: Mr. J. Laird (President & Chairman), Mr. S. Coffey (Vice Presidents), Mr. I. Wardell (Hon Treasurer) Mrs. J. Anderton (Executive Officer), Miss F. Corry (State Secretary), Miss C. Lewin (Chief Instructor), Mr. P. Cobbledick, Mrs. G. Perry, Mrs. K. Blanchard), Mrs. J. Hull, Mrs. F. Matheson, Mrs. W. Olenick, Mr. J. Barlee, Mr P Square, Mrs H. Reid (representing West Gipps. Zone).

APOLOGIES: Mrs. M. Dawson (East Gipps. Zone), Mr K. Rooks (Vice President), Mrs C. White (West Gipps. Zone)

37. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PCAV COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 13, 1999

Mr. Square **That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 13/7/99 be confirmed.**

CARRIED

Mrs Hull

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

a) Three Year Plan – Zone Reps to report. Brief discussion and it was agreed that generally, more time was needed to read and discuss the Three Year Plan thoroughly at Club level and report back to the Zone.

Resolved: **That a final decision be made on the Three Year Plan at the November 1999 Council Meeting.**
(Suggested that each Zone should circulate a copy of this document to Zone Clubs well before a Zone Meeting).

b) Proposal from Midland Zone – to have four riders in a Dressage Team at the State Championships. Mrs Blanchard spoke at length on this matter – in particular, the scoring aspect. Agreed that Mrs Blanchard draw up an example of scoring as she proposed and circulate same to each Zone for them to circulate to Zone Clubs.

Resolved: **That this matter be finalised at the November 1999 Council Meeting.**

c) Proposal from West Gippsland Zone – that there be two Judges for Dressage in State Championship events.

After Zone Reps had reported on this matter, it was obvious that a majority of Zones (7 to 2, with one abstention) were opposed to having two Judges for Dressage Championship events.

Resolved: **That there not be two Judges for Dressage State Championship events.**

d) Proposal from Midland Zone to allow riders from "E" Grade upwards to ride more than one horse to score in showjumping events.

Reports from Zone Reps indicated a negative response to this proposal. Mrs Blanchard – this proposal was really related to a team situation, where any Club with a small membership often were unable to field a second team because they were short of a rider. It was agreed that in such circumstances, the Zone should be able to make a satisfactory arrangement to overcome this type of situation.

e) All Champions Race Carnival – The Chief Instructor read from Notes provided by RDAV. Some of the salient points were...

- Course marked five meters from rail (with witches hats) o keep riders to middle of track
- six riders up to 16-17 years
- no whips, no spurs
- safety gear, goggles, back protectors
- Race 600 meters
- Flat start, no barriers
- Two Clerks of Course and two at the finish to assist.
- Use own mounts up to 14-14.2 hh
- Jockeys
 - Three weeks before the running of each event, local jockeys will make themselves available. Two hour Clinics could be used for selecting the final six riders for country events. Riding at pace, and negotiating the Course.

Comment/discussion:

- Because of the time factor this year, it may be prudent to select three regional racetracks; also there appeared to be some doubt as to how many racecourses had been approached regarding this Project.
- The President asked for specific information as to who was actually in control of this Project as we needed to know this because of the Insurance aspect. A definite answer was not provided, but it was presumed that it would be the racing clubs, as it was really a Project to promote racing.
- This matter was not all that different from the Prince Phillip Games, which were keenly followed by some, but not the vast majority of the Pony Club membership. This type of project has great potential as far as exposure for Pony Club goes. The important aspect was to be involved – whether it be next March or at a later date; no doubt the racing fraternity saw Pony Club as a potential provider of a number of jockeys in the future – as Pony Club have done for a number of years. The

learning process for any member involved in the Clinics has to be advantageous – even if they go no further than these Clinics.

Mrs. Reid
Mrs Olenick

That PCAV support in principle, the concept for the All Champions Race Carnival.

CARRIED

Mrs Reid went on to say that West Gippsland conduct their Qualifying Events for the Dressage & Showjumping Championships on the Pakenham Racecourse, and that they would be willing to host an All Champions qualifying section at the same time.

Mrs Hull - All Champions type activities have been held quite successfully for some time in the Wodonga area, and Pony Clubs in North Eastern Zone were particularly keen for PCAV to be involved in the project proposed by RDAV.

It was agreed that some specific details were necessary – such as the venues to be used for the ‘qualifying’ events; if these days were to be conducted in conjunction with a race meeting; the availability of the local jockeys, who would be responsible for insurance indemnity?

f)

Late payment of Annual Fees:

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the points raised today were to be taken back to Zone level for further discussion/decision, with a report back to the 1999 November Council Meeting.

39.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Wardell presented...

- a) Profit & Loss Statement
- b) Balance Sheet
- c) Budget

And spoke to these documents. (Copy of Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet enclosed)

Mr. Wardell
Mrs Hull

That the Treasurer's Report be received.

CARRIED

Mr Wardell advised that he would be attending a GST Seminar next week.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

a)

Central Zone:

- i. The Zone will sponsor the National Championships with a donation of \$500.00
- ii. Proposing that the Strength Return System stay as is.
- iii. Proposing that three riders make up the Dressage Championships Team.
- iv. Proposing that there be no alteration to current showjumping rules.
- v. Proposing that one Dressage Judge be used at state level events (items ii to v) dealt with earlier)

b)

Midland Zone:

Opposing the use of two Dressage Judges at State Championship level. (Dealt with earlier)

c)

Midland Zone:

Would like to see the age limit for Grade 2 competitors in Horse Trials lowered by 12 months. The proposal is that Grade 2 competitors in Horse Trials lowered by 12 months. The proposal is that Grade 2 competitors in Horse Trials must be at least 11 years, with 10 year olds eligible to qualify.

Referred back to Zone for discussion and a report back to the November 1999 Council Meeting.

d)

Midland Zone:

Proposing that there be no alteration to the present system for Annual Fees to PCAV. (dealt with earlier).

e)

Midland Zone:

Regarding the proposal for four riders in the Dressage State Championship Teams. (Dealt with earlier).

f)

APCC:

Advising that New Zealand Pony Clubs wish to invite two riders and one Coach to New Zealand to demonstrate Games.

Mrs. Olenick
Mr Wardell

That PCAV nominate Mrs Oriel Gardiner as a Coach – subject to her availability.

CARRIED

g)

PCA of NSW:

Inviting all state Associations to send a Games Team to an Exhibition at 2000 Sydney Show, possibly April 29. NSW wish to be advised by State Associations as to whether or not they will be sending a Team.

Resolved:

That no action be taken on this matter.

h)

East Gippsland Zone

Advising names of Office Bearers elected at the Zone AGM.

i)

South Metro Zone:

Advising names of Office Bearers elected at the Zone AGM.

j)

Wannon Zone:

Advising names of Office Bearers elected at the Zone AGM.

- k) South Metro Zone
Forwarding a paper regarding GST. Reiterated that Mr Wardell would be attending a Seminar.
- l) Northern Zone:
Re: later payment of annual fees to PCAV (dealt with earlier) – and advising the Zone would be sponsoring the National Championships.
- m) Northern Zone:
Proposing that a Minute of Appreciation be recorded for a “job very well done” to our retiring State Secretary, Miss Frances Corry, and to Mrs Anne Howell. (To be dealt with at a later date).
- n) South Metro Zone:
Regarding the length of time it took to settle an Insurance Claim. Some discussion on this matter and
Mr. Coffey **That a copy of the Claim Form be sent to each Association to keep in their file for any Claim in the future.**
Mr. Barlee **CARRIED**
(Secretary’s note: We need to establish who the Insurance Firm is to acquire copies of their current Claim Form before these are distributed)
- o) Charles Sturt University:
Re: study about health and performance of Pony Club horses.
Resolved: That no action be taken on this matter.
- p) Dr P Ellis:
Acknowledging that a Pony Club was not involved in the misuse of a National Park area.
- q) State Games Committee:
Nominating Miss Jenny Atkin and Miss Frances Corry for appointment to the State Games Committee.
Mrs Olenick nominated Mrs Jeanette Mathieson for this Committee.
Mr Cobbledick **That the above nominations be appointed for the ensuing three years, to the State Games/Flat Teams Sub**
Mr. Barlee **Committee. CARRIED**
- r) EFA:
Advising the Invitation Showjumping is to be held at the Barastoc Horse of the Year Show on February 20, 2000 – a maximum of 20 Pony Club entrants will be accepted.
- s) Mrs Keitha Raabe
Expressing thanks to Council and all Pony Club members for the Life Membership Badge and Gift presented to her at the Association Annual Meeting.
- t) Mrs Angela King
Expressing her thanks and appreciation of the honour accorded her at the Association Annual Meeting in the form of Life Membership and a Gift.
41. **APPLICATION FOR FULL AFFILIATION**
Knox Pony Club (Midland Zone). Favourable Report in hand.
Mrs. Olenick **That Knox Pony Club be granted Full Affiliation with the Pony Club Association of**
Mr. Coffey **Victoria Inc. CARRIED**
42. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**
Mr. Laird –
Asked for someone to volunteer to represent PCAV at the Pony Club Show event at the Royal Melbourne Show; the Secretary volunteered to do this ...the advertisement for new Office Staff was placed in the Age newspaper over the last two weekends...the APCC has been allotted 285 Badges by the Australian Sports Commission to commemorate the year 2000 – to be awarded to persons who have contributed to sport as a competitor, official, paid/voluntary worker; 50 badges have been allocated to Victoria...Mr Stephen Coffey is to replace Mr Joe Kellett as the PCAV Delegate to the Victorian Horse Council...reminded the meeting of the forthcoming National Pony Club Championships.
31. **CHIEF INSTRUCTOR’S REPORT:**
Miss Lewin –
Is updating the Dressage Book to include some new Tests – and also correcting any anomalies...“K”, “B” & “A” Work Sheets need updating to correspond with the new Syllabus...it should be noted that the cost for NCAS Coaching update is now \$15.00... is planning a Level 1 Pony Club Course in the North Eastern Zone next year...noted that another experienced eventing rider was killed at Burleigh (England) recently – the fourth such fatality in the last six-eight months; this has prompted an inquiry into Eventing, which may/may not involve Eventing here.
33. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT:**
Mrs. Anderton –
Made reference to Government Grants received:- \$8,000 for Administration/Sports Development, \$6,500 for Future Directions (Video production)...with the funding available it would seem prudent to have the Video produced professionally. Brief comment and...

Mr. Coffey
Mrs. Perry

That work on the Games video proceed, with PCAV Council permission to spend up to \$8,000 thereon.

CARRIED

Contracts for the Zone sites hosted by the PCAV Website – a copy, of which was issued to each Zone Representative; Mrs Anderton spoke briefly on these papers, saying this document needed to be signed by the Zone Officials, and returned with a cheque for \$50.00 to PCAV Office as soon as possible...expressed thanks to Kelley and McPherson (Solicitors) for overseeing up the Contract.

Hoofprints, the PCAV Newsletter is currently with the printers and should soon be distributed with the Horseland Mailout...asked that the Office be notified of names of persons who do not receive a copy of the Newsletter...made some reference to the Active Australia Award and recommended that PCAV should be an Active Australia member at \$40.00 per annum.

Mrs Olenick
Mr Wardell

That PCAV join the Active Australia organisation.

CARRIED

Back Up for Website – it was agreed that appropriate back-up facilities should be provided for the PCAV Website...

Mrs Olenick
Mrs Hull

That a portable Zip Drive be purchased and located at the Web Master's place.

CARRIED

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REPORTS:

- a) 2000 DRESSAGE & SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS: Mrs Dawson (written report. Read by Secretary) - Several meetings have been held and plans are well under way. Dressage Tests (with the Chief Instructor's approval) will be Stage 1, Tests D & E; Stage 2, Tests C & D; Stage 3, Tests C & D...an information package will be forwarded to all Zones in the near future.
- b) 1999 HORSE TRIALS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Mrs Reid - Tonimbuk Equestrian Park is the venue and personnel are in place for the organisation of this event...waiting on an answer from Mr Neil Clinton re. Position of Technical Advisor; the Secretary advised that he had been sent a reminder note...Mr Wayne Copping will be the Course Designer with Mr Ian Balfour.
- c) 1999 NATIONAL PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - Miss Lewin - Site Meeting held at Werribee Park with Allan Bruno who has been most helpful...500 reservations for the Official Dinner...working through the allocation of stalls and caravans...the cross country is complete except for 'decorations'...the Civinex Paddock is to be made available to use as a Warm Up area... Welcome Barbecue to be held on the Tuesday evening.
- d) EFA: Mr Barlee- Attended the last Branch Committee Meeting on July 7, 1999; the Annual Meeting will be held on September 14, 1999...the EFA Membership has increased to \$105.00 – it should be noted that \$42.00 from each membership goes to the National body for Olympic funding...the President of the EFA is now an employee of the Werribee Park Management...meeting rooms may be hired at the Office complex from the EFA, the rates for same were advertised in the last EFA Magazine.
- e) GAMES/FLAT TEAMS SUB COMMITTEE: - No Report
- f) RDA: - Mrs Dawson (written report. Read by Secretary) - RDA is very keen for Pony Club riders to participate in the All Champions Carnival at Flemington; they feel this would be most beneficial to both organisations. It promotes the roles that both have in developing skills in young riders and fostering the Aims of both movements. The general public would be able to see first hand some of the riders and their expertise and skills with their ponies; the RDA would welcome Pony Club involvement.
- g) PUBLICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE: - Mr Cobbledick - The manuscript for the Handbook is currently at the Printer; the Proofs will be read as soon as they become available.

PCAV Proof Reader:- some discussion and...

Mrs Hull

That Mrs Angela King (Midland Zone) be appointed as the Official Proof Reader.

CARRIED

Mr Cobbledick

36. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) Merchandise for the National Pony Club Championships:- Agreed that the Secretary take same to Werribee Park.
- b) Nominations for Publications Sub Committee: Mr Cobbledick asked that Nominations for this Sub Committee be received at the November Council Meeting.
- c) Annual Conference: Mr Cobbledick remarked on the excellence of the Website Presentation at the Conference – but it was far too lengthy for other than the dedicated 'computer buffs'...this certainly would not attract everyone to the Conference...PCAV is required to hold an Annual General Meeting, and the Conference is a 'follow on' to that... records show that the Annual General Meeting and Conference have never been well attended so it seems there should be a re-vamp of the Conference – perhaps the Council should show some leadership and

