



Amendments to the Working with Children Act 2005

The Act has been changed to make it clear that the WWC Check does not assess a person's suitability to work with children - the organisation has that responsibility - the WWC Check screens a person's criminal and personal records over their lifetime.

PCAV needs to take responsibility to ensure people within Pony Club are suitable and have a WWCC. Anybody who directly supervises children needs a WWCC. Judges would not fall into this category as they do not have direct supervision.

MOTION That from July 1st 2015 clubs must ensure that all parents/guardians/carers of members and members over 18 must provide a current WWCC.

Carried

It was suggested that this requirement should be written into the Club Membership renewal requirements. Membership of a club will be conditional on parent/guardian or carer producing a current WWCC

WWCC are required today in many areas of society – eg parents assisting at Primary Schools – this means that many people already have them.

Successful Sporting Uniform Grant Recipients

The following Clubs were successful in obtaining a Grant under Round 1 of the Sporting Uniform Grants program. 282 sport and recreation clubs across 38 sports were successful.

Congratulations to:

Lilydale and District Pony Club, Mooroolbark and District Pony Club, Orbost Pony Club, Broadford and District Pony Club and Bealiba and District Pony Club

Round 2 of the 2014-15 program opens on Tuesday November 25

Rider Sponsorship and Logos on Uniform

A request for clarification on riders wearing sponsor logos was received. It was agreed that entering into a formal sponsorship arrangement taught responsibility and should not be discouraged.

MOTION That PCAV develop a policy on rider sponsorship and logos on uniform

Carried

The Rules Committee will write a Rule based on the EA Rules for rider sponsor logos

State Games and Flat Teams Sub committee

Discussion took place on the impact that increasing the number of races in the runoff would have on Horse Welfare. Council was assured that there would be a close watch kept on any horse that looked tired or distressed.

MOTION That for 2015 the number of games to be used in the runoff be increased from 4 to 6 to decide the final places.

Carried

MOTION That the Games for 2015 be Postman's Chase, Mug Shuffle, Stick Pegging Relay (New), Ball & Cone Race, Socks and Bucket Race (New), Flag and Drum Relay

Carried

MOTION That the following Team rides be approved for 2015; Team of Four Ride – Test 1, Team of Four as Pairs Ride – Test 1. Pairs Ride – Test 2

Carried



MOTION That the Budget for the 2015 Games, Flat Teams and Musical Ride State Championships as submitted be approved.

Carried

Individual Riders for B Grade Showjumping State Championships 2015

This matter was raised in the TD report for the 2014 Event. The standard for B Grade Showjumping was not high and it was felt that some riders were being put into Teams to ensure that a team could be fielded rather than because they were up to standard.

For 2015 some Zones have one or two riders who have qualified and are up to standard but cannot field a team. As it stands these riders miss out on competing at a State Championship.

The competition currently is for Teams of three or four with the best three scores to count. There is also a prize for the best placed Individual rider

MOTION That for the 2015 B Grade Showjumping State Championships Zones can enter individual, eligible, qualified riders if they cannot field a team.

Carried

Pony Club Australia

The new Board is working on Committee structure and Position Descriptions

As part of the requirements of the new PCA Constitution the PCA Board has created a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which formalizes the relationship between Pony Club Australia – National Sporting Association (NSO) and its shareholders the States and Territories – State Sporting Associations (SSO)

MOTION That PCAV sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Pony Club Australia

Carried

Select Train and prepare teams for Pony Club Australia National Championships 2015

Information about the Event has been loaded to the website along with the Expressions of Interest and rider performance summary sheets. Riders who are interested in being considered for selection are encouraged to submit their names and start keeping records of their performances

Pony Club Victoria Equestrian Centre (PCVEC)

Working Bees are to be held on December 6th & 7th in readiness for the Open Day on December 14th.

Discussion on the date to host the Inter Zone Teams Horse Trials in 2015

MOTION That the IZTHT will be held on September 12th & 13th 2015 at Pony Club Victoria Equestrian Centre

Carried

Implementation Calendar for 2015 and beyond

- September 12th & 13th 2015 Inter Zone Teams Horse Trials
- Oct/Nov 2015 Inter Zone Teams Teams NMG Challenge – *date TBC*
- 2016 February/March - Dressage and Showjumping State Championships
- 2016 May Horse Trials State Championships
- 2016 IZTHT
- 2016 IZTNMG

Summary of the decisions State Council meeting – November 25th 2014



It was suggested that moving events to PCVEC provided an opportunity to look at the entire PCAV Calendar of State Championship Events.

Consideration needs to be given to the safety and welfare of the horse and rider and the best ground and weather conditions. School holidays and exams are another factor

Late Spring and Autumn are the best times for the Centre and the off season would be late May – July.

It was suggested that all aspects of the calendar need to be considered including Zone qualification

The 2016 State Championship Calendar will be put on the agenda for February 2015

Governance Subcommittee

A Draft State Council Confidentiality Policy was tabled.

It was agreed that a policy was a good idea and will allow everybody to be aware of what information is ready to be released and what is still under discussion.

MOTION That the Draft State Council Confidentiality Policy as presented be endorsed.

Carried

Zone representatives were asked to provide Expressions of Interest from people who may be interested in sitting on the PCAV Governance Sub Committee

Philip Cobbledick thanked Council for their support in 2014 and wished all a Happy Christmas and a safe and Merry New Year