

### National Data Base Update

This is a national system and all states/territories have had input into their specific requirements. The consultation process has highlighted that there are many differences throughout the country. This is especially evident in the different membership categories and competition entry requirements – for example not everybody uses a grading system for competition, some states go by age of the rider and others have strict horse registration requirements.

Clubs will be given access to manage their data in the same way as the current MyClub system via a trusted club official and password. They will be able to manage their own membership process and payment as well as the ability to accept and decline membership as they currently do. Clubs can choose which functions they wish to use. Some may use all of the functions offered, some may use some and some may use none.

All of the included functions and capabilities have been designed to reduce the burden on officials and volunteers throughout Pony Club.

The Data Base will have the following capacities;

- point of entry data management, online payments for membership and shop orders with payment put directly into the nominated account.
- an event management system, horse registration and the ability to host club websites.
- better direct communication with members via email and enews with the ability for the member to sign on to receive information
- a more interactive website to encourage member interaction, host on line resources and provide better ability for sponsor recognition.

The system will be live in early 2016 for States/Territories with calendar year membership returns. PCAV will have a phase in period with both systems operating to allow all information to be transferred. Clubs with websites currently hosted by Bellvue will be able to be transferred across to the new provider.

PCAV will offer education sessions and the provider offers a 24/7 help desk.

Detailed information will be forwarded as the implementation date approaches.

### Pony Club Victoria Equestrian Centre Business Plan (PCVEC)

James Lang met PCAV Executive to work on the figures to create the plan which was presented to Council.

A separate Business Case document was created based on the Business Plan which will be published and added to the back of the PCVEC Strategic Plan once it is approved in February.

Council will monitor the Plan on a quarterly basis in the first couple of years while the business is being established and annually after that.

### PCAV Membership Fees 2016

It was noted that it is difficult to set the membership fees six months out as Gow-Gates cannot confirm the Insurance rates as the underwriters will not commit until closer to the time as there may be claims in the next 6 months. Early indications are that the Insurance component fee will increase by about \$1.00. All other costs associated with running PCAV are also expected to rise.

MOTION      “That the Membership Fees for 2016-2017 as recommended by the Executive Sub Committee be set at Junior \$135 with a \$130 Early Bird fee and Associate and Adult Riding at \$155 with a \$150 Early Bird fee”

### Terms of Reference (TOR) Event Organising Committees

TOR will be created to outline responsibilities of the Event OC. As part of this process position descriptions will be developed.

It is recommended that each Event Organising Committee nominate a person to work with PCAV on sponsorship and merchandise. This will ensure a coordinated approach to sponsorship and merchandise arrangements.

MOTION “That each Event Organising Sub Committee nominate a person to liaise on sponsorship and merchandise”

### International Mounted Games Exchange 2016

PCAV will be hosting the event in 2016 and an Organising Committee needs to be formed to commence arrangements. Questions are already being asked as to the date so plans can be made and airfares booked.

The NMG Committee will be called upon to provide horses and organise the competition component

MOTION “That Darrelyn Boucher, Tim Ling and Laurie Cruise be on the Sub Committee

### 2016 Games Flat and Musical Ride State Championships

Games and rides have been posted to the website so teams can commence practice. Event Schedule with entry information will be available in the New Year

Game to be taken out for 2016 will be Postman’s Chase which will be substituted by Bending Baton Relay.

Order of Games – Bending Baton Relay, Two Mug Shuffle, Ball and Cone Race, Sock and Bucket Race – Stick Pegging Race and Flag and Drum Relay. Lunch will follow the Sock & Bucket Race.

Run Offs – Top five teams will run off to decide 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> then the next 5 teams will run off for 6<sup>th</sup> place. Three games will be drawn from a hat with the additional three scores from the final run off to be added to the team scores after the 6<sup>th</sup> race.

MOTION “That the ages for Green group be moved from Under 17 to under 19”

MOTION “That the run off with the A final of the Top 5 teams, for places 1-5, the B final for teams 6-10 to ride off for 6<sup>th</sup> place with 3 games for each final with teams carrying their points across. To take place after the qualifying period”

### Rules 2016

A hard copy of the proposed Rule amendments for 2016 was tabled.

The following amendments were formalised:

MOTION “That the qualifying criteria for the Inter Zone Teams Horse Trials be removed”

The letter from WGZ was considered by the Rules Committee and discussed at length. In summary;

- Technical Delegates and Course Builders have the authority to ensure that safe and jumpable fences and need to remove or alter fences that are not appropriate
- 1.10 m heights – will stand as moved by majority of State Council with one against.
- Looking at statistics over the last year there have had no issues with the new height.
- On advice the spreads will be increased for grade 1.

Noted that there is no compulsion to build all fences on a course at maximum height.

Will remain for another year as there has been no evidence that the increase in heights is a safety issue.

MOTION “That the maximum top spread for Horse Trials Grade 1 be increased to 1.40m and base spread 2.1 m as per Equestrian Australia”

### **Tetrathlon**

A plan is being developed to roll out tetrathlon across the state with a view to creating state level competition by the end of 2016. This program will be linked to the PCAV and CIP Strategic Plans.

There will also be the opportunity for riders to nominate for selection to represent Australia in the International Tetrathlon Exchange to be held in Ireland in 2016.

Further details will be posted to the website as they come to hand

### **Pony Club Australia update**

PCA is instigating an Awards Program to be presented at the PCA AGM in May 2016.

Clubs are encouraged to get behind these by nominating candidates for the various categories. See Latest News for details

A new Strategic Plan will be circulated in January for 2016- 2018

### National Insurance Scheme

A Hard copy of the Summary of Cover for all Insurances was tabled. There were three options offered with varying levels of liability.

MOTION That PCAV accept Option 3 of the Gow Gates Pony Club Australia proposal for the 2016-2017 membership year which gives a \$200,000 limit of liability for personal Accident

The limit of liability on the current policy is \$50,000 so this will increase the benefit to members