

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED**

DATE: TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2020

VENUE: THE CATHOLIC CLUB, (QUONDONG ROOM) CAMPBELLTOWN

1. OPENING AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Chairman	Mr Gary Hamer (Zone 3)	Zone 15	Apology
Zone 2	Mrs Antonia Brown	Zone 16	Mrs Shauna Haipola
Zone 4	Ms Fiona Pennell	Zone 17	Apology
Zone 5	Mr Guy Thomas*	Zone 18	Mrs Sarah Woodhouse*
Zone 6	Apology	Zone 19	Mrs Leanne Bell
Zone 7	Mrs Clare Martin, Mr Phil Logue	Zone 20	Apology
Zone 8	Mrs J Morgan*	Zone 21	Mrs Sandra McDougall
Zone 9	Mrs Kriss Wood, Mrs Carole Hodges	Zone 22	Apology
Zone 10	Mr Lance Syme, Mrs Therese Schipp	Zone 23	Apology
Zone 11	Apology	Zone 24	Mrs Margrete Erling*
Zone 12	Apology	Zone 25	Apology
Zone 13	Apology	Zone 26	Mr Bob Gribben,
Zone 14	Ms Nell Allen-Coen, Mrs Sue Luddenham	Zone 27	Mrs Loesje McRae
		Zone 28	Mrs Paula Durant, Mrs Elaine Caswell

Visitors: Mrs K Britton (Executive Officer) *indicates members present holding proxy forms.

Mr G Hamer welcomed and thanked everyone for attending after such a challenging year and opened the meeting at 9.05am and conducted a safety briefing.

Mrs E Caswell asked for permission to address the meeting to thank her pony club family for their support after the loss of home in the bush fires. Mrs E Caswell said that her club had received support from Shoalhaven Council to help rebuild the grounds.

Mr G Hamer confirmed State Camp Selections:

DRESSAGE

Zone	First Name	Surname	Horses Name	Club
2	Philipa	Crawford	Stately	Cootamundra
4	Makayla	Tink	High Glitz	Rawsonville
7	Georgia	Thrift	Coolidowns Rebel Yell	Denman
9	Chloe	Dwyer	Confidential	Bellinger River
11	Maggie	Davis	HPH Ostentatious	West Wyalong
18	Shelley	Kleven	Fioretta	Nimmitabel
19	Sharne	Haskins	Rocksbury Oliver Twist	Londonderry
19	Georgie	Attard	Yulara Just Joy	Londonderry
24	Jasmine	Minness	Greentree's Little Dazza	Mangrove Mountain
24	Holly	Zylmans	Bell Farm Halcyon Gold	Mangrove Mountain
26	Melanie	Johnstone	EBL Rubin Rose	Woodlands Park
26	Brooke	Gatt	Mulawa Vivacious	Woodlands Park

SHOWJUMPING

Zone	First Name	Surname	Horses Name	Club
2	Ashleigh	Bennett	Our Lady Gwen	Young
7	Miranda	McGrath	Emugully Digger James	Denman
10	Sophie	Walker	Kelecyn Princess	Moss Vale
14	Jorjah	Drysdale	Bradgate Park Magnum	Milton
16	Holly	Pulford	Master Spook	Murrumbateman
18	Gem	McGufficke	Murranumbla Glory	Cooma
20	Catelin	Crawford	Bellhaven Roxy	Tumut
20	Ella	Scammell	Kialla Park Tamar	Wirlinga
22	Ruby	Jones	Equus Cuba	Kiama
23	Kelly	Bridgland	Showtyn Burrow	Forest Hills
25	Ava	Winter	Nugget	Mount Sugarloaf
27	Katelyn	Staples	KC Spotabug	Goulburn

EVENTING

Zone	First Name	Surname	Horses Name	Club
7	Gabrielle	Johnstone	Arma Son	Singleton
10	Brooke	Baker	Cottonsocks W	The Oaks
10	Megan	Syme	Nalkari Lucille	The Oaks
18	Annabelle	Stott-Despoja	Moonbah Ridge Truffles	Jindabyne
19	Hannah	Turner	Locomotive Breath	Kurrajong
21	Kate	Langley	Kansha	Narradera
21	Alexandra	Cloros	Talisman	Wagga Bidgee
23	Rachael	Temm	Asham Shogun	Forest Hills
23	Charlotte	Wilson	Beestinger	Dural
24	Darcy	Bradley	Fulgar Baculi	Tall Timbers
25	Zoe	Campbell	System Overload	Mount Sugarloaf
28	Sienna	Zwar	Aylestone Park Apple Blossom	Berry

FORMAL GYMKHANA

Zone	First Name	Last Name	Horses Name	Club
2	Victoria	Wythes	Bandalene Truman	Canowindra
3	Olivia	Holland	Hollands Hotwad	Eugowra
7	Lauren	Redgate	Cinderella	Denman
7	Hayley	McNeil	Kallenia Bear	Singleton
9	Abby	Raymond	Doonlanpartnership Astro	North Dorrigo
16	Darcie	O'Sullivan	Sandford Park Bobby Dazzler	Yass
16	Keely	Owen	Bamborough Revolver	Yass
19	Laura	Murray	Fairway Callaway	Megalong Valley
23	Rubie	Fitzpatrick	Marbelyn Park Romantic Illusion	Dural
26	Andrea	Hollis	M-J Bounty Hunter	Woodlands Park
26	Emily	Lambert	Haydon Nitro	Woodlands Park
28	Sari	Boardman	Boronia Applause	Berry

TETRATHLON

Zone	First Name	Surname	Horses Name	Club
3	Sophia	Nelson	Mandamar Revere	Cudal
3	Darcey	Eyb	Amaranda Carolina	Cudal
5	Olivia	U'Ren	HVIRFS Stryker	Kootingal
5	Isabelle	U'Ren	Diamond Edge Radar	Kootingal
7	Nicole	Martin	The Echo Paris	Merriwa
11	Ellie	Mattiske	Flux Capacitor	Forbes
16	Lara	Dawson	KW Lucky Layla	Gearys Gap
16	Dylan	Jowett	Wallaroo Circus	Hall
16	Leah	Vroomans	Hunter Park Dark Alley	Canberra Riding Club
18	Alex	Gould	Chansit Hesable	Cooma
23	Douglas	Gosling	Sugar Plum	Dural
25	Alana	Buresti	Barnetts Dynasty	Salt Ash

MOUNTED GAMES

Zone	First Name	Surname	Horses Name	Club
6	Bree	Mackenzie	Midget	Rylstone
14	Madeline	Nickson	Taralee Maxi Color	Moruya
16	Will	Zeiler	Moe	Canberra Riding
16	Bethany	Gibson	Rocket	Wamboin
16	Tom	McLachlan	Flick	Murrumbateman
16	Tommi	Haipola	Tesseract	Murrumbateman
16	Thomas	Ryan	Heza Mighty Fox	Canberra Riding Club
19	Cooper	Richardson	Bambi	Londonderry
22	Taleha	Urszulak	Chocolate	Woonona
22	Ella-Lin	MacMillan	Condamine Preview	Woonona
22	Jorja	Dallacosta	PJ	Woonona

APOLOGIES: Mrs M Pestell OAM, Mrs S Eyb, Mrs B Tink, Mr C Donlin, Mrs M Tanti, Mrs L Riley, Mrs J Towns, Mrs A Davis, Mrs T Foster, Mrs B Wiscombe, Ms B Williamson, Mr G Croft, Mr P Painter OAM, Mrs D Pointon-Wales, Mrs H Fletcher, Mrs C Arnold, Mrs H Frolich, Mr S Buckingham, Mrs K Keatings, Ms R Hodges, Mrs H Langley, Mrs A Wunderlich, Mrs M Welsh, Mrs J Taverner, Mrs R Humm, Mr G Coe

C51/20 That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Mrs C Martin

Seconded: Mrs L Bell

(carried)

It was announced that there were 28 registered voters, including proxies and excluding latecomers or visitors.

2. MINUTES of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 28th July 2020

3. CONFIRMATION of the minutes of the previous meeting.

C52/20 That the Minutes of the previous Meeting dated 27 July 2020 be adopted as true and accurate.

Moved: Mrs C Martin

Seconded: Mrs L Bell

(carried)

4. BUSINESS ARISING out of the above Minutes – Nil

5. REPORTS

i. **PRESIDENTS REPORT** – Mr Gary Hamer’s report as tabled.

C53/20 That the Presidents Report be accepted.

Moved: Mr G Hamer

Seconded: Mr B Gribben

(carried)

Mr G Hamer thanked the office staff for their efforts of keeping everyone informed during the year to provide updates from the Office of Sport as well as activities for members to enjoy from online challenged to the Riders Cup. Mr G Hamer also thanked the State Executive and Advisory and other Sub-Committee members for their work during the year which will now be showcased in 2021.

ii. **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

C54/20 That the ages and classes for the State Tetrathlon and Formal Gymkhana Championships be accepted as below.

Moved: Mrs C Martin

Seconded: Ms F Pennell

(carried)

Tetrathlon

Classes and ages – to go on schedule

Introductory class – shooting, running, and swimming the same as Nationals schedule but riders may jump in lower grade with penalty points deducted as outlined below. Juniors and Seniors allowed one grade lower, and Sub-Juniors allowed up to two grades lower. Riders must be signed off by their Club and Zone Instructors as being competent at these heights.

National Class

	Max Height	Speed	Efforts	Will Include
Sub-junior	75cm	350 m/min	12-18	Max 2x doubles Slip rail Gate
Junior	85cms			
Senior	95cm			

Scoring: 1400 points if 0 jumping and 0-time penalties. Elimination in the Riding Phase is not elimination in the entire completion.

Novice Class

	Max Height	Speed	Efforts	Will Include
Sub-junior	60cm	350 m/min	12-18	Max 2x doubles Slip rail Gate
Junior	70cms			
Senior	80cm			

Scoring: 1400 points awarded if 0 jumping and 0-time penalties. Elimination in the Riding Phase is not elimination in the entire completion.

Novice Class Only: For riders competing in the Novice class only, a second lower height will be offered for all age groups at 10cm lower than the listed height. If Novice riders choose to compete at the lower height, 200 penalties will be deducted from the score.

Therefore, classes offered will consist of:

- Sub juniors National 75cm
- Sub junior Novice 65cm or 55cm with 200 points deducted
- Juniors National 85cm
- Juniors Novice 75cm or 65cm with 200 points deducted
- Seniors National 95cm
- Senior Novice 85cm or 75cm with 200 points deducted

Rationale: Based on feedback from Nationals, this would encourage riders to gain an introduction to Tetrathlon without the limitations of their showjumping ability.

Formal Gymkhana

Classes and Age Groups for Formal Gymkhana –age groups same as other State Championships Under 13 years, 13 to under 15 year, 15 to under 17 years and under 26 years. With riders to compete in the following classes:

- Hack and pleasure class
- Rider and bare back class
- Jump – under 13 years E, D grade
 - 13 to under 15 years E, D, C grade
 - 15 to under 17 years D - B grade
 - 17 to under 26 years D - B grade
- Courses set up for each grade and riders to ride in grade not age and scoring to reflect the grade that rider jumped in.
- Sporting races – Flag, Bending, Mug and Barrell races.

C55/20 That the recommendation from the Tetrathlon Advisory Committee regarding rider's safety be accepted as below and included in NSW rules and the program.

Moved: Mrs C Martin

Seconded: Ms F Pennell

(carried)

TET6/20 That for riders' safety at PCA NSW Tetrathlon events during the ridden phase a mounting block be provided within a rider's box (marked on the ground) for riders use when dismounting/remounting for the slip rail. Riders must be in full control of their mount before moving outside of the rider's box, including being seated in the saddle with both feet in the stirrups and holding the reins. If a judge deems the rider not to be fully in control a penalty may be imposed (see diagrams for dimensions/details).

Rational: As this is a new discipline being offered the Tetrathlon Advisory Committee want to establish safe habits from the start.

iii. **TREASURERS REPORT** – Mrs Carole Hodges report circulated

C56/20 That the Treasurers Report be accepted.

Moved: Mrs C Hodges

Seconded: Mrs S Woodhouse

(carried)

Mrs C Hodges noted that although the associations financial position looked good memberships were down and that PCA NSW were once again going to absorb PCA fee increase in 2021. The association was in a sound financial position due to receipt of a grant from the Office of Sport of \$252,000 noting that we were unlikely to receive any further funding for the next two years from the Office of Sport. The office applied for and received the \$10,000 NSW Covid grant, PAYG Covid offset and Job Keeper which has all helped to keep the office up and running. The association was in a sound financial state prior to the pandemic however we needed to be mindful of overspending.

- iv. **CHAIRMAN OF CHIEF INSTRUCTORS COMMITTEE REPORT** – Mrs Sarah Woodhouse report as per ZCI meeting to be circulated.

C57/20 That the Chairman of Chief Instructor Report be accepted.

Moved: Mrs C Hodges

Seconded: Mrs S Woodhouse

(carried)

Mrs S Woodhouse thanked the State Coaches for continuing to run NCAS Assessments, Instructor and Regional Schools where possible as well as thanking all the ZCI's for their work in hosting these schools for our members. While the year may not have seen any state championships many Zones worked hard on rider certificate work and the NCAS Assessments produced over 111 new qualified instructors across the state.

Mrs S Woodhouse said it was very heartening to see so many clubs and zones holding rally days and camps once restrictions eased. The ZCI committee, Advisory Committee and Area Representative Committee all held meetings during restrictions via zoom. The ZCI committee have some concerns with the new Syllabus for riders and would be writing to Pony Club Australia to outline these concerns.

Mrs S Woodhouse hoped to visit most zone/areas during 2021 to offer support to ZCI's, Senior Instructors and riders.

- v. Other reports – nil

6. APPLICATIONS to host State Championships

- State Dressage – 23-24 January 2021 Zone 4, Dubbo as per the State Councillors online vote
- State One Day Event – 1-2 May 2021 application received from Zone 2 Harden.

C58/20 That the application to host State One Day Event Championship in 2021 by Zone 2 Harden be accepted.

Moved: Mrs A Brown

Seconded: Mrs L McRae

(carried)

- State Showjumping – 3-4 July 2021 application received from Zone 10 Bowral.

C59/20 That the application to host State Showjumping Championship in 2021 by Zone 10 Bowral be accepted.

Moved: Mr L Syme

Seconded: Mrs T Schipp

(carried)

- State Mounted Games and Team Sporting – 18-19 September 2021 application received from Zone 16 Bungendore

K Wood said she was not opposed to amending the motion, Mr G Hamer asked Mr P Logue to confirm if the motion could be amended, who said that as long as the amendment enhanced the motion and didn't change its meaning it could do. Mrs K Wood decided to hold off amending the motion to ensure correct wording. Mr P Logue asked that the motion in its current format be put to the meeting as Counsellors would have been advised on how to vote.

Motion 2 - Zone 20

C66/20 That a pro-rata PCA NSW Membership fee to apply where a member joins after 1 July in a calendar year. The pro-rata fee will be set when all other fees are set.

Moved: Mrs E Caswell

Seconded: Mrs L McRae

(lost)

Mr G Hamer noted that there were no Zone 20 Councillors in attendance and read the rationale, Mr G Thomas asked if this would affect the national and state fees or just club fees as any change to the other fees would further impact the associations financial viability. Discussion held that while some zones saw the merit in reduced fees it also penalised those members who joined earlier in the year. Mr L Syme suggested that this apply to new members only as all other members had the opportunity to renew at the beginning of the year and attend all club, zone, and state activities.

Motion 3 - Zone 20

Amend the Rule to:

C67/20 Section 9 – Showjumping Rules - Competition Rules

For all disciplines, the following to apply:

At Zone/Club Level competitions, riders may be permitted to participate on more than one horse in a competition. Only one horse may be competitive in each competition and any other entries will be non-competitive. Each horse entered must have attended the minimum number of club rallies and where required by the discipline be appropriately graded.

The decision to allow more than one entry per rider will be at the discretion of the host Zone/Club for the event.

Moved: Ms N Allen-Coen

Seconded: Mrs S Haipola

(lost)

Mr G Hamer read the rationale as no Zone Councillor to speak to the motion, discussion held that this would really only work with disciplines that are graded i.e. dressage, eventing, showjumping and equitation Mrs L Bell said that she thought that this had already been changed for those disciplines. Mrs K Britton to check Handbook and confirm wording is right and contact Zone 20 to advise.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- I. Zone 9 motion – in motions
- II. NSW Government Transporting horses in NSW – Mrs L Bell said that most recent update was easier to understand exemptions.
- III. PCA re PCA value badges, certificate badges, 2021 Nationals – tabled
- IV. Hargraves Triamble PC in recess

C68/20 That the notification from Hargraves Triamble being in recess be accepted.

Moved: Mr P Logue

Seconded: Mrs M Erling

(carried)

- V. RAS re agreement for 2021 change from Under 17 to Under 18 - tabled
- VI. State One Day Event application to host Zone 2 Harden – dealt with in State Championship applications
- VII. State Showjumping application to host Zone 10 Bowral – dealt with in State Championship applications
- VIII. State Mounted Games & Team Sporting application to host Zone 16 Bungendore – dealt with in State Championship applications
- IX. Zone 20 motion – Annual Membership fees – in motions
- X. Zone 20 motion – motion re more than one horse at club/zone level – in motions
- XI. PCA draft 2021 Nationals program – tabled
- XII. State Tetrathlon & Formal Gymkhana application to host Zone 7 Merriwa – dealt with in State Championship applications
- XIII. State Jumping Equitation application to host Zone 5, Kootingal – dealt with in State Championship applications
- XIV. State Showriding application to host Zone 9 Nana Glen – dealt with in State Championship applications
- XV. Draft National Mounted Games rules – tabled and when final document available will be circulated.
- XVI. Draft National Quiz Book – tabled and when final document available will be circulated.
- XVII. Draft National Tetrathlon Rules and Event Management Guidelines– tabled and when final document available will be circulated.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Update provided by Zones on activities through the year
- Mrs E Caswell said that Zone 28 were interested in hosting Team Penning and possibly Team Sorting or Ranch Sorting if cattle were available with dates discussed at the ZCI meeting yesterday someone in June 2021. Mr G Hamer said that an application needed to be submitted and once again this did not leave time for the application to be brought back to Council and sort permission for the State Executive to make a decision once application received.

C69/20 That if an application for the State Team Penning Championships was received that the State Executive decide on its suitability.

Moved: Mrs E Caswell

Seconded: Mrs S Haipola

(carried)

- Mrs L Bell said that Pony Club Australia had tried to put together an National Quiz team to compete in an online International Quiz and due to time constraints NSW hadn't been able to put together an application as participants all needed to be close by. Mrs L Bell said that PCA said that another International Quiz was scheduled for early 2021 and would like nearby zones to circulate to their members for EOI's as Zone 19 would be very interested in hosting and participating.
- Mr P Logue concerned about motion C37/20 from the July meeting regarding moving State Mounted Games and Team Sporting to July as this month clashed with several other events. Mr G Hamer said that the motion was for the dates to be reviewed at the executive had at this time determined that the change should not happen. Mr G Hamer said that there needed to be a

complete review of the Championship timetable, Mrs K Wood suggested moving State Dressage back with State Showriding. Mrs L Bell said that splitting the events meant that the championship was being held over two days offering more tests for riders which had been greatly received. Mr G Hamer noted all points and would discuss these with the State Executive for 2022.

- Mr P Logue said that he would like to see an investigation conducted to moving the meetings to other venues as while he didn't vote for the Zone 9 motion he agreed that it should be moved around the state more. Mr G Hamer said that there wasn't a particular rule surrounding where meetings be held it was just that they were traditionally held in Sydney and that the State Executive would investigate other options. Ms N Allen-Coen asked if it was possible to include remote access to meetings in investigations including live streaming or videos as it was quite daunting for people to attend meetings if they haven't had any previous experience. Ms N Allen-Coen said that she thought that this may encourage more people to take on roles in zones especially young people.

Mr G Hamer said that he agreed technology could play a role in the association as has been proved this year it was important to hold some face to face meetings. Mr P Logue said that in online voting and zoom meetings it was easy to tick and flick and not consider opinions from other Councillors, State Executive to review meeting venues and procedures.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND CLOSE MEETING

Mr G Hamer said that the next meeting of the Council would incorporate the AGM and would be scheduled on the weekend of the 27-28th March 2021. Mr G Hamer suggested that with the change to weekends the format for the meetings be as follows:

Saturday morning – Zone Chief Instructors meeting
Saturday afternoon – ZCI clinic/workshop or free time
Sunday morning – AGM/Council meeting
Sunday afternoon – Executive meeting

Mrs K Wood asked how the State Executive would make recommendations to the meeting if they didn't hold their meeting prior to the Council meeting, Mr G Hamer confirmed that the State Executive have been meeting monthly via Zoom and would schedule a meeting prior to the weekend meetings to ensure that recommendations were covered if needed.

There being no further business Mr G Hamer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe trip home and closed the meeting at 11.10am