

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

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**VENUE:** Via Zoom

**1. OPENING AND APOLOGIES**

**PRESENT:**

Chairman	Mr Lance Syme (Zone 10)	Zone 15	Mr Peter Painter
Zone 2	Mrs Antonia Brown, Mrs Marg Pestell OAM	Zone 16	Mrs Louise Steinman
Zone 3	Mrs Sarah Eyb	Zone 17	Apology
Zone 4	Mrs Belinda Tink, Mrs Fiona Pennell	Zone 18	Mrs Sarah Woodhouse
Zone 5	Mr Guy Thomas	Zone 19	Mrs Leanne Bell, Mr Brian Murray
Zone 6	Apology	Zone 20	Ms Rachel Hodges, Mrs Kerry Keatings
Zone 7	Mrs Clare Martin, Mr Phil Logue	Zone 21	Mrs Sandra McDougall
Zone 8	Mrs Julie Morgan	Zone 22	Apology
Zone 9	Mrs Kriss Wood, Mrs Felicity O'Neil	Zone 23	Mrs Lorraine Carter, Mrs Amanda Wunderlich
Zone 10	Mr Lance Syme, Mrs Vanessa Walker	Zone 24	Mrs Margrete Erling, Mrs Renee Delicata
Zone 11	Mrs Tanya Foster, Mrs Anna Davis	Zone 25	Mrs Rachel Hum
Zone 12	Mrs Barb Wiscombe	Zone 26	Mr Bob Gribben, Mr Wayne Pernice
Zone 13	Ms Belinda Williamson, Mr Guy Croft	Zone 27	Mr Grant Coe
Zone 14	Mrs Michelle Nickson	Zone 28	Mrs Paula Durant

Visitors: Mrs Rachel Ratini (Marketing & Events Manager, PCA NSW)

**APOLOGIES:** Mr Gary Hamer, Mrs Michelle Marsh, Mrs Elaine Caswell, Mrs Loesje McCrae & Mrs Shauna Haipola.

Mr L Syme welcomed all attendees to the meeting, noting that Mr G Hamer had a conflicting appointment with this meeting.

**2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – Mr Lance Syme, Mrs Clare Martin, and Mrs S Woodhouse declared a conflict of interest regarding their children applying for State Camp selection.

**3. MINUTES** of Council Meeting held Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE MINUTES**

**C39/21** That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be adopted as true and accurate

Moved: Mr B Gribben Seconded: Mrs M Erling (carried)

**5. BUSINESS ARISING** out of the above Minutes (other than referred to elsewhere in the agenda) - Nil

**6. REPORTS**

I. President Reports – Mr Gary Hamer – Nil received.

Mr L Syme noted that if this has been missed it will be circulated to Councilors with the minutes.

II. Executive Recommendations - Nil

III. Treasurer's Report – Mrs Belinda Tink – as circulated.

With large increases in insurance and Pony Club Australia fees and a significant decrease in income for the Association, it was proposed that the 2022 PCA NSW Fee is increase to \$80 (including the PCA component) to ensure viability of



Mrs S Woodhouse noted that this proposed scheme is not instead of the PCA NCAS program, it will offer an accessible alternative to members.

Mrs S McDougall asked whether the introductory certificate was still included in the new program. Mrs S Woodhouse confirmed that the Introductory scheme would be incorporated into the Bronze level NSW Scheme moving forward.

Mrs A Davis noted support and reflected the comments from Mr P Logue. Mr G Thomas noted support for Mr P Logue's statements and that older instructors and "Old System" instructors did not want to do bookwork and this scheme would be a good system to keep these instructors in the system.

Mrs L Bell noted that the breaking down of the Horsemanship and Gear Check level makes the Bronze level instructors' certificate less onerous as candidates will have already completed those sections and won't repeat them, whereas the PCA NCAS certificates repeat content throughout the books. Bronze level does still incorporate basic jumping which she considered important for all instructors.

Mr L Syme asked whether the current Introductory Certificate provides for these issues to be rectified; why do we need to create a whole new system; and how and when does the blue book get updated in terms of qualification terminology as there have been issues surrounding this in the past.

Mrs V Walker enquired whether there would be a budget prior to a final proposal and whether the scheme would be approved once completed. Mrs S Woodhouse reiterated the motion which reads "*to be developed and adopted upon completion.*"

Mr L Syme confirmed that the status quo will remain until the new scheme is developed and implemented. Mrs S Woodhouse confirmed that is correct, and once completed will be available for use. Mrs S Woodhouse confirmed that the plan is to have the scheme ready to be presented to the March 2022 Zone Chief Instructors Committee meeting.

Being there no objections, voting was conducted via SurveyMonkey with results as follows:

For - 25

Against- 4

Invalid Votes - 2

(Carried)

#### VI. Junior Committee Report– Mr Lance Syme

Mr L Syme said that the Junior Committee had a number of projects and brainstorming sessions underway and were feeling refreshed for the 2022 year. A number of positions will be up for renewal in 2022 which will give a number of younger members an opportunity to have a voice within the organization.

#### VII. PCA NSW Office Update – Mrs Rachel Ratini – as circulated

Mrs R Ratini updated those present on current COVID-19 restrictions. Further updates will be provided as we edge closer to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, where it is indicated that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people will be allowed to participate in Community Sport. Advice and support will be provided to clubs and zones at this time. Clubs and zones are reminded to not become complacent when events are coming "back to normal" and keep up with usual social distancing and hygiene standards.

Ms Teena Murdoch has sadly made the decision to move on from the organization after 16 years of dedicated service to Pony Club Association NSW.

The JustGo database changeover is tracking along with a number of webinars being hosted by Pony Club Australia. From Monday Zones and Clubs will be granted access to the JustGo database, however Zones will be instructed to update their membership fees and structure prior to Clubs updating their fees. Mrs B Tink raised that the JustGo webinar recording link was not working. **Action:** Mrs R Ratini to investigate this issue and send updated link to clubs.

### 7. APPLICATIONS to host State Championships

- Zone 2 – State One Day Event and Combined Training Championship 30 April-1 May 2022 -

Approved

- Zone 7 – State Tetrathlon and Formal Gymkhana 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Approved
- Zone 8 – State Tetrathlon and Formal Gymkhana 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Withdrawn
- Zone 13 – State Showriding Championships 3rd & 4th December 2022 – Amended from the floor to change date to 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Approved
- Zone 16 – State Mounted Games and Team Sporting 24-25 September 2022 - Approved

## **8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **C42/21 Motion 1**

#### **Zone 2 – Section 8.**

Current Rule

Timepieces are permitted to be worn by rider's C grade and upwards.

Amend To

Timepieces are permitted to be worn by all graded riders.

Rationale

Zone 2 and Harden Pony Club run several One Day Events each year and this year hosted the Pony Club NSW State ODE.

One of the observations of the State ODE TD James Leva was that 'several riders in lower grades rode way too fast,' teaching riders about speed was recommended, it was also recommend that 'allowing riders to wear watches as per open eventing' could help prevent this excessive speed.

Use of the watch will help teach riders what the correct and safe speeds are and how they are best ridden.

Watches are allowed in all grades in open eventing & interschools, and this change will bring Pony Club into line with these organisations again helping riders with consistency and safety.

Zone 2 and Harden Pony Club supports and proposes this change as we regularly have the same issues of riders in younger grades riding too fast and this is a way to help educate them to reduce their speed. Riding too fast not only presents a danger to the fast rider but to other riders on course and we feel this will help increase overall safety in the cross-country phase of our event and all similar events at Pony Club NSW.

The council approved this motion through consensus.

## **9. AGENDA ITEMS**

- I. Work Health & Safety – Covered in the Office Report. Risk assessment documents for every activity are no longer necessary to be sent into the office.
- II. 2022 Affiliation Fees – Covered in the Treasurers Report
- III. 2022 Database Implementation – Covered in the Office Report
- IV. New Child Safe Sport Standards – New Child Safe Sport Standards were introduced in 2021 by the Office of the Children's Guardian, with the Executive needing to develop PCA NSW's Child Safe Code of Conduct. These can be found of the Office of Sport website.
- V. Governance and Strategic Plan – Mr L Syme noted that the PCA Strategic Plan for 2022 – 2025 is currently being finalized. This may change PCA NSW's priorities therefore the draft plan will be presented at the March 2022 Council meeting.

## **10. CORRESPONDANCE**

- Zone 2 – Harden Pony Club Cross Country Grant Application - Approved
- Zone 18 – Jindabyne Pony Club Cross Country Grant Application - Approved
- Zone 24 – Mangrove Mountain Pony Club Cross Country Grant Application - Approved
- Zone 24 – Tall Timbers Pony Club Cross Country Grant Application - Approved

- Zone 24 – Watagan Pony Club Cross Country Grant Application - Withdrawn
- Zone 13 – application to host State Showriding Championships 3-4 December 2022 - Amended from the floor to change date to 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Approved
- Zone 16 – application to host State Mounted Games & Team Sporting Championship 24-25 September 2022 - Approved
- Zone 23 – application for reformation of Kenthurst Pony Club - Approved

## 11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Successful applicants for State Camp 2022 were announced as the following:

### Dressage

Zone	First Name	Surname	Horses Name
2	Victoria	Wythes	Bandalene Truman
2	Philipa	Crawford	Stately Impression
3	Darcey	Eyb	Sir Versace
9	Chloe	O'Neill	Jasmine
13	Caitlin	Croft	Sarima Rosanna
19	Zoe	Rivas	Georgie Harlequin Romance
23	Eve	McLellan	Dyrring Park Sylvester
23	Tara	Wilson	Willow Grace
24	Holly	Zylmans	Bell Farm Halcyon Gold
24	Darcy	Bradley	Starting Over
24	Jasmine	Minness	Greentrees Little Dazza
28	Sari	Boardman	Boronia Applause
28	Bridie	Harris	Valinco

### Showjumping

Zone	First Name	Surname	Horses Name
8	Taylor	Lewis	Hollywood Hills
13	William	Wood	Joselands Mumbles
16	Holly	Pulford	Master Spook
16	Charly	Robinson	Our Peace Maker
18	Gem	McGufficke	Indeed
18	Chloe	Chilcott	Irish Gaelic
20	Grace	Gordon	Jake
22	Alanna	Perry	Cavalier Winsom
22	Charlotte	Wells	Ipsa Facto
23	Kelly	Bridgland	Showtym Burrow
23	Amelia	Dart	General Fluke
25	Imogen	Robertson	Phoenix
28	Sienna	Zwar	Warrego Tinkerbelle

### Eventing

Zone	First Name	Surname	Horses Name
2	Ashleigh	Bennett	Sound the Alert
5	Matthew	Kerridge	MJK Red Baron
8	Jack	Doolin	Rubble on the Double
8	Molly	Smith	Absolute Peach

10	Megan	Syme	Xaarena
16	Lucy	O'Sullivan	Sandford Park Blue Steel
16	Madelayne	Burgess	Glentana Taima
19	Tara	Seppelt	Rosthwaite Venice Beach
23	Charlotte	Wilson	Beestinger
23	Madeleine	Breatnach	Sterling Fozworth
23	Rosie	Thomson	Lokis Armada
23	Rachael	Temm	Asham Shogum
24	Lotus	Grant	Bloomsbury Sir Galahad

### Formal Gymkhana

Zone	First Name	Last Name	Horses Name
3	Olivia	Holland	Hollands Hot Wad
5	Eliza	Dampney	Junefield Finarlee
7	Lauren	Redgate	Cinderella
9	Abby	Raymond	Doolanpartnership Astro
10	Katelyn	Smith	Midnight in Paris
16	Jessica	Zeiler	Charcoal Park Cinnamon
16	Kyla	Stagg	Arabec Kharim
16	Kelaya	Bogan	Shanbray Park Red Hot Riot
16	Darcie	O'Sullivan	Sandford Park Bobby Dazzler
19	Grace	McCann	Watagan Royal Last Edition
19	Hannah	McCann	Golden Royal
19	Laura	Murray	Fairway Callaway
23	Rubie	Fitzpatrick	Gordons Broad Acre

### Tetrathlon

Zone	First Name	Surname	Horses Name
7	Nicole	Martin	The Echo Paris
15	Lilly	Munce	Hulbert George
16	Leah	Vroomans	Hunter Park Dark Alley
16	Lara	Dawson	KW Lucky Layla
16	Tommi	Haipola	Tesseract
23	Lola	Kierans Ball	Highland Promise
24	Charlie	Welsh	Mains Matilda
25	Alana	Buresti	Barnetts Dynasty

### Mounted Games

Zone	First Name	Surname	Horses Name
6	Charlie	MacKenzie	Charlie
6	Bree	MacKenzie	Brewers Binawee Lena
14	Madeline	Nickson	Taralee Maxi Colour
16	Tom	Ryan	Heza Mighty Fox
16	Tom	McLachlan	Moonlight
16	William	Zeiler	Moe
16	Bethany	Gibson	Navada
16	Harrison	Scarlett	Kirramurray Knights Last Hope

16	Alistair	McLachlan	Cricket
16	Joseph	Ryan	Jamiesonsrun ASH
19	Cooper	Richardson	Kilburns Quality Rossette
22	Taleha	Urszulak	Roany

- Mrs K Wood from Zone 9 enquired whether clubs are able to decline memberships of unvaccinated people from 2022 onwards. Clubs are only to follow Government restrictions and guidelines, going above and beyond these restrictions may expose clubs to legal and discriminatory liabilities. **Action:** PCA NSW Office to advise clubs of this information via email.
- Mr P Logue from Zone 7 enquired where the State Camp Sub-Committee was up to. Mr L Syme advised that Mrs B Tink's reports should make it much more transparent on the costings of camp. The sub-committee is looking to be reformed in early 2022 and meet at the conclusion of the 2022 State Camp.

## 12. NEXT MEETING DATE AND CLOSE MEETING

Being there no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.18pm with the next meeting date set for 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.