



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Held at the Mulgrave Country Club
Cnr Jells and Wellington Road, Mulgrave. 3170
Saturday 14th October 2017 at 10.30am*

MINUTES

1. OPEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10:35am

President Philip Cobbledick opened the AGM and welcomed all attendees making special mention of Pony Club Victoria Life Members John Barlee, Jan Faulkner and Keitha Raabe and Pony Club Australia CEO Dr Catherine Ainsworth and Board Members Michelle Harper and Sonia Murphy

2. PRESENT

Buchan PC (Peter Favalaro-Member), Benalla PC (Matt Ayres), Bendigo PC (Sue Foley), Bunbartha PC (Shari Mawson Cannon), Chelsea (Paula Kyberd), Colac (Philip Cobbledick), Corner Inlet PC (Deb Collins), Eltham PC (Tracy Hosier – Member,) Gisborne PC (Leonie Lang), Horsham PC (Geoffrey Lord), Kangaroo Ground PC (Steven Grayden), Kergunyah PC (Ian Don), Kyabram PC (Rosemary Oram – Member), Lilydale & Mooroolbark PC (Jim Page - Life Member), Little River PC (Coral Byrne – Life Member), Macarthur PC (Rod Keast), Mansfield PC (Kammy Cordner Hunt), Mentone PC (Graeme Johnstone-Club Zone Delegate), Monbulk PC (Julie Grant), Nar Nar Goon – Colin Wert, Pakenham Pony Club (Lawrence Cruise), Riddells Creek PC (David Stammer – President), Seville PC (Diane Harvey), Trafalgar PC (Valerie Armstrong), Yarra Glen & District PC (Kim Ward),

Proxies – Leonie Lang for Lancefield & District PC, Melton & District PC, Oaklands PC, Tuginina PC and Williamstown PC. Linda Smith for Wyena PC

Present – 31 Clubs in person or by proxy

State Council & Office (Philip Cobbledick-State President, Peter Favalaro-Vice President, Geoffrey Tulett - Treasurer, Coral Byrne-State Councillor-BZ, David Stammers – State Councillor – CZ, Sue Foley-State Councillor-MZ, Linda Smith – State Councillor – NMZ, Rosemary Oram-State Councillor-NZ, Graeme Johnston – State Councillor – SMZ, Laurie Cruise – State Councillor – WGZ, Clare Lewin-Executive Officer, Suanne Waugh-Marketing/Communications, Kate Wilson – Coaching Director

Life Members - John Barlee, Jan Faulkner, Keitha Raabe

Guests: Dr Catherine Ainsworth – CEO Pony Club Australia, Michelle Harper & Sonia Murphy – PCA Board Members, Elise Lim, Tim Lim, Cohn Wade, Darcy Wade, Matt Wade.

3. APOLOGIES

Apsley PC, Ararat PC, Barwon Valley PC, Cobden PC, Deniliquin PC, Dennington PC, Drysdale Leopold PC, Dunkeld PC, Findon PC, Hastings PC, Healseville PC, Howlong PC, Lochard PC, Loddon PC, Macedon PC, Maryborough PC, Merricks PC, Bealiba PC, Maldon PC, Mt Evelyn PC, Nunawading PC, Nyah PC, Pearcedale PC, St Andrews PC, Stawell PC, Tocumwal PC, Wonthaggi PC,

State Council – Jan Bromwich, James Lang, Catherine Schwarz, Anthea Sutherland,

Life Members - Kaye Blanchard, Stephen Coffey, Jess Hull, Fiona Matheson, Noel Steel,

Adeline Collins – IPE Representative, Christopher Patton – IMGE Representative.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Moved: Lilydale Mooroolbark Pony Club (Jim Page)

That the Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday October 16th 2016 be taken as circulated and read.

Seconded: Little River Pony Club Coral Byrne

CARRIED

Moved: Eltham Pony Club (Tracy Hosier)

That the Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday October 16th 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate account.

Seconded: Chelsea Pony Club (Paula Kyberd)

CARRIED

5. APPOINT A RETURNING OFFICER

Moved: Kyabram Pony Club (Rosemary Oram)

That the Coral Byrne be appointed Returning Officer for the Election of Vice President and North East Zone Representative.

Seconded: Lilydale Mooroolbark Pony Club (Jim Page)

CARRIED

Candidates for Election Vice President – Odd Years – Tracy Hosier and Peter Favaloro and Zone Representative North East - Zone Ian Don, and Catherine Schwarz.

Scrutineers were nominated for the candidates– Scrutineers appointed - Linda Smith for Tracy Hosier, Val Armstrong for Peter Favaloro, Matt Ayers for Ian Don and Sue Foley for Catherine Schwarz.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Geoffrey presented the PCAV Annual Audited Accounts.

The following points were noted: - PCV posted another surplus despite reduced revenue received. Total Revenue was \$94,000 which is a decrease in 13% on previous year due to declining membership numbers, decrease in Grant income during the reporting period and lower advertising and merchandise revenue.

Despite the decline in funds received, the Association increased its overall net cash position of \$81,877 on this time last year through timely and efficient management by the Office team.

There was continued investment into the Pony Club Victoria Equestrian Centre with the addition of Cross Country Courses and other equipment which will allow more events to be run at the venue in the future.

The outlook for the 2017-2018 year is good, with a lot of work going on behind the scenes to ensure the Association moves forward and continues to improve its financial position. We are pleased to present to you, the audited Financial Statements of the Association.

Moved: Geoffrey Tulett

That the Audited Financial Report be received.

Seconded: Horsham Pony Club (Geoffrey Lord)

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR FOR 2016 - 2017

Moved: Geoffrey Tulett

That Crowe Howarth Vic be appointed as auditors for 2016-2017

Seconded: Pakenham Pony Club (Lawrence Cruise)

CARRIED

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND AWARDS

President, Philip Cobbledick, presented his annual report for the year 2016-2017. Invited to read the full report but noted highlights:

All PCV State Events were conducted at the Pony Club Victoria Equestrian Centre.

Acknowledged and thanked retiring State Councilors - Rosemary Oram and Anthea Sutherland for the years of service they have given to Pony Club in Victoria. Both travel long distances to attend meetings and have served on many Committees over the years.

He finished by thanking Pony Club members, volunteers and supporters for helping make Pony Club Victoria the great organization it is and is looks forward to another good year in 2018.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Executive Officer Clare Lewin presented the highlights of her report which can be found in more detail in the Annual Report.

Under the State Government's Supporting Victorian Sport & Recreation (SVSR) funding the review of the PCAV Governance model is a non-negotiable priority. State Council has commenced the process of review by creating a Governance Sub Committee, engaging a consultant and conducting some Market Research.

Victorian Child Safe Legislation came into place on January 1st 2017 and PCV is working with Vicsport who is providing training and resources for members.

Acknowledged the PCV Staff for their dedication throughout the year and thanked the Members of State Council and all volunteers in Pony Club.

9. COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Coaching Director - Kate Wilson presented her report. -

The Chief Instructor's panel have worked to provide a range of activities and opportunities for Pony Clubbers across Victoria. The main aim is to provide consistency in training and assessment to improve the outcome for participants.

The CIP have created a Strategic Plan which compliments the PCV Plan and sits under Workforce Development.

A Dressage Judging Accreditation has been completed and the first training days held in conjunction with State Level Clinics.

NCAS Coach Training & Assessment continues to be a priority but 2017 a decline in assessments mainly due to the lack of support from the field. This is an area that will be addressed in 2018 as PCV is committed to coach training.

Moved: Mansfield Pony Club – (Kammy Cordner Hunt)

That the President's, Executive Officer's and Coaching Director's reports be received.

Seconded: Corner Inlet Pony Club (Deb Collins)

CARRIED

Reports can be read in detail in the Annual Report which can be found on the website.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 2017

Clinton Hedger, nominated by Midland Zone, was awarded a for a Distinguished Services Award. Clinton has been involved in the Midland Zone for more than 20 years. In that time, he has held many roles from Club DC through to Midland Zone Vice President. He has boundless energy and enthusiasm for Pony Club, nothing is too much trouble. No matter what the task, Clinton commits to getting the job done. His good humour and ability to communicate with competitors, their adult supporters and all others can be relied on.

Geoffrey Lord – Vice President of Midland Zone accepted the award from Philip Cobbledick on behalf of Clinton

10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

a) Vice President (Odd years)

Nominations received by due date were Peter Favalaro and Tracy Hosier

b) Zone Representative North Eastern Zone

Nominations received by due date were Ian Don and Catherine Schwarz.

The President announced the election results;

Vice President 2017-2019 – Peter Favalaro

North Eastern Zones Representative for State Council 2017-2018 – Ian Don

Tracy Hosier and Catherine Schwarz were thanked for their nominations and interest in the taking a role on State Council.

11. ELECTION OF ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

a) Nominations received by due date

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| i. | Barwon Zone | – Coral Byrne |
| ii. | Central Zone | – David Stammers |
| iii. | East Gippsland Zone | - Janine Bromwich |
| iv. | Midland Zone | – Sue Foley |
| v. | North Eastern Zone | – Ian Don, Catherine Schwarz - <i>Election</i> |
| vi. | Northern Zone | – Shari Mawson-Cannon |
| vii. | North Metropolitan Zone | – Linda Smith |
| viii. | South Metropolitan Zone | - Graeme Johnston |
| ix. | Wannon Zone | – Rodney Keast |
| x. | West Gippsland Zone | – <i>Vacant</i> |

The above-named individuals form the elected State Councillors as nominated by Zone Clubs for the 2017-2018 Pony Club year. The candidates were introduced to the members attending.

West Gippsland Zone did not have a nomination for the position at close of nominations. This position will be filled as a casual vacancy at the next meeting of State Council.

Outgoing State Councillors – Catherine Schwarz (North Eastern Zone), rosemary Oram (Northern Zone) and Anthea Sutherland (Wannon Zone) were thanked for the contribution of their time and expertise to PCAV.

12. CLOSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11:40am

13 **OPEN CONFERENCE**

No Agenda Items received by the due date

Guest Speakers were invited to address the audience.

Darcy Wade

Darcy, a Member of Stratford Pony Club, spoke about his journey from the PCV Tetrathlon introduction event in March 2015 through to being included on the Youth Olympic Games Development Squad for Modern Pentathlon. He was also selected on the Pony Club Australia Tetrathlon Team that toured Ireland in 2016. As well as training hard for all four Tetrathlon disciplines he also had to learn how to fence as this is the fifth Modern Pentathlon discipline. At 16 he had never been on a plane but in 182 months has been to Ireland, Japan, Czech Republic, Hungary and China.

Darcy's message to all pony club members – keep doing what you love, don't be afraid to try new things and run with it, make the most of opportunities as they become available – you'll never know if you don't try.

Tracy Hosier

Chair of the Pony Club Victoria National Championships Advisory Committee for the PCA National Championships Toowoomba and Manager of the Pony Club Australia Inter Pacific Team to USA June 2017. Tracy spoke of both her experiences wearing two hats.

First Hat – Western hat complete with Stars & stripes. The IPE is a wonderful opportunity for those selected. They met an amazing group of people who will be friends for life, saw and experienced many aspects of the country they were touring – Trip of a lifetime for all participants. Recommends all riders should work towards their B Certificates and nominate, the opportunity to go as a Team Official was very rewarding as well

Second Hat – Team Victoria. Tracy spoke of the wonderful time that the PCV Team had whilst in Toowoomba for the PCA national Championships. The National Championship Advisory Committee and the process of Team Selection and training ensured a great Team Vic spirit well before they arrived at the Toowoomba Show Grounds. Invited other members to embrace the PCA National Championships and welcomed anybody who would like to join the NC Advisory Sub Committee.

Tim Ling

PCA International Mounted Games Coach Canada 2017 and Organising Committee for the IMGE hosting by PCV in 2016.

Tim spoke of his family's Mounted Games journey which started with his 8-year-old son Alister taking up games at Pony Club. As Alister progressed through the ranks from Club, Zone, State to International representation through the IMGE so did the family involvement. Tim became involved as a steward and later a Coach and has just returned from the IMGE in Canada which was an amazing experience. Tim also helped organise the IMGE which was hosted in Victoria in November 2016.

Alister has continued his Mounted Games journey through Mounted Games Australia, which Tim helped set up, and has competed at World Championship level just having completed 6 months overseas competing and staying with his MG contacts which the Ling family reciprocate in Australia.

Tim's message – The Ling family has thoroughly enjoyed the journey and received more than they have put in. You can sit on the side lines and be a spectator or can get involved and make a difference.

NMG

Michelle Harper

Pony Club Australia Board Member – "Pony Club Pathways to the Future"

Michelle presented a series of slides depicting physical pathways that people had adapted to take an easier option. The questions posed to the audience in response to declining membership were

- We need to examine what our competitors do better than us and implement change in Pony Club

- We need to ask ourselves in every decision that we make are we encouraging young people to ride?
- We need to ask “how can we make this happen” rather than spending our time thinking of why it cannot happen
- We need to make it easier for our members to take the pony club pathway.

Meeting Closed 14:30