

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

DATE: TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017

VENUE: THE CATHOLIC CLUB, (PHILIP ROOM) CAMPBELTOWN

1. PRESENT:

Chairman	Mr W Pernice	Zone 15	Mr P Painter OAM
Zone 2	Mrs M Pestell OAM	Zone 16	Mrs T Cuthbertson
Zone 3	Mr G Hamer	Zone 17	
Zone 4	Ms F Pennell	Zone 18	
Zone 5	Mrs J Alston *	Zone 19	Dr F Kelleher
Zone 6		Zone 20	Mr K Felton
Zone 7	Mr P Logue	Zone 21	
Zone 8	Mrs J Morgan	Zone 22	Ms M Marsh
Zone 9	Mrs K Wood	Zone 23	Mr G Temm, Mr G Hankins
Zone 10	Mrs K Eyding, Mrs J Frankum	Zone 24	Mr P Petherbridge
Zone 11	Mrs A Davis, Mrs T Foster	Zone 25	Mrs S Adams
Zone 12	Mrs E Bent	Zone 26	Mr B Gribbin
Zone 13		Zone 27	Mrs L McRae
Zone 14	Mrs S Feeney	Zone 28	Mrs P Durant, Mrs E Caswell

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

Mr W Pernice welcomed everyone attending especially the new Councillors and opened the meeting at 9.00am.

APOLOGIES: Mr C Dolin (Zone 5), Ms B Williamson, Mr G Croft (Zone 13), Ms K Taylor (Zone 14), Mrs N Smith (Zone 16), Mr A Morrall (Zone 17), Mrs S Woodhouse (Zone 18), Mr A Newham (Zone 19), Ms M Hodges Ms T Eade-Smith, (Zone 20), Mr S McIntyre (Zone 24) Mr G Adams (Zone 25).

C51/17 That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Mr P Petherbridge

Seconded: Mr G Hamer

(carried)

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

2. MINUTES of Council Meeting held Tuesday 1 August 2017.

3. CONFIRMATION of the above Minutes.

C52/17 That the Minutes of the previous Meeting dated 1 August 2017 with the amendment that C40/17 read AM5 not AMG be adopted as true and accurate.

Moved: Mrs A Davis

Seconded: Mr B Gribben

(carried)

4. BUSINESS ARISING out of the above Minutes.

Nil

5. REPORTS

i) Presidents Report- Mr W Pernice – as circulated

C53/17 That the Presidents Report be accepted.

Moved: Mr W Pernice

Seconded: Mr P Petherbridge

(carried)

Sponsorship/partnership opportunities

Mr W Pernice wanted members present to be aware and share the information about the opportunities that organisations like the Bendigo Community Bank and IMB Bank presented to clubs. Mr W Pernice said that his club were lucky enough to secure sponsorship from Bendigo Community Bank and that they had already indicated that they would be happy to continue this sponsorship in 2018. Many not for profit community banks had funding that needed to be spent in their local area and Mr W Pernice encouraged everyone to contact their local banks to see what was available.

Nationals

Mr W Pernice said that he was very proud of the accomplishments of all of the riders who had attended the Nationals and congratulated everyone who attended. Mr W Pernice said that this had given him an opportunity to speak to members of other State Executive and members of Pony Club Australia's board which were quite frank and had gone some way to alleviating his initial concerns with the PCA board. Mr W Pernice said that he felt that the PCA board were now aware of the feelings of distrust from the states and discussed better ways of communicating with states on issues and noted that this was a good starting point and that he would continue to liaise with state chairs and PCA board members.

Live scoring via Team App was trialled at the Nationals and has since been used at State Mounted Games and Team Sporting and One Day Event and Combined Training with very positive feedback received from members present.

Future direction of Pony Club NSW

Mr W Pernice said that the Zone Chief Instructors Committee had some very positive and constructive discussions yesterday in relation to increasing and retaining members and encouraging everyone at all levels of pony club to enter into similar discussions and forward any good ideas to the office for sharing.

ii) Executive Recommendation

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C54/17 Expressions for interest for two (2) positions for a 2019 Nationals Sub-Committee, EOI form to be sent to members with closing date for reply 31 December 2017

Moved: Mr P Petherbridge

Seconded: Mr P Logue

(carried)

Proposed dates for 2019 for circulation and discussion and to be confirmed at the March 2018 meeting.

State Camp – 6-11 January

Dressage and Showriding Championships – 19-22 January or 25-28 January

March State Meetings – Executive 24, ZCI 25, AGM and Council 26 March

Sporting, Campdraft and Team Penning Championships – 13-15 April

Jumping Equitation and Showjumping Championships – 6-9 July

July State Meetings – Executive 28, ZCI 29, Council 30 July

Mounted Games and Team Sporting Championships – 28-30 September

One Day Event and Combined Training Championships – 4-6 October

Nationals – 7-13 October

November State Meetings – Executive 24, ZCI 25, Council 26 November

Note:

Easter 19-22 April, Term 1 school holidays 13-29 April, Term 2 school holidays 6-22 July, Term 3 school holidays – 28 September - 13 October

Technical Delegates to be invited for 2018 Championships:

Dressage – Mrs K Wood

Showriding – Ms J Morgan

Sporting – Mr P Logue

Campdraft – Ms F Pennell

Team Penning – Ms F Pennell

Jumping Equitation – Mrs E Caswell

Showjumping – Mrs J Frankum

Mounted Games – Mr A Newham

Team Sporting – Mr W Pernice

One Day Event – Mr I Menzies

Combined Training – Mrs E Caswell

Mr W Pernice presented the State Camp selections and asked Mrs E Caswell to reiterate her comments from the Zone Chief Instructors Committee meeting. Mrs E Caswell encouraged all members present and especially ZCI's to start now to target riders who they believe would be suitable and benefit from State Camp. Nominations this year were down and she felt that in some cases riders did not know about camp and how to go about nominating. Mrs J Frankum said that some riders were to be offered positions for disciplines that they had not originally applied for due to low numbers.

iii) Treasurers Report – as circulated

C55/17 That the Treasurers Report be accepted.

Moved: Mr P Petherbridge Seconded: Mr G Hamer (carried)

Mr P Petherbridge said members present needed to be aware that in the main there would be little or no income for the balance of the year however based on 2016 figures for expenditure he believed that the association was likely to still make a small profit.

iv) Chairman of Chief Instructors Committee – Mrs J Frankum

C56/17 That the Chairman of Chief Instructors Report be accepted.

Moved: Mrs J Frankum Seconded: Dr F Kelleher (carried)

Recommendations from the Zone Chief Instructors Committee meeting for consideration by Council.

Safety

That the rule in regard to grass reins be amended as follows:

C57/17 **Grass reins are permitted at club and zone level only, with the exception of any event involving jumping, from the saddle to the bit i.e. not via the poll. The horse must be able to get its head to its knees.**

Moved: Mrs J Frankum Seconded: Mrs J Alston (carried)

Sporting

C58/17 **That at the Sporting Championship the Keyhole Race be replaced with the Sporting Figure of Eight with races to be as follows for the 2018 Sporting Championship:**

Flag Race	Diamond Flag
Bending Race	Three Mug Race
Barrel Race	Sporting Figure of Eight
Bonfield Bounce Bend	

Moved: Mrs J Frankum Seconded: Mr P Logue (carried)

Ratification of invitations to Chief Gear Stewards for 2018 Championships:

Showriding – Mrs S Adams

Dressage – Mrs S Adams

Mrs J Frankum said that the Technical Delegates and Advisory Committee were mindful that it may be very hot for the State Showriding and Dressage Championships and may make changes to the draw to ensure that riders were not out in the heat of the day. Mrs J Frankum especially asked that Zones remind Showriding riders of the rule in regard to not wearing jumpers in hot weather as they will be asked to remove jumpers if necessary.

C59/17 **That for a NSW rider selected in an International Exchange or Team that state subsidies each rider by \$2000.**

Moved: Mrs J Frankum Seconded: Mr P Petherbridge (carried)

Mrs J Frankum said that she too was encouraged by the positive discussions yesterday at the ZCI meeting and encouraged clubs to go back to basics and the mission of pony club which was to provide instruction and horsemanship to our riders which she believed was slipping due to clubs being focused more on competitions.

Mr P Painter said that bonnets and ear plugs were discussed at yesterday's meeting however upon review he noted that bonnets were not permitted in Dressage as per Section 10 page 9 clause 29 b which reads:

b. Martingales, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins etc.) any kind of boots or bandages, tongue depressors and any form of blinkers, including ear muffs, hoods and any others, are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. BREASTPLATES (without rings) are not defined as "gadgets" and are permissible for dressage. Mr P Petherbridge requested that this be noted in Section 7 for clarity.

Mr W Pernice suggested that all reports in regard to State Championships be moved as one at the end of the reports if everyone agreed.

v) **2017 State Mounted Games Championships** – Mr A Newham - unavailable

vi) **2017 State Team Sporting Championships** – Mr P Logue

Mr P Logue said that he had some concerns over the current process for changeovers in the Bottle Race and recommended that this race be replaced by the Bottle Exchange Race as a matter of safety for future events. Mr P Logue said that there seemed to some disparity in the rules for the RAS Team Sporting and the Team Sporting Championships and that these rules would be reviewed for ratification at the March 2018 meeting.

Mrs E Caswell said that she was concerned about making any changes to the games at this late stage especially for the RAS as teams as they would already be training for the games as presented. Mr G Temm agreed and noted that Area 1 were training to the games as listed. Mrs J Frankum said that as the major issue was one of rider safety we would be remiss if we did not make the change from the Bottle Race to the Bottle Exchange Race and requested that members present advise riders immediately and that the office circulate this information to the RAS for inclusion in the program.

C60/17 That for Team Sporting the Bottle Race be replaced by the Bottle Exchange Race

Moved: Mrs J Frankum Seconded: Mr P Petherbridge (carried)

Mr P Logue provided a copy of the rules for this race to be included in rules.

vii) **2017 State One Day Event Championships** – Mr I Menzies

viii) **2017 State Combined Training Championships** – Mrs E Caswell

ix) **2017 State National Championships** – Ms J Morgan, Mrs D Cullen, Mrs J Hamblin

C61/17 That all reports be accepted:

Moved: Mr P Petherbridge Seconded: Mrs J Alston (carried)

6. APPLICATIONS for host venues for State Championship

Mrs J Alston advised that Zone 5 are no longer able to host the One Day Event and Combined Training Championships although they had hoped to run the championship on an alternative day this was not possible as per correspondence item 21. Mrs K Britton advised that Zone 20 had a tentative booking as per correspondence item 23 and suggested that this be held over until correspondence.

Mrs K Britton requested that Zone submit host zone applications in line with the recommended dates mentioned earlier which could include any suggestions for alternate dates for the ODE & CT Championships which may be too close to the 2019 Nationals.

13-15 (Prelim 1.3 & 70cm)
15-17 (Novice 2.1 & 80cm)

Associate (Novice 2.1 & 90cm)
Associate (Novice 2.2 & 90cm)

Moved: Mr K Felton

Seconded: Mrs S Adams

(withdrawn)

Mr G Hamer said that there had been some discussion yesterday at the ZCI meeting about addressing the issue of grades and ages and that a suitable motion around age groups would be submitted to the March 2018 meeting.

Zone 24

C68/17 That the Gear & Uniform Regulations updated November 2016 Section 7 (k) Page 5 be amended to:

k) Stirrups or stirrup leathers must not be tied down to any part of the saddle or mountings in any manner. The foot may not be attached to the stirrup in any way. Stirrup leathers are worn OVER the outside flap at all times.

Ox-bow stirrups are permitted on Stock, Stock type and Western saddles.

Stirrup bars having safety clips at the end must be easily pushed up and down and not fixed. The loose end of the stirrup leather must not be threaded back through the buckle but may be threaded through a keeper on the flap.

Open sided safety Freejump Stirrups are permitted in the disciplines of Showjumping and Cross Country- only. All other disciplines, open sided stirrups are not permitted for use in Pony Club.

The fender saddle is permitted at Pony Club. Fender-type leathers are permitted on Stock saddles. Stirrup leathers on Stock saddles may be done up at the stirrup iron."

Moved: Mr P Petherbridge Seconded: Mr G Hamer

(carried)

C69/17 that the current PCA NSW Rule: Page 6 – Section 8 – Paragraph 2 be amended to

- ***"The use of approved Body Protectors for all disciplines is permitted but are compulsory for Eventing.***

Body Protector may be worn over or under pony club uniform. Back numbers must be worn on the outside. It is recommended a medical armband be worn."

Moved: Mr P Petherbridge Seconded: Mr G Hamer

(lost)

8. AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Work Health and Safety – Mrs K Britton said that it was great to see so many clubs who have taken on board the new Code of Practice with many clubs providing risk assessment information in emails about special events without being prompted. Mrs K Britton asked members present to remind clubs that they needed to submit their yearly Safety Checklists when they send in their Office Bearer forms.**
- b) **Working with Children Checks – Mrs K Britton said that it was important the clubs updated their authorised contact if Office Bearers change at AGM's especially if the contact email was a private email address rather than a club one as all clubs who have verified members Working with Children Check registrations numbers would be contacted by the Office of Children's Guardian in the event that their status changes from cleared to banned. Mrs K Britton said that**

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mrs S Adams said that Raymond Terrace PC grounds had suffered some damage and as such they were currently thinking of ground sharing the Maitland PC grounds and wanted to confirm that this would be suitable. Mrs K Britton said that as long as both clubs agreed and Raymond Terrace notified the office of the change then this would be fine for insurance purposes. Mrs K Britton said that Raymond Terrace PC needed to decide on the long term implications of this move and if they would like their grounds upgraded they needed to approach their council advising that they believed that the grounds were unsafe under the Work Health & Safety Act and work with them on pathways of fixing the grounds so that they are safe and suitable.
- Mr G Hamer said that he had received a lot of feedback from the 2017 championships in regard to how fees were broken up with many comments that the venue charged much smaller amounts for stables/yards etc. he explained to people that the entry fee for outside events was generally higher than the \$45 set for PCA NSW events and that was how these organisations paid for the venue, first aid, volunteer travel etc. Mr G Hamer suggested that we look into breaking the fees up into entry, stable, camping and administration fees so that the break up was clearer to members and said that we he would work on a motion for the 2018 AGM.
- Mr G Hamer said that he was after feedback from zones on ideas to be turned into motions relating to increasing participation at the ODE & CT championships so that it could be distributed for voting on at the March council meeting.
- Mrs K Wood reminded everyone of the need for a club to have as a minimum someone with a Gear Check Certificate at a rally but also pointed out that this did not mean that they could run all activities and that clubs would need to complete risk assessments outlining the types of activities that the people on the ground were capable of instructing i.e. you should not be instructing jumping without a suitable qualified instructor on the grounds. Mrs J Frankum said that clubs may be helped by volunteers with outside certification.
- Mrs M Marsh said that they had a club within their Zone that had not been in touch with them at all this year and asked that state contact them as well to see if they are in recess. Mrs K Britton requested that Mrs M Marsh send information to the office for this to be followed up.
- Mrs E Caswell said that from discussions held over the last few days it seemed that once again only three Areas were able to send Team Sporting teams to the RAS. Mrs E Caswell said that she had been advised that some of those Areas would be able to supply two teams and some of the Areas without teams could supply one or two riders each. Mrs E Caswell asked that Area secretaries liaise with each other to ensure that we once again had six teams representing pony club in Team Sporting at the RAS, Mrs K Britton to send an email to zones requesting details of riders from Areas who were not able to supply whole teams to be sent to the office.
- Mrs E Caswell asked if a rider had been suspended by another organisation like EA did that suspension carry over to PCA NSW in light of the MOU, Mr W Pernice advised that it did not as only affiliated clubs could suspend its members.]
- Mr W Pernice thanked the State Executive for their help and support during the year especially in relation to mediating complaints across the state. Mr W Pernice thanked all volunteers for the work that they did on behalf of their clubs and zones and wishes everyone a safe and happy break over the Christmas and New Year period.

11. CLOSE MEETING

There being no further business Mr W Pernice thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12.20pm.