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Benalla Pony Club Members play a key role in the Cup Carnival.

Natasha Boucher with Melbourne Cup winner Shocking (above) and Dwayne Reid with Viewed. Photos courtesy of Benalla Ensign and Slikpix



PRESIDENT JAN FAULKNER



Another year is fast coming to a close and it should be time to give your faithful horse or pony a little rest before the next lot of events begin in the new year.

The Annual General Meeting of the Pony Club Association of Victoria was held on Sunday 23rd. August at the Moama Bowling Club,

hosted by the Northern Zone. It was a well attended meeting despite the distance from some other parts of the state. There was an election for the positions of Vice President, of which there are two, and the successful candidates were Philip Cobbledick and Kammy Cordner-Hunt.

The Prince Philip Games Challenge was held in October at Werribee Park and I would like to thank Philip Cobbledick for deputising for me on the day which I believe was most successful. I had the pleasure of attending the National Mounted Games and Prince Philip Teams Annual Presentation dinner at the Yarra Glen Hunt Club on Saturday 7th November. This is a group of dedicated riders with incredibly supportive parents and families. The development and success of this group is due by no small means to the skills and enthusiasm of Marilyn Healy and her resignation from the role of coach of the Prince Philip squad and team after ten years has been accepted with great regret. It was a privilege to present Marilyn with a Distinguished Service Award on behalf of PCAV in recognition of her wonderful contribution to the organisation.

We all know that our members often go on to bigger and better things in the horse world but I believe that PCAV got the double over the Victoria Racing Club Spring Carnival. **Dwayne Reid** was the strapper of Viewed, winner of the Caulfield Cup trained by Bart Cummings and **Natasha Boucher** was the very excited strapper of Shocking, winner of the Melbourne Cup and trained by Mark Kavanagh. Both are ex Benalla Pony Club members and our congratulations go to them on such a thrilling achievement.

It is with regret that the PCAV Council accepts the resignation of the Treasurer, Janice Ray. Janice has contributed much of her time and considerable expertise to the role over the past five years and we thank her most sincerely.

In her place I am delighted to announce that Pam Davey has accepted the role of Treasurer of the PCAV, beginning 1st January 2010. Some of you will know of Pam as she has run her own business for many years and is highly qualified in the field of saddlery. Welcome Pam.

In closing I would like to express my thanks for the contribution, guidance, friendship, assistance and support of the State Councillors, Executive, James, Clare and all staff members throughout the year.

Best wishes to all Pony Club members and families for the Christmas Season and may the New Year bring lots of fun at Pony Club.

Cheers Jan



PCAV Membership Fees 2010-2011

PCAV Membership Fees for 2010—2011 will be set at the
February State Council Meeting.

Pro Rata Membership Fees from 1 February 2010

\$40 per rider

NEW CLUB/ZONE UNIFORM OPTIONS

The State Council has approved allowing clubs and zones to put the riders name underneath the club/zone logo on official uniform items.

The font size for the name can be no greater than 12mm in size.

Section 7 of the Bylaws is being changed to include this addition. The word zone is also being included where the words "Club" were written to include the option for zone uniforms

No sponsorship logos are allowed on club/zone official uniform items



NEW VENUE FOR 2010 STATE FLAT TEAMS, MUSICAL RIDE AND GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS—BACCHUS MARSH

The State Council approved Bacchus Marsh as the venue for the 2010 State Flat Teams, Musical Ride and Games Championships.

The date is the 19-20 June 2010.



NEW DATE FROM 2011 FOR STATE DRESSAGE AND SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The State Council approved moving the date of the championships to the fourth Sunday in February. This motion came at the request of the zones as it will allow more time to prepare horses for the championships after the Christmas break.

The State Council understands this will clash with current events and has given over one years notice for clubs/zones to adjust or shuffle events on calendars.

The new date of the fourth Sunday is a permanent move from 2011 onwards.

2010 Date 14 February 2010

2011 Date 27 February 2011



STATE TREASURER JANICE RAY RETIRES

After many years of service, Janice Ray is retiring as PCAV State Treasurer from 31 December 2009. Janice served as Central Zone Representative in 2003 and then became State Treasurer in 2004. The State Council sends their best wishes and thanks her for her enormous efforts over the years.



FOUR NEW RULE BOOKS FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2010

Due to rule revisions, clubs will receive a revised Handbook of Bylaws, Gear Rules, Showjumping Rules, and Horse Trials Rules.

Clubs will receive a copy for the Club Resource Kit and an A5 copy.

SHOWJUMPING JUMPS VERSUS EFFORTS

Showjumping for Horse Trials - Course length

Showjumping course length for Grade 1 horse trials. The existing course length of 400m is difficult on the horses and riders because to get the required number of efforts there are a lot of related lines and the jumps “come up pretty fast”.

It has been suggested that 460m – 470m is a better distance and kinder to horse and rider. Anything over 470m is too long.

The course length was changed to be not more than 470m and 9-12 efforts for Grade 1



Counting the number of jumping efforts vs number of obstacles

Where the rules stipulate a jumping course must contain a certain number of efforts this must be calculated by how many times the horse jumps (the efforts made) rather than the final jump number on the fences.

Eg an A Grade showjumping course could have 9 obstacles consisting of one double and one treble which would mean the horse jumps 12 jumps or “efforts”

Fences 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 7C, 8, 9 = 12 efforts



DRESSAGE GRADE 5—INTERESTING FACT

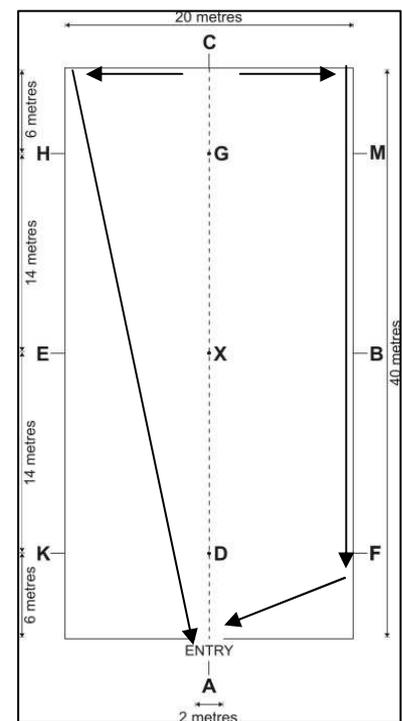
Did you know??

Leaving the arena at A – Grade 5 tests

Grade 5 tests are the only PCAV tests where a mark is given for leaving the arena. In all other grades the test ends with the final salute.

There are no instructions in the body of the test describing how the rider is to leave the arena other than to turn right or left at C and leave the arena at A.

It is up to the rider to choose the way they exit at A. The judge marks the obedience of the pony and the position and control of the rider. There are any number of acceptable methods of exit, two are illustrated in the diagram at right.



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CONCUSSION FOR KIDS

Concussion Experts: For Kids -- No Sports, No Schoolwork, No Text Messages

ScienceDaily (June 9, 2009) — When it comes to concussions, children and teens require different treatment, according to international experts who recently published consensus recommendations. The British Journal of Sports Medicine's new guidelines say children and teens must be strictly monitored and activities restricted until fully healed. These restrictions include no return to the field of play, no return to school, and no cognitive activity.

The new consensus is from the International Conference on Concussion in Sports. Children's pediatric concussion expert and neuropsychologist Gerard Gioia, PhD, participated in the panel, and played a key role in delineating the differences between children, adolescents and teens, and adult athletes. "These consensus recommendations mark the first time that international experts have focused on specialized treatment for kids," said Dr. Gioia, chief of Neuropsychology at Children's National. "This conference of experts has led the way in developing protocols for adult athletes, and now international protocols take into consideration that the developing brain of the child and adolescent requires special consideration. The guidelines also point to the important role parents, coaches, and teachers play in assessing and treating young athletes."

For children and adolescents, the guidance strongly reiterates several key points for coaches, parents, and physicians:

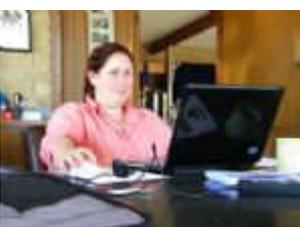
- Injury to the developing brain, especially repeat concussions, may increase the risk of long term effects in children, so no return-to-play until completely symptom free.
- No child or adolescent athlete should ever return to play on the same day of an injury—regardless of level of athletic performance.
- Children and adolescents may need a longer period of full rest and then gradual return to normal activities than adults.

For children, "cognitive rest" is a key to recovery. While restrictions on physical activity restrictions are also important, cognitive rest must be carefully adhered to, including limits on cognitive stressors such as academic activities and at-home/social activities including text messaging, video games, and television watching.

The group's recommendations for children and adolescents were based on the fact that though 80 to 90 percent of adult concussions resolve in seven to 10 days, for children and adolescents, the recovery time is often longer. In all cases, the decision to "return-to-play" should be made based on the individual's progress, not a standard time period. Careful post-injury evaluation of the injured student-athlete is essential.

Adapted from materials provided by [Children's National Medical Center](#)

www.sciencedaily.com



2010 STATE SHOWJUMPING AND DRESSAGE CHAMPS

Venue	Sale Polocrosse Grounds (East Gippsland Zone)		
Date	14 February 2010		
Warmup	13 February 2010 (optional)		
Dressage Tests	Grade 1	F and G	Grade 2 E and F
	Grade 3	D and E	



2010 INTERZONE TEAMS HORSE TRIALS

Venue	Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre
Date	24-25 July 2010.



2010 STATE HORSE TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue	Tonimbuk Equestrian Centre (West Gippsland Zone)
Date	1-2 May 2010



2010 STATE FLAT TEAMS, MUSICAL RIDE AND GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue Bacchus Marsh Pony Club

19-20 June 2010

Program of Games

Bending / Baton Relay	Stick Pegging Relay
6 Mug Race	Two Flag Race
Ball and Bucket	Flag and Drum Relay



CHANGES TO ENTRIES TO FLAT, MUSICAL, GAMES

Riders are allowed to participate in all facets of Flat Teams, Musical, and Games



PCAV SHOWJUMPING RULES

The State Council has approved a new Showjumping Rule Book effective 1 July 2009. The document is available on the website for free or through the PCAV shop for \$4.



PCAV Calendar

Event ID	Event	Date
9092	PCAV CIP Meeting	4-Nov-09
8674	PCAV State Council Meeting	10-Nov-09
11491	PCAV State Training Clinic NEZ	28-Nov-09
8685	PCAV Certificate C* K B H A Written Exam	6-Dec-09
8693	PCAV Office Closure Summer Break	17-Jan-10
11959	PCAV State Executive Meeting	20-Jan-10
11450	PCAV NMG State Skills Training Clinic and Selection	31-Jan-10
11949	PCAV State Council Meeting	9-Feb-10
12502	IMG Selection Camp PCAV	14-Feb-10
11427	PCAV State Showjumping & Dressage Championships EGZ	14-Feb-10
11960	PCAV State Executive Meeting	23-Mar-10
11970	PCAV CIP Meeting	7-Apr-10
11950	PCAV State Council Meeting	13-Apr-10
11385	PCAV State Horse Trials Championships WGZ	2-May-10
11961	PCAV State Executive Meeting	25-May-10
9001	PCAV State Training Clinic SMZ	29-May-10
11973	PCAV Zone Instructional Subsidy Form Due	1-Jun-10
11975	Closing Date for PCAV Award of Merits to State	7-Jun-10
11977	PCAV Club Membership Strength Return Closes	15-Jun-10
11388	PCAV State Flat Teams Musical Ride and Games Championships	20-Jun-10
11951	PCAV State Council Meeting	22-Jun-10
11980	PCAV Certificate C* K B H A Written Exam	4-Jul-10
11972	PCAV CIP Meeting	7-Jul-10
12459	PCAV DCI ZA Training CIP	17-Jul-10
11386	PCAV Interzone Teams Horse Trials Gr 3 and 4	25-Jul-10
9002	PCAV State Training Clinic NZ	31-Jul-10
11962	PCAV State Executive Meeting	3-Aug-10
11969	PCAV AGM Conference CZ	22-Aug-10
11952	PCAV State Council Meeting	23-Aug-10
11390	PCAV Prince Philip Games Challenge	10-Oct-10
11963	PCAV State Executive Meeting	19-Oct-10
9003	PCAV State Training Clinic WZ	30-Oct-10
11971	PCAV CIP Meeting	3-Nov-10
11953	PCAV State Council Meeting	9-Nov-10



FALL OF RIDER AT PONY CLUB COMPETITIONS

Rationale: This is an endeavor to ensure that riders are not exposed to higher risks after a fall than already exist due to the dangerous nature of riding a horse. There is always the potential that a second fall could be more detrimental to the welfare of the horse and rider.

A distinction has been made between competition and an activity that takes place under supervised instruction such as a rally or clinic as there are less outside pressures to remount and continue and more time to assess the nature of the incident.

In these cases the final decision and ultimate responsibility to continue lies with the rider if 18 or over and the parent or guardian if the rider is under 18.

The First Fall of Rider or Horse and Rider during a competition round at the following events is elimination;

The cross country course or Showjumping phase of Horse Trials

Jumping phase of Combined Tests

Showjumping competitions.

For all other competitions or activities, including the practice and warm up areas, the first fall of rider is to be categorized and actions applied as indicated using the following guidelines (scale of severity).

NB These rules do not apply to activities such as rallies and clinics that take place under instruction and supervision. In these cases the final decision and ultimate responsibility to continue lies with the rider if 18 or over and the parent or guardian if the rider is under 18. However, it is advised that if a fall results in unconsciousness or concussion that the rider takes no further part in the activity on that day.

Rider fall guidelines

1. Unconsciousness – If a rider has a fall, anywhere on the venue, which results in them becoming unconscious they are automatically disqualified from taking any further part in the competition(s) on that day.

2. Concussion. If a rider has a fall, anywhere on the venue, which results in an apparent concussion they are automatically disqualified from taking any further part in the competition(s) on that day.

3. Injury. If a rider has a fall, anywhere on the venue, which results in an injury that necessitates treatment in an offsite medical facility such as a Doctor or Hospital then a parent or guardian must sign a release form for the rider to take further part in the competition(s) on that day.

4. Minor Injury. If a rider has a fall, anywhere on the venue, which is of a minor nature and does not result in a head injury or injury requiring outside medical assistance a parent or guardian must sign a release form for the rider to take further part in the competition(s) on that day.



CLARIFICATION OF RULE FOR FALL PACE AND DISMOUNTING

Between the start and finish of the Cross Country, riders are free to choose their own pace. They must be mounted to pass all red and white boundary flags. Dismounting as a result of attempting an obstacle, whether voluntary or not, is penalized as a fall.

Elsewhere on the courses, riders may dismount without incurring a fault other than possible penalties for exceeding the optimum time.



QUICK RELEASE IRONS

Gear Rules

Treeless saddles – recommendation from CIP

The manufacturers recommend quick release irons for the closed stirrup "D" setup on these saddles. This will be included in next rewrite of Gear Rules for February 2010.

BIOSECURITY

The PCAV is including a membership waiver, biosecurity and horse health section in the Bylaws and on Membership Form templates.

This will allow clubs to collect the membership waiver and horse health declaration at membership renewal time. Clubs are asked to update their club membership forms to include this wording. See State Council Minutes 4.17 on page 16 or visit the website at www.ponyclubvic.org.au

The only information requested for clubs to collect at events is "Travel To and From" for horses.



NEW COMBINED TEST EVENT RULES

Eg. Combined Training, Supercross, Derby

The PCAV has developed rules for Combined Test Competitions. These competitions comprise two of the three tests of a horse trials and take place on one day. The rules will allow clubs, currently unable to host Horse Trials competitions due to venue constraints, to run variations of the competition based around the three phases of horse trials.

Combined Training	Short Course Combined Training
Supercross	Derby



\$8 POSTAGE IN PCAV SHOP

Due to rising Australia Post charges, the PCAV will be increasing postage for shop orders to \$8 from 1 February 2010.



NCAS PRELIMINARY COACHING ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Event ID	Event	Date
10359	NCAS Assessment Day - Kyneton CZ	1-Nov-09
10372	NCAS Assessment Day - Tullamarine CZ	1-Nov-09
10381	NCAS Assessment Day - Shepparton NEZ	1-Nov-09
10396	NCAS Assessment Day - Hamilton WZ	1-Nov-09
10382	NCAS Assessment Day - Kergunyah NEZ	8-Nov-09
10393	NCAS Assessment Day - Dandenong Ranges SMZ	8-Nov-09
12102	NCAS Assessment Day - Kilmore CZ	17-Jan-10
10342	NCAS Assessment Day - Ballarat BZ	7-Feb-10
10340	NCAS Assessment Day - Tocumwal NZ	7-Feb-10
10387	NCAS Assessment Day - Deniliquin NMZ	7-Feb-10
10337	NCAS Assessment Day - Barwon Valley BZ	7-Feb-10
10379	NCAS Assessment Day - Bendigo Midland	7-Feb-10
12103	NCAS Assessment Day - Finley NZ	7-Feb-10
12104	NCAS Assessment Day - Sunbury CZ	7-Feb-10
10400	NCAS Assessment Day - Wonthaggi WGZ	14-Feb-10
11079	NCAS Assessment Day - Lower Plenty NMZ	28-Feb-10
12105	NCAS Assessment Day - Apollo Bay BZ	6-Mar-10
12107	NCAS Assessment Day - Kangaroo Ground NMZ	6-Mar-10
12108	NCAS Assessment Day - Balnarring SMZ	6-Mar-10
12109	NCAS Assessment Day - Barwon Heads BZ	7-Mar-10
12110	NCAS Assessment Day - Oaklands CZ	7-Mar-10
12111	NCAS Assessment Day - Werribee CZ	7-Mar-10
12112	NCAS Assessment Day - Maldon Midland	7-Mar-10
10394	NCAS Assessment Day - Macclesfield SMZ	14-Mar-10
12113	NCAS Assessment Day - Albury NEZ	14-Mar-10
12114	NCAS Assessment Day - Toongabbie EGZ	14-Mar-10
12115	NCAS Assessment Day - Bealiba Midland	21-Mar-10
12116	NCAS Assessment Day - Beaufort Midland	21-Mar-10
10376	NCAS Assessment Day - Bushy Park EGZ	28-Mar-10
12117	NCAS Assessment Day - Lilloo WGZ	28-Mar-10

NCAS Coaching Update

The NCAS Preliminary Coaching Assessment Day are underway and we have visited 49 clubs.

There were 242 attendees with 18 coaches undergoing followup practical coach training.

There are still 85 candidates finishing off workbooks.

What an amazing start to the NCAS Preliminary Coaching program!

Thankyou to all clubs who have been so helpful in training coaches and allowing assessments on rally days.

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PCAV STATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Irving House, 73-75 Mackie Rd, Mulgrave. Vic. 3170
on Tuesday 10 November 2009 at 10am

MEETING OPEN 10AM

1. PRESENT / APOLOGIES

Present: (Chair) President - Jan Faulkner, Vice President - Kammy Cordner Hunt , Vice President – Philip Cobbledick, BZ – Deirdre Davey, CZ – Leonie Lang, EGZ - Stephen Bragg, MZ - Kaye Blanchard,
NEZ - Lyn Stevens , NMZ - Linda Smith, NZ – Bronwyn Glenn, SMZ – John Barlee,
WGZ - Vicki Kneebone , WZ - Anthea Sutherland. EO - James Fitzpatrick, SCD - Clare Lewin

Apologies: Treasurer - Janice Ray, SMZ – Robyn Coutts

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES (24th August 2009)

Moved Linda Smith

That the Minutes of the State Council Meeting held on 24 August 2009 be approved.

Seconded Anthea Sutherland

Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved Steve Bragg

When planning calendars, Zones are asked to give priority to Horse Trials State Qualifying events and schedule them prior to the closing date for entries for the State Event.

Seconded Kammy Cordner Hunt

Carried

Items not ready for Council requiring additional development

Club Voting Rights (at Rules Sub-committee)

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION

Administration

4.1 DCI Nominations

Moved Vicki Kneebone

That the DCI nominations of Karen Gasperotti, Anne Payne, Jane Parks be noted

Seconded Bronwyn Glenn

Carried

4.2 Staffing

Confidential contract information must not be disclosed to any third party under the Privacy Act.

Moved Philip Cobbledick

That the Executive Officer's Contract be approved.

Seconded Linda Smith

Carried

Moved Philip Cobbledick

That the State Coaching Director's Contract be approved.

Seconded Anthea Sutherland

Carried

The State Council thanked Clare for her assistance with the Resources that have been produced over recent years.

Marlee Kuzmich will cease employment on 7 November 2009 and may be offered a return to work in 2010 as per outlined conditions.

Suanne Waugh will be on maternity leave from Christmas 2009

- 4.3 Occupational Health and Safety
 Moved Philip Cobbedick
 That children in the office be supervised.
 Seconded Anthea Sutherland **Carried**
- Moved Vicki Kneebone
 That the Executive Officer develop a working alone policy.
 Seconded Steve Bragg **Carried**
- 4.4 Canning V Pony Club
 Moved Steve Bragg
 That the PCAV pay the public liability insurance excess to AON.
 Noted Leonie Lang potential conflict.
 Seconded Linda Smith **Carried**
- 4.5 Commercial Alliances
 After discussion regarding approaches with a number of commercial operators:
 Moved Steve Bragg
 That the PCAV develops a sponsorship guideline for sponsoring events.
 The State will not be selling commercial products for suppliers.
 Seconded John Barlee **Carried**
- 4.6 Uniform Options
 A discussion regarding names, team names, was held.
- Moved Kaye Blanchard
 That the riders name be allowed under the club/zone logo of 12mm size.
 Add words "or zone" to club logo in section 7
 No sponsorship logos on club/zone official uniform items
 Seconded Lyn Stevens **Carried**
- 4.7 AGM Conference
 Discussion on the following topics was held. Maldon is working on the development of rules and format for barrel racing,
 James has commenced FAQ 's on the website, \$1 rider levy for State and National teams will continue to be discussed, mem-
 bership product and marketing in the future planning stages.
 Executive Officer to make a new Life Membership or Distinguished Services Award nomination form with Bylaws criteria and
 countersigned by Zone Pres or Sec and Zone Rep.
- Moved Kaye Blanchard
 That a plaque and badge be granted for PCAV Life Membership
 Seconded Bronwyn Glenn **Carried**
- 4.8 Hay Pony Club
 Moved Bronwyn Glenn
 That subject to club approval, the PCAV would offer Hay Pony Club full affiliation attached to Northern Zone.
 Seconded John Barlee **Carried**

Events

- 4.9 NMG – Horses for Nationals
 Moved Philip Cobbedick
 That the State Council endorses the NMG Sub-committee recommendation to support each state providing their own horses to
 the common pool for NMG Nationals. This item to be discussed at the PCA Meeting in November 2009.
 Seconded Deirdre Davey **Carried**

- 4.10 2010 NMG International Selection State
 Moved Philip Cobbledeick
 That PCAV host the 2010 NMG International selections on the weekend of 13-14 February 2010.
 Seconded Kammy Cordner Hunt **Carried**
- 4.11 State Flat Teams, Musical Ride and Games Championships Venue
 Moved Philip Cobbledeick
 That the State Council endorses the sub-committee recommendation for the venue to be Bacchus Marsh PC for 2010.
 Seconded Kaye Blanchard **Carried**
- 4.12 Change of Date for PCAV State Dressage and Showjumping Championships
 There was general discussion about moving the championships on a permanent basis to allow more time to prepare horses as early February was perceived as a difficult time.
- Moved Lyn Stevens
 That the date for the 2011 Championships will be in December 2010.
 Seconded Linda Smith **Lost**
- Moved Kaye Blanchard
 That the date for 2011 be fourth Sunday in February every year from 2011 (eg 27 February 2011).
 Seconded Vicki Kneebone **Carried**
- It was recognised that this will clash with club events and that is why this motion will be implemented from 2011. By the state moving off the date in earlier February, it is hope a date shuffle can be achieved with zone/club calendars.
- 4.13 Entry Fees for 2010 State Dressage and SJ Championships
 Moved Steve Bragg
 That the entry fees be \$60 for the championship, optional \$20 dinner, optional \$5 warmup competition
 Zone Representative Steve Bragg reminded participants that NO DOGS are ALLOWED at the venue
 Seconded Linda Smith **Carried**
- 4.14 2011 Nationals
 The State Coaching Director gave an overview of the potential sites. The sub-committee will undertake site visits in the coming week and do a cost analysis between the 2 preferred sites.

Rules (for inclusion and implementation in 2010 Rule Books)

- 4.15 Fall of Rider at Pony Club Competitions

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Moved Vicki Kneebone

That this section on falls to be included in the Bylaws with a single line of reference in the rule books

Seconded Anthea Sutherland

Carried

4.16 Lungeing

Moved Anthea Sutherland

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Seconded Linda Smith

Carried

Letter from Midland Zone to go to Rules Sub-committee.

The Executive Officer to update Competition Templates and related webpages.

4.17 Membership Waiver

Clubs are encouraged to use our membership and event templates as a minimum standard. A club may use it's own forms with club information but we suggest that the following waiver be included.

By joining a club each member agrees that

"I acknowledge that horse sport is dangerous and that accidents causing death, bodily injury, disability and property damage can, and do happen.

I acknowledge and agree that neither PCAV nor "the organizers" shall be under any liability for death, or bodily injury, loss or damage which may be sustained or incurred by the applicant, as a result of participation in or being present at PCAV endorsed events, except in regard to any rights I may have arising under the Trade Practices Act 1974.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the information provided in this membership form regarding codes of conduct and privacy.

Health of Horse(s) I declare that the horse(s) I bring to pony club will be in good health, eating normally and not showing signs of respiratory disease during the last 3 days leading up to attending any pony club rallies, activity or event. I give my authorisation for the Club or Event Secretary to call for veterinary inspection of the horse/(s) in my care should they be showing signs of a respiratory illness at any time during the course of the activity/event. I agree to pay any veterinary fees incurred as a result of this veterinary examination.

Horse Activity/Event Declaration Waiver I understand that due to diseases such as equine influenza, the Victorian De-

partment of Primary Industries, or other State or Commonwealth government body, may restrict or prevent the movement of horses, vehicles and personnel for a period of time ("Standstill"). I acknowledge and agree that a Standstill is a risk of competing at this event and I agree to pay all costs or expenses incurred by the organising committee as a result of a Standstill.

Biosecurity Guidelines I have read and understand the PCAV Biosecurity Guidelines as read on the website www.ponyclubvic.org.au and I will act in accordance with these guidelines.

Moved Philip Cobbledick

That the membership waiver be included in the Handbook of Bylaws and on the Membership Form Template.

Seconded Steve Bragg

Carried

The Executive Officer to check the wording on the Membership Form Template for displaying images of Children and usage.

4.18 Showjumping

Already approved by State Council

That the words "per round" be included in the Starting heights in table 3.1

Add Abuse of Horse Section and refer to Bylaws 19.4 Abuse of Horse

4.19 Horse Trials Changes

State Horse Trials Qualification

Insert the following rationale into the section referring to Qualification for Grade 1 & 2 Horse Trials.

While the height for each EFA qualification is 5cm higher than the specified PCAV Grade, the degree of technicality is of an equivalent level which is considered the more important aspect of the qualification.

Degree of difficulty for Grade 1 is CNC / 1* and Grade 2 is Pre-novice

First Fall of rider and or horse and rider anywhere on Cross Country Course is Elimination

First Fall or rider and or horse and rider on Showjumping Course is Elimination

Add Abuse of Horse Section and refer to Bylaws 19.4 Abuse of Horse

Moved Anthea Sutherland

Is no more than 60 cross country JUMPING penalties for qualification for state

Seconded Leonie Lang

Carried

Clarification of Rule for fall

Pace & Dismounting

Moved Kammy Cordner Hunt

Between the start and finish of the Cross Country, riders are free to choose their own pace. They must be mounted to pass all red and white boundary flags. Dismounting as a result of attempting an obstacle, whether voluntary or not, is penalized as a fall.

Elsewhere on the courses, riders may dismount without incurring a fault other than possible penalties for exceeding the optimum time.

Remove wording under authorised assistance that allows a rider to be handed a Helmet. If they lose their helmet they are eliminated.

Seconded John Barlee

Carried

Moved Vicki Kneebone

Water Minimum Distance/Length

Table C.10.3 needs another row added to reflect rule C.10.6.3.a below;

The maximum depth of water must not exceed 30cm. If there is a jump into and a jump directly out of water, **the length** of a water crossing between entry and exit must be at least nine (9) metres to discourage a bold horse from attempting to jump over it. For other water jumps the length of the water crossing between entry and exit must be at least 6 metres.

Change word length to width

1st row - Minimum width of water crossing with one jump either in or out of water is 6m. – Ref Rule C.10.6.3

2nd row – Minimum width of water crossing if using a jump in and one out is 9m

Seconded Kammy Cordner Hunt

Carried

Showjumping for Horse Trials - Course length

Showjumping course length for horse trials. The existing course length of 400m is difficult on the horses and riders because to get the required number of efforts there are a lot of related lines and the jumps “come up pretty fast”. It has been suggested that 460m – 470m is a better distance and kinder to horse and rider. Anything over 470m is too long.

Discussion followed to leave course length as it is and lower the number of obstacles allowed. Currently we have 9-12. EV use course length 400-450m and obstacles 9-10

Moved Kaye Blanchard

That the course length be not more than 470m and efforts 9-12 for Grade 1

Seconded Vicki Kneebone

Carried

Clare Lewin to write a newsletter article about efforts versus obstacles

Amendment

Moved Steve Bragg

That the current distance of 400m and 9-12 efforts be continued until such time as the Rules Sub-committee finalises this review.

Seconded

Lapsed

Amendment

Moved Kammy Cordner Hunt

That the course length be not more than 450m and obstacles / max efforts 9-10

Seconded John Barlee

Lost

4.20 Combined Test Competitions

Moved Anthea Sutherland

That the Combined Test Competitions Rules be approved and effective 1 February 2010.

Seconded Kammy Cordner Hunt

Carried

4.21 General Rule Changes from Rules Sub-committee

Gear Rules

Treeless saddles – recommendation from CIP

Manufacturer recommends quick release irons for the closed “D” scenario which is different from our rules. This needs to be included in next rewrite of Gear Rules.

Bylaws

Already approved by State Council that at State level events, where possible, that the TD or TA come from outside the zone or sub-committee.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

5.1 Financial Reports as at 30 September 2009

Moved Linda Smith

That the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2009 be approved.

Seconded Steve Bragg

Carried

5.2 Budget 2009 – 2010

Moved Vicki Kneebone

That the revised budget showing a deficit of \$37,000 be approved.

That the Executive Officer and Treasurer present a revised budget with a target deficit of \$20,000.

Seconded Linda Smith

Carried

5.3 Membership Fees 2010-2011

Moved Vicki Kneebone

That the membership fees be set at the February State Council Meeting after the revised budget has been prepared and presented to State Council.

Seconded Bronwyn Glenn

Carried

5.4 Financial Procedures

Moved Philip Cobbletick

That the following motion "That the Treasurer sign all cheques" be deferred.

Seconded Steve Bragg

Carried

Moved Philip Cobbletick

That the Petty Cash float be reduced from \$500 to \$50.

Seconded Kammy Cordner Hunt

Carried

5.5 Treasurer Resignation / Appointment

Resignation

The President spoke to the resignation of the Treasurer and the State Council thanked Janice Ray for her enormous efforts since 2003 as Treasurer.

Moved Philip Cobbletick

That the resignation of Janice Ray of 31 December 2009 be accepted with regret.

Seconded Steve Bragg

Carried

Moved Anthea Sutherland

That the Handbook of Bylaws 4.2.1.c be amended as follows

The Treasurer is appointed by the State Council.

The term of tenure is 1 year for new appointments and, following a review, 2 year term.

Seconded Vicki Kneebone

Carried

Appointment

Moved Philip Cobbletick

To re-align timing due to a vacancy, that Pam Davey be appointed the PCAV Treasurer from 1 January 2010 until August 2011 and then a biannual term.

Seconded Linda Smith

Carried

It was noted that Janice Ray has offered support to the new Treasurer to prepare the end of year accounts for 2010.

5.6 PCAV Bushfire Funding

52 NMZ members received an offer for hay. 16 not picked up as yet. 8 from EGZ would like funding. James to investigate pickup compliance, EGZ eligibility and hay deliveries from NMZ to EGZ.

The PCAV fund has \$21,583 in credit.

Bush Fire Relief Fund. This is to be wound up by February 2010, twelve months following the tragic fires.

There was a general discussion about future allocations and the Executive suggest to the State Council an allocation as follows:

Moved Phillip Cobbledick

That subject to documentation approval that account allocations be

\$10500 Additional Feed

\$2000 Loss of zone equipment

\$9000 Yarra Glen PC (compliant with Qld family request who donated proceeds from the sale of a horse through Elders)

Seconded Kammy Cordner Hunt

Carried

It was ratified that PCAV be the Auspice organization for Kinglake PC for the \$100,000 grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria.

5.7 Annual Audit Letter

Moved Steve Bragg

That the PCAV cease the provision of re-insurance at the auditors request on 30 June 2010.

Noted that the inventory invoicing process has been addressed.

Seconded Vicki Kneebone

Carried

6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Report tabled

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Next Pony Club Australia Meeting in November for President, State Coaching Director and Executive Officer. See President's Report in MAD magazine.

8. COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NCAS Club Update

Discussion on the number of candidates, completion rates etc.

The Executive discussed the excess workbooks in the field and the new 2010 sign-on process for clubs and instructors.

Coaching Director, Clare Lewin, presented a brief report on the roll out of this program so far. Mostly very successful but some more refinements will be developed to continue the assessments throughout the State.

Next products for development are the Dressage Training Manual and Showjumping Build.

A panel is being developed with dressage experts to develop the training material.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Pony Club Australia

10.2 PCAV Executive

Minutes supplied

10.3 Equestrian Victoria

Jan Faulkner is the new PCAV delegate on EV Branch

10.4 Chief Instructors Panel

Minutes supplied

10.5 State Games, Flat Teams and Musical Ride Sub-committee

State Games budget approved by State Council

- Philip Cobbledick reported on the recent meeting.
- 10.6 National Mounted Games Sub-committee
Great Team dinner and retirement function for Marilyn Healey
- 10.7 State Dressage and Showjumping Championships (2010 EGZ)
Moved Steve Bragg
That the State Council approves the booklet with amendments
Seconded John Barlee
- 10.8 State Horse Trials Championships (2010 WGZ)
Date 1-2 May 2009
Venue Tonimbuk
Dressage Tests Grade 1 HT2 Grade 2 HT1
Entry Fees likely to be \$90 first rider, second horse \$70
- 10.9 Inter-Zone Teams Horse Trials
- 10.10 Rules Sub-committee
- 10.11 History Sub-Committee
Report to go to the next Executive Meeting.

Carried

Minutes supplied

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 11.1 "Paddling" at cross country water obstacle to be discussed by the Rules Sub-committee and report back to a future State Council Meeting.
- 11.2 PCAV State Training Clinic 28 November 2009 at Euroa needs marketing support from zones.

12. CLOSE MEETING 5.04pm

13. NEXT MEETING

Executive	Wednesday 20 January 2010	Mulgrave 10am
State Council	Tuesday 9 February 2010	Mulgrave 10am



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