

Central Zone of Pony Clubs Inc.

**Annual General Meeting of Central Zone
Thursday 6 October, 2022
At Ross Watts Children's Hall, Station Street, New Gisborne**

Meeting Opened at 8.19pm by Ronnie Graham, Central Zone President

Central Zone Executive Present:

Zone President: Ronnie Graham (Truganina)
Zone Vice President: Tanya Stocker (Kyneton)
Zone Vice President: Teri Kirkham (Macedon)
Zone Secretary: Leonie Lang (Gisborne)
Zone Treasurer: Robin Crawford (Kyneton)
Zone Representative: Sue Hollins (Gisborne)
Zone Exam Secretary (ZES): Jayde Kirkham (Macedon)
Zone Chief Instructor (ZCI): Niree Weybury (Woodlands)
Minute Secretary: Leonie Lang (Gisborne)

Zone Delegates Present:

Member Club	Represented by:
Broadford	
Bullengarook	Lisa Commadeur Rob Challis
Findon	Pam Kalms Bernice Muldoon Brendan Muldoon (apol)
Gisborne	Lisa Newman
Glenlyon	
Heathcote	
Kilmore	Proxy to Macedon
Kyneton	
Lancefield	Teaghan Marsh (apol)

Member Club	Represented by
Macedon	
Melton	
Riddells Creek	J'Aimee Mallon
Truganina	
Werribee	Wayne Cuthbert (apol) Aimee Cuthbert
Whittlesea	
Williamstown	
Woodend	
Woodlands	Joanna Brennan

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion that the minutes of meeting held 7 October 2021 be accepted as an accurate record of that AGM.

AGREED

MOVED:

SECONDED:

Carried.

Teri Kirkham

Niree Weybury

ITEM 4

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

ITEM 5

RECEIPT OF REPORTS

Moved: Aimee Cuthbert; **Seconded:** Teri Kirkham. Agreed/Carried

- **President – Report as read. See Appendix 1**

- **Treasurer – Robin Crawford**

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Treasurer's Report: Year Ended 30 June 2022

A loss of \$2,916.50 is tabled for the 2022 financial year.

In summary, the financial result for our major sectors were as follows:

	2021	2022
Lowden Shield	\$2,525.17	\$671.67
Fimister Shield	\$0	\$0
Central Zone Horse Trials	\$0	\$0
Games, Flat, Musical Qualifiers	\$1,932.28	(\$178.45)
Clinics and Training Days	\$99.90	(\$290.80)
Certificate Testing	(\$1,159.90)	\$137.00
Dressage and SJ Qualifiers	\$1,618.27	(\$562.36)

Income for our events was lower than in 2021 as last year we had on hand the majority of required ribbons due to cancelled events in 2020, last year we had to purchase ribbons as required. Numbers have been low at events which means they have mostly run at a small loss. In cash terms made a loss of \$2,916.50 for the year, however there was \$3,855.00 in outstanding invoices to clubs for state events. Some of this has been paid since June 30 and the remainder is yet to be received.

Outstanding: State Dr and SJ \$720.00

: State Games Flat and Musical \$3,135.00

See **Appendix 2** for Profit and Loss July 2021-June 2022 and June Balance Sheet.

- **Zone Representative – Sue Hollins**

After resigning from the CZ executive in October 2021 I was asked to take over the Zone Reps role earlier this year after our previous Zone Rep, Des was unable to continue in the role. I have had lots of support from the current executive and the pony club community. Thankyou everyone.

It has been great to see so many CZ riders out successfully competing, especially at State level. CZ riders definitely cleaned up in 2022. We have even had riders nominated to attend the Interpacific competition in 2023. Congratulations!

Thankyou Ronnie for stepping up as president, we will miss you, you will definitely be contacted to assist at the Lowden Shield as you have done for many years.

Leonie we are not letting you go yet.

I know all the new rules have been challenging for everyone, I feel that PCA and PCV are finally realising this and a reviewing where there are issues.

Once again thankyou and keep up the good work everyone.

- **Chief Instructor – Niree Weybury**

We have had a busy year in CZ having our riders compete at many Zone & State events. The highlight for me was the State Games, Flat & Musical Ride held at Woodlands. Woodlands Jets brought home the win in the games competition, Riddells Creek winning the pairs and musical ride and Macedon being a very close 3rd & 5th in the team of 4 – Almost a clean sweep by CZ – how fantastic. Congratulations to all.

Our Zone events were run by some of our hard working exec committee and were run quite successfully. A very big thank you to the hard working exec for everything they do in the zone.

Certs: Jayde Kirkham is doing a great job coordinating the C certificates. This is a very hectic job but Jayde has it covered and does so with great professionalism and eagerness.

Meaghan Sutherland, current coach of the year is again working really hard with the A and B certificate candidates having recently hosted a higher certificate workshop at Riddells Creek.

J'Aime Mallon has kindly taken on the C* and K certificates under the watchful eye of Meg.

Thank you to all three ladies for doing such a great job with these certificates and the new syllabus.

Congratulations to our coaches and riders who were nominated and winners of the PCV / PCA awards.

Coaching qualifications are coming through in our zone. I'm happy to say that all my reminding has been beneficial and clubs are now ticking all the boxes with qualified coaches – thank you.

A reminder to all that PCV run State coaching workshops multiple times a year across different zones.

These are great to attend and network with other coaches across the state. If you are able to attend, please do so – you won't be disappointed. CZ will be hosting a SCW in 2023, if your club is interested in hosting, please let me know.

That's my wrap up of this year!

Remember I'm available if you need assistance with anything and our coaching panel are all available if required (please look up the new CZ website for contact details).

• **Zone Examining Secretary – Jayde Kirkham**

. As read. See Appendix 3

ITEM 6

RETIREMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

- All positions for the CZ Executive were declared vacant. Ronnie Graham remained in the chair.

ITEM 7

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- Nominations for the following positions were received:

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded
President	Teri Kirkham	Sue Hollins	Leonie Lang
Vice-President	Tanya stocker	Sue Hollins	Ronnie Graham
Vice-President	Pam Kalms	Bernice Muldoon	Niree Weybury
Secretary			
Treasurer	Lisa Kennedy	Teri Kirkham	Leonie Lang

There being no other nominations, the executive positions were declared duly elected.

The position of secretary remains vacant

The President then took the chair for the rest of the meeting.

Nomination was noted for appointment of Jayde Kirkham to the position of Zone Examining Secretary.

Sue Hollins

Ronnie Graham

ITEM 8

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting closed at 9.12 pm

Appendix 1 President's Report

Ok...so where do I start...prior to Covid or after Covid.. , any way as we all know now it was a bit of a hiccup with the pandemic, but in the end we finally got going..

Firstly, I would like to thank you, the CZ members for allowing me to be your president for the last 12 months and your vice president previously under the guidance of the past executive members. From Ruth Feltoe when I first jumped on board with Central Zone, meeting up at her place in the dark cold hours of night to Sue, Niree, Leonie, Terri, Tanya, Lisa, Lu , Robin, Jayde and previous members Bronwyn and David, and of course Pam from Findon, you have all left an impression on me of my involvement in CZ, you are all very passionate people, with some of you no longer having kids involved in Pony Club, but you still all have a passion for the pony club cause, and without volunteers like you CZ would not exist. Wayne and Aimee you are here every month and you are the people make Pony Club what is today. Yes, I will miss you all.

Volunteers being the key word here, none of us are professionals and do not have all the answers. We strive to do our best for the better outcome as a whole, not for the individual.

My approach was to have a common sense outlook, but this was not always possible with the many rules that Pony Club has and it has been unfortunate and played a part in my decision to stand down.

Yeah sure I have other things to pursue going forward and one of them is being a grandad and moving on in life in different pastures.

One of the more recent quotes I have heard which stuck with me is "don't let the parents dictate the outcome of a pony club event ". This seems to be happening too much these days, which is sad. I wish Members new and old would all have a look at the aims and objectives of pony Club and what it is all about.

- To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all approved kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.
- To provide instruction in riding and horsemastership and to instil in members the proper care of their animals.
- To promote the highest ideals of fellowship, citizenship and loyalty, and to cultivate strength of character and self-discipline.

This all is aimed at our young members, for them, to give them hope, love and guidance in becoming better involved and more educated in their journey of discovering horses and horse riding, not to become the best ever, you can strive for success outside the pony club ring and enter the show world, and compete at the highest level if you decide to choose that path, but whilst involved in Pony Club, we aim to encourage you and for you to enjoy the world of horsemastership...provide you a guidance, a guidance of love, passion and a strength of Loyalty.

Building character which I am big on... to give the young kid all the support we can... to encourage them and not to bring them to tears before they enter the ring at a Gymkhana.

Not once in all my 40 odd years in pony club have I heard a complaint from a child,only the Parent...

The pony club parent can at times be the most unsafe involvement at gear check...our gear checkers are also volunteers and they do their very best to help and guide that child in the most safest way possible, generally these gear checkers all know their stuff and have been involved in pony club a long time, a lot longer than the new parent on the block...please support them in the future...and our wonderful instructors, the instructor is there to instruct the class not the parent.

I at times cringe when I hear the parent yell out to their child "have fun" as they enter the Show ring ...do they really mean that? Or is it go out and win....I often wonder at times.

From my experience the child is just happy to ride their pony and doesn't really care about getting a ribbon...most kids in pony club just like riding their horse with their friends.....that.. we should encourage more...

Becoming President has been a role that I did not expect it to be at times, yeah I like to get amongst the action and get involved in "hands on stuff", but you also need to be a pacifier, an independent person and not become too emotionally involved, and you are required or expected to have all the correct answers and a degree in psychology to solve that one complaint that can upset you from the inside, as most of you know I wear my heart on my sleeve and try and be friends with everyone...that's really me....I'm not a fan of rules ...and as I have said before pony club has more rules than ASIO...yeah.. all these topics and opinions of mine are unfounded, but a common sense approach these days does need to be warranted ... society as a whole for me has changed and this new change sweeping us at the moment has taken its toll on me... personal, yeah...but I just want to let you all know my feelings.

I love Pony Club kids and was once a Pony Club kid myself....as a kid we have the best fun...even though some of us aren't all cowboys or cowgirls with that natural ability .. most of us just want to be amongst our friends.. we are all equal and no one was better than the next kid.,....in our minds....until the competitive parents got involved..

Going forward I believe the next President and future President needs to be strong and (unfortunately) must stick by the rules that govern us...otherwise it will take its toll on you.

Maybe I can stay involved at a hands on level, maybe something like the Lowden Shield, which I have been involved in for a long time now... this to me is the most fun event on the Pony Club Calendar, where the kids can have a go at 4 different disciplines of horse riding, that being Flat, Games, Jumping and even Led classes to get involved in, without having to worry about plaiting their horse or pony...who knows... that's up to the next committee to decide....but yeah I will miss this event the most.

I also hope that the inaugural Gala/awards night event coming up can be a success and be sustained and gain momentum going into the future.

I loved my time in Pony Club generally, especially at club Level, at Woodend & Truganina...both these clubs will forever hold a special place in my heart.

I wish the kids fun and happiness and to learn to enjoy Pony Club.

I wish you all here tonight the best of health and happiness as you are the most dedicated and passionate people in Pony Club Land.

I wish the next committee the best of Luck.

Ronnie Graham

Central Zone President

2021- 2022

Appendix 2

Treasurer's Report: Year Ended 30 June 2022

Central Zone of Pony Clubs
Profit and Loss Statement
For the period from 1/07/2021 to 30/06/2022

	30/06/2022
Income	
Central Zone Horse Trials	-
Certificates Income	480.00
Clinics Income	309.20
Dressage and SJ Qualifiers	1,735.79
Fimister Shield Income	-
Games Flat Musical Income	4,290.00
General Income	2,500.00
Interest received	3.94
Lowden Shield	3,081.34
President's Cup Income	-
Ride To Time Income	-
State Championships	1,910.00
Uniform Sales	330.00
Zone Fees	3,150.00
Total — Income	17,790.27
Less: Expenses	
Accounting fees	-
Bank charges	-
Central Zone Horse Trials	-
Certificates Expenses	343.00
Clinic Expenses	600.00
Dressage and SJ Qualifiers Expenses	2,298.15
Fimister Shield Expenses	-
Games Flat Musical Expenses	4,468.65
General Expenses	1,477.30
Lowden Shield	2,409.67
President's Cup Expenses	-
Printing and stationery	-
Repairs and maintenance	-
Ride To Time Expenses	-
Sponsorships/Donations	100.00
State Championships	8,010.00
Travel	1,000.00
Uniform Purchases	-
Total — Expenses	20,706.77
Net profit (loss)	(2,916.50)

BALANCE SHEET

As of June 2022

Assets				
Current Assets				
Westpac Community Solutions 1	11-4466		\$12,019.87	
Westpac Community Solutions Cash Reserve	392178		\$19,197.31	
Total Cash on Hand				\$31,217.18
Debtors			\$3,855.00	
Total Current Assets				\$35,072.18

Appendix 3

C Certificate Report 6/10/2022

Jayde Kirkham E: Jayde.kirkham6@gmail.com PH: 0409002164

With the old syllabus for certificates finishing up late in 2021, this was our first year with the new assessment structures.

C Certificates

Round 2 Assessment 2021– Saturday 11th December @ Riddells Creek Pony Club Grounds

Our first C Certificate assessment with the new syllabus! All the candidates did a fantastic job and set the standard for the future assessment days.

Kyneton: 2 rider – Ruby Fraser and Isabella Fraser

Riddells Creek: 3 riders – Caitlyn Bonacker, Katie Alford and Keira Mathlin

Thanks to Leonie Gray for assessing the candidates and to Kyneton for lending the grounds for the day.

Round 1 Assessment 2022 – 19th March 2022 @ Kilmore Pony Club

Kilmore Pony Club hosted the C Certificate Assessment day with Aimee and Taneisha Cuthbert as the assessor. All candidates were successful.

Kilmore: 7 riders - Ella Christie, Sienna Colgan, Rose Aldridge, Lincoln Dougall, Georgia Caddies, Georgia Keep-Ryan and Sarah Barri.

Round 2 2022 – 8th October @ Woodlands Pony Club

This assessment will be held this Saturday at Woodlands Pony Club grounds. Goodluck to all riders involved!

Kyneton – 1 rider

Macedon – 6 riders

Williamstown – 1 rider

Glenlyon – 1 rider

Woodlands – 6 riders

Whittlesea – 1 rider

New C Certificate Booking System!

We are hoping to trial a new way of booking into the C certificate assessment days as it seems to be getting harder and harder to locate the appropriate forms that are needed to register interest. We are hoping to utilise “just go” which will allow riders to register their interest in the assessment days and pay the fee directly to the zone rather than organising through the clubs. This will make it easier to get information out to all of the candidates for each assessment and hopefully make it more user friendly for everyone! Will see how it goes but hopefully it works out well.

Just Go and Certificates

Please ensure that your member check that the certificates on their just go profile are representative of the certificates that they have achieved. Clubs should ensure that all just go profiles are up to date prior to the end of the year so that when the new cards are printed next year, they are accurate and up to date. Some of the information seems to have not transferred over from omni sport so please make sure you check this ASAP.

PCA Academy

A reminder that the PCA academy is now live and is a good way to guide riders through some of the certificate content in addition to working through the books.

What is it?

“The Pony Club Australia Academy is designed to expand and enhance the certificate program by supporting the coaching and certificate manual systems with online content and activities. This enables the use of digital media resources such as YouTube videos, audio clips, online games, interactive presentations, quizzes and online certificate testing/exams”.

I am not overly familiar with the platform but let me know if you have any questions about it and I can try and help!

C* and K Certificate

Thanks to J’Aime Mallon for taking on the C* and K certificate coordination. Meg and J’Aime recently organised an information and planning night and now are working towards training days and hopefully assessments in the near future.

A and B Certificates

Big thanks to Meaghan Sutherland for coordinating the A and B certificates, as usual, she has been doing an outstanding job. Meg has also been busy organising training days for higher certificates in the future.

In December 2021 Jayde Kirkham successfully completed the final jumping component of her A certificate, a big thank you to all involved with organising this.

Hopefully this year, with Meg’s guidance, we can see more riders achieve their A and B certificates in CZ.

That’s all for certificates I think! It has been a great year and hope that we continue to see riders working their way through the certificates this year. 😊