

PCA Data Base Update

The PCA Administrative Agreement had been terminated by PCA effective April 1st.

The data base has been a full time commitment since January. There are still 3 modules to be completed. PCV Clubs are being issued with trusted Club Officials pass words and Vicki and Suanne are working with clubs as they call for assistance to set up their membership years. Estimated that 100 clubs have been issued with passwords.

International Tetrathlon Selection

Congratulations to Darcy Wade – Stratford Pony Club and Lachlan Waddell – Benalla pony Club who have been selected to the 2016 PCA International Tetrathlon Team which will be touring Ireland in August.

Other team members are: Charley Barrett, Tori Squire, Nicole Herdman and Jemma Read from WA and David Gardiner from TAS. Coach is Sheila Oorschot from WA and Manager Janet Hamblin from NSW

Technical Delegate Horseland InterZone Teams Horse Trials

Michelle Debenham has been offered a position at Badminton Horse Trials which is a huge achievement. Consequently she has notified us that she can no longer TD the IZTHT. She suggested that Carl Parkin may be able to help

MOTION “That Carl Parkins be invited to be the Technical Delegate for the IZTHT 2016 ”

Ride 2 Time Final (previously Speed to Safety)

RVL has confirmed the date as Saturday August 20th at Moonee Valley

International Mounted Games Hosting 2016

Planning is underway and quotes are being obtained for the itinerary so that Land Fees can be set.

EOI for financial assistance has been submitted under the Significant Sporting Events Program 2014-2016

Horses will be required and assistance with hosting riders once the itinerary is set

Horse Trials Height Changes

Discussion

- Changes need to be in place for two years before review, previously letters in relation theights have been sent to the Rules Committee – noted two years is almost up since inception
- Some felt 2 years too long needs to be addressed more quickly
- Need to get feedback from the field on how the heights have been working and address all issues around these changes. Create a mechanism to allow feedback to be provided.
- Some Zones have not tried the new heights due to concerns over the changes
- Survey field including Grade 1 & 2 riders from State Championships. Need to ensure that the questions asked gather meaningful data that can be compared and analyzed. Consideration be given to using an electronic method such as Survey Monkey to allow collation of data.
- Other Grades such as Grade 5 also need to be considered as some feel Grade 5 height is a detractor.
- Letter from NEZ will be forwarded to the Rules Committee

MOTION That the Rules Committee create a survey for the State Horse Trials and IZTHT 2016
Rules Committee will Draft some survey questions and send it out to invite feedback from Zones

Declining Membership at Pony Club

Suggested that a Conference be held in conjunction with AGM to discuss these issues and others such as the cross country heights

This is an important topic that is many faceted. Clubs need help to understand what is happening and why. Declining Market Share and segmentation. Suggestion that PCAV seeks some independent advice through market research. Membership has decreased significantly over the last 10 years – at 5% pa. Need some data a round why this is happening so we can address the issues.

Two points need to be addressed;

- If accept declining membership then we may have to know by how much and when so we can make plans to adjust
- State Level such as competition and rules then can put plans in place to address specific issues
- Sports Commission – ASC – has already done considerable work on Market segmentation surveys which address these issues.
- Conduct Exit Surveys to see why people are leaving Pony Club

Suggestion that the same questions need to be asked to ensure that information collected can be analysed.

Rules Committee will come up with a questionnaire to be circulated

Budget Items to be considered for 2016-2017

Need to be realistic about how general membership funds are used in funding International Riders and National Teams. Riders have the opportunity to fundraise at both Club and Zone level.

PCVEC Calendar

The PCVEC Calendar is rapidly filling and will become part of the Centre Report at each Council meeting. Noted that dates for State Championships will need to be confirmed with PCVEC at least 18 months in advance to ensure a booking is available

MOTION “That the suggested dates on the 2017 PCVEC Calendar for State Championships are to be discussed at Zone level and confirmed at the June State Council Meeting.

It was noted that the Horse Trials State Championships need to be held on the first full weekend in May – 6th & 7th as per the Bylaws. This year is was changed due to the leap year and where Easter fell.