

Funding of International & National Teams

The current model of funding is not sustainable due to the size of the teams and number of events that are being offered.

A Policy will be created so that members are aware what to expect before they commit to the event.

The following decisions will be implemented in the policy.

“That PCV pay the team entry fees for teams representing PCV at National Championships”

“That a flat fee for each team member will be calculated based on the expenses for the duration of the event which will also include a contribution towards the Team Manager and Coach expenses”

“That the International rider funding of \$1,000 for IMGE and IPE representatives remain in place when the tour is overseas but will not be allocated when the tour is in Australia”

Dates for the 2017 State Championships at PCVEC

The following dates were submitted for the 2017 State Championships

- Dressage and Showjumping March 4th & 5th
- Horse Trials May 6th & 7th – as per Bylaws
- Inter Zone Teams Horse Trials May 28th & 29th
- Tetrathlon December 2nd & 3rd

Following a recommendation from the GFMR Sub Committee it was proposed that the Event move to November to move out of the busy first 6 months of the year and to take advantage of better weather. As this is a high impact decision the proposal will first go to Zones for discussion

“That the proposed dates for the Games Flat & Musical Ride State Championships be the last weekend in November 25th & 27th 2017. This is to be discussed at Zone level and will be voted on and finalised at the next State Council meeting in September”

Zones who vote no to the proposed date in November must submit an alternate date.

It was also noted that the date for the Prince Philip Mounted Games Challenge is yet to be set. It will be held on August 28th 2016 but it can be flexible in future as it is no longer used as a selection trial competition for National Championships.

International Mounted Games Hosting 2016

Planning is well underway. Tour will be based in Melbourne with 4 day visit to the Grampians, training at PCVEC, day trips to, Nobbies, Kolas and Penguins, Final Competition will be on Saturday November 5th at Whittlesea Show. We will be calling for home stay families and horse lenders very soon.

Formation of Sub Committee to run State Championships at PCVEC

Need to formalise the Committees and get some more hands on deck to help. Need to advertise this when calling for Sub committees. It was suggested that the events be run along the lines of the IZTHT volunteer roster which works well. Include set up and tidy up in addition to the technical aspects. Jobs can be allocated on entries and distance to be travelled.

Horse Trials Cross Country heights two yearly height review.

“That the following heights be offered for HT in 2017 1.10 Championship, Grade 1- 1.05, Grade 2 95, Grade 3 - 80, Grade 4 - 65, Grade 5- 50 and Grade 6 - 35 cm”

This recommendation will be put into a Bulletin with rationale and proposals. Zones are required to discuss the document prior to the September Council meeting when the outcome will be finalised.

Invitation from Equestrian Victoria to participate in the 2016 Dressage Festival

It was reported that the proposal is very exciting. HRCV participated last year with great success. It is an opportunity to give PCV riders exposure to top level dressage competition and exposure for Pony Club. Initial budgeting shows that the exercise will have a positive outcome.

Date of competition is Saturday December 10th

“That Pony Club Victoria conduct dressage competitions for all Grades in conjunction with the 2016 Equestrian Victoria Dressage Festival”

PCV funded Club Visits

The Executive Sub Committee has recommended that Club visits in the current format would not be funded by PCV from July 1st 2016. This does not mean that Zones cannot continue to visit clubs but they will not be funded by PCV.

The plan to develop a State Club visiting panel in line with the NCAS Mentor and Assessor program will be revisited to create a coordinated approach to Club Visits so that all Clubs have access to the same experience when they have Club Visit.

“The club visit funding in the current form by PCAV will be discontinued from July 1st for the 2016-2017 Financial Year”

National Championships 2017

Dates are 16th – 23rd September Venue – Toowoomba - this week does not correspond with the Victorian School holidays. The EA Interschool's will be the following week (which is the first week of the Victorian School holidays). In an effort to involve more pony club members, PCA are looking at expanding the competition to include younger riders. Further updates will be available on the PCA website and via Bulletins from the PCA organising Sub Committee.

Tracy Hosier is Chair of the PCV Nationals Advisory Sub Committee and has reported that Expressions of Interest to join the 2017 Nationals Advisory sub-committee are currently underway. Any interested parents or coaches who would be interested, are asked to contact Tracy.

Pony Club Australia Update (PCA)

AGM, Conference and Awards night held May 28th and 29th in Adelaide. Pony Club Victoria featured highly in the inaugural awards.

- Jim Page of Lilydale Mooroolbark and NMZ was Volunteer of the Year
- Lauren Clark Merricks PC - Senior Athlete of the Year
- Darcy Wade of Stratford – Junior Athlete of the Year
- Merricks Pony Club – Club of the Year

Carol Paterson and Judy Pitt retiring Directors were re-elected unopposed. Michelle Harper from Victoria filled the third vacant position.

PCA Bulletin sent in June noting that there would be a 250% increase to PCA capitation fees for 2017 from \$2 - \$5. This became a major discussion point at the AGM in relation to requirements for an increase and the fact that each state has different membership and financial years and requires notice to implement such a change.

Addressing Declining Membership

A proposal and quote from a Consultant was tabled. It contained recommendations on conducting a survey into declining membership at PCV. The survey is independent and will provide factual information in the form of qualitative and quantitative data which can be used to plan for the future of Pony Club in Victoria. It is a big project for which PCV does not have an allocation in the 2016-2017 Budget so funding would have to be sourced elsewhere or via a Grant.

That Zones be approached to contribute financially to the Membership Survey as outlined in the Proposal at \$900/ Zone for the benefit of Pony Club Victoria into the future.”