

President's Report – April 2012

I hope everyone had a happy easter and school term break. As usual, there is lots happening in the Club, so please ensure you read Tracey's DC report to keep up to date with events and our Club commitments. My sincere thanks to the families who helped out so generously at the NMZ Yeringberg Horse Trials last month.

Club Membership & Fees

During the last few weeks, members should have received their annual membership invoice. You will have noted an upfront Club Annual Duty Levy has been introduced, that PCAV insurance has increased due to new 24/7 accident coverage, and Club membership has increased by \$10. Although our Club is one of the largest in Victoria, our membership fees are still amongst the lowest and we do not charge a family joining fee.

Please remember to pay your fees promptly (direct debit or at the next rally) and return your completed application renewal form. After the difficulties we have incurred in past years chasing fees, we now stipulate that all fees must be paid by 15 May at the latest, otherwise your place will be filled by someone from the waiting list.

Also outlined with your invoice, are our membership rules, which you agree to by renewing your membership.

I would like to remind parents that it is a PCAV and insurance requirement that at rallies, ALL riders, regardless of age or ability, MUST be accompanied by a parent or nominated guardian for the ENTIRE rally. This is for safety and legal insurance reasons should an accident occur. Please note that from next rally we will be enforcing this rule strictly.

Therefore at a rally, each rider's parent/guardian must sign the Duty Attendance Folder in the office, on arrival AND departure from the rally. Failure to do so will mean the rider will not be allowed to ride at that rally. This Duty Attendance Folder will also keep record of family duty sessions in order to be refunded the maintenance levy. If a rider has not been signed in by the time gear check finishes, that rider will not be permitted to ride.

Next month we will be holding the Club Annual General Meeting and this is your opportunity to have your say in what we offer our riders and how we operate as a Club. There are various vacancies for both Committee and non Committee positions which will enable you to have your input. Most of these positions do not require you to attend meetings, but instead assist behind the scenes.

Positions Vacant

Zone Delegate - (Non Committee position, no need to attend SPC meetings)

Attend Northern Metro Zone (NMZ) meetings once a month, Wednesday night at Ringwood Pony Club, and report back verbally or by email anything of interest to our Club Committee. Suits a person interested in knowing what is going on in pony club within Victoria, eventing, competitions, PCAV etc. Probably a parent of a rider who is a competent grade 4 or higher rider, interested in competing. Meetings are efficiently run, and usually finish by 9.30 pm. Could be shared by two people.

Yeringberg Co-ordinator – (Non Committee position, no need to attend SPC meetings)

The liaison person between Club and NMZ regarding Yeringberg event information.

Volunteer Co-ordinator – (General Committee position, no need to attend SPC meetings)

The person who co-ordinates Duty Rosters for our Club members at rallies, NMZ Events and our Horse Trial and Dressage Day. Calls for good organisational and people skills.

Grants Writer – (Non Committee position, no need to attend SPC meetings)

Every year or so, government grants become available. This position would suit someone who can seek out suitable sporting grants and write a submission on behalf of the Club. (We have history on the club, statistical data, detailed database and past Grant applications from which to draw information. PCAV usually advise when suitable grants are open for applications.)

Grounds Team - (Non Committee position, no need to attend SPC meetings)

We are seeking 1 or 2 men or women to join Kerri McLeod with maintenance of the grounds. This includes arena smudging, gardening, assessing grounds equipment and clubhouse for wear and tear, co-ordination of external tradesmen for seasonal slashing and mowing.

General Committee – (Optional attendance at SPC meetings)

3 or 4 people to join the general committee, no specific job positions. No experience necessary, just a positive attitude towards helping out behind the scenes, having your say, making a difference, sharing the Club workload. The level of assistance you provide is totally up to you. We are simply looking for an injection of new thoughts, faces, input and assistance. Attendance at meetings is optional, but if you want to learn more about pony club, then coming to an occasional SPC meeting will help. These positions would suit both new parents and more experienced pony clubbers.

Current Committee:

Office Holders/Committee of Management

President	Ria Brenchley
Vice President	Andrew Garland
Secretary	Andree Johnson-Clarke
Treasurer	Kay Sandfort
DC	Tracey Kerford

General Committee

Card Secretary	Wendy Deans
Rally Planner	Sandy Garland
Duty Rosters	Jenni Eggleston
Uniforms	Lisa Tyrrell
Website	Jo Darby
OH&S Officer	Viv Jones
First Aid Officer	Kylie Jones
Grounds	Kerri McLeod

As outlined above, there are a number of vacant but important positions required for running a Club of this size. Therefore the existing Committee is extremely stretched. So please, give some serious consideration to helping us out. If you think you can do so, I would love to hear from you, or if you would like further clarification of any positions, please contact me as soon as possible.

See you at the next rally, this Sunday 22nd April, at the later winter start time of 9.45 am gear check.

Regards
Ria

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