

## CHRISTCHURCH PONY CLUB MEETING

### Minutes of 8 March 2022

**PRESENT:** Shirley Smith (DC) email: [chchpcdc@gmail.com](mailto:chchpcdc@gmail.com)  
Marion Champ (Secretary)  
Gail Mitchell (Treasurer)  
Chief Coach Sue Cowie  
Bangor: Sue Zydenbos, Narissa Mayberry  
Banks Peninsula:  
Ellesmere: Chris  
Ferrymead: Angela Fitzgibbon, Rebecca Lip, Emma Dunn  
Halswell: Jan Mackay  
Little River:  
Roydvale: Brodie Archer  
Springston: Trinity Lauren  
Waihora: Jules Askin, Belinda Thomas  
West Melton/Weedons: Kyla Dimmock, Suzie Doncliff

**APOLOGIES:** Carmen Tuffnell, Sonya Bakkeness (Ferrymead), Suzanne (Springston), Vic Turner

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

*Moved: Kyla Dimmock Seconded Sue Cowie Carried*

Held 8 February 2022

*Moved Sue Zydenbos Seconded Belinda Thomas Carried*

### MATTERS ARISING:

#### CORRESPONDENCE IN:

6 March Notice of NZPCA AGM 31 July 2022, Queenstown

4 March Waihora Pony Club Fundraising Farm Trek on 27th March - Kaituna Valley

4 March BPPC - Wanted Beige Jods size 2 -8

Prince Phillip up 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Programme

18 Feb 22 2022 NZPCA Award Nomination Forms

Nominations received for Coach of The Year from Bangor and West Melton Weedons Branches

Moved that both nominations be put forward to CAPC

*Shirley Smith Seconded Belinda Thomas Carried*

13 Feb Cancellation Notice Scandal Trophy and Jumping Day

9 Feb Prince Phillip Cup entry form

#### CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

#### TREASURERS REPORT: Gail Mitchell See attached

Report and accounts for payment

**Moved: Gail Mitchell Seconded Kyla Dimmock Carried**

**HEAD COACH: Sue Cowey**, Ph 0274530741 [chchpccoach@gmail.com](mailto:chchpccoach@gmail.com)

### **Examinations**

#### ***B Examination***

We are holding a B Riding only examination this Saturday. As usual, nothing runs smoothly, with an examiner needing to excuse herself yesterday due to a family emergency, and one of the candidates having a lame horse. Nothing a bit of frantic ringing around can't fix though! We have some very dedicated people in Canterbury willing to step up to help where they can so it looks as though, as at this moment we are still on track. Congratulations to these

candidates who, with an incredible amount of support from their parents and branches, have put in an incredible amount of work to be ready for this exam. I really can't praise them enough for the way they have stepped up to learn everything they can to be ready.

### ***C+ Examination***

This is set for 10th April in the afternoon. There are 3 candidates confirmed.

### ***Next Examination info***

- B and C+ examination to be held Saturday 21 October. Depending on numbers, we may need to extend to Sunday 22nd as well.
- All Fully completed cards for both examinations need to be with me by Sunday 31 July (via eMail)
- Application forms will be sent on 1 August and will need to be fully completed with the fee paid by 14 August. This form needs your Head Coach/Rally Co-ordinators signature that the rider complies with the Rally Rule.

No late applications can be accepted. This gives branches and riders just over 4 months to have all the information completed.

Motion: That Christchurch Pony Club contribute a co-payment for three Ridden coaching sessions for the B certificate riders between 14 August and 22 September to assess candidates prior to the examination. These will also be Senior Rider rallies and will contribute towards riders required rallies for the future. These will double as the examination assessment so a separate assessment will not be required. Christchurch Pony Club to contribute \$150 per session - total \$450 with riders paying the balance for each session. Riders are required to attend at least two sessions to enable the assessment to be completed.

Rationale We found quite a disconnect between the assessments and the examination last time, resulting in surprises on the examination day. This will provide riders with final prep for their examinations, and if there is a bit of fine tuning still needed, there will be a bit more time to get this done. The coach will be able to assess progress better over a 3 lesson course, than a pass/fail on one day.

To receive the co-payment, riders attending must have attended at least five rallies and/or working bees at their branch in the previous 12 months and must comply with the rally rule for their examination. These need to be completed prior to 14 August.

Riders sitting the full B examination or Horse Mastership only will be required to sit and pass an assessment no later than 22 September (date to be confirmed)

### ***Coaches Coaching***

This is on the back burner until next month. Shirley has confirmed with our local ECTP coach that they would be happy to run courses for us, so I will be emailing branches for interest soon. Once this is confirmed, I will be applying for funding to assist with these costs.

Coaches conference - 4-5 June in Taupo. I hope branches will encourage as many coaches as possible to attend - these are a wealth of information for coaches and there is plenty to learn.

## ***Mega Rally***

This year it will be held on 14th August. This is the second Sunday in the month and is therefore a rally day. Unfortunately the RDA is booked for that date and they only have 6th & 7th August and 3rd and 4th Sept available. I won't change the Mega Rally date, but was wondering if we look at running a games/fun rally for our 10 and under on one of these dates? This means the RDA can be used and those small riders get the chance to ride indoors, and not freeze. I am happy to discuss this with Sue Z to decide on a suitable date.

***Report Moved Sue Cowie Seconded Narrisa Newberry Carried***

Shirley thanked Christine Lewis and Sue Cowie for organising the B coaching and the riders who attended for their commitment and dedication.

ECTP Fast track D and D+ coaching course – NCPC may have coaches interested in joining if there is space available.

- Branches asked to let Sue Cowie know the names of members interested in attending by 1 April 2022.
- Members must be 16 years old to eligible to attend
- Sue to check the limit on numbers attending with Kim.
- Course fee is \$185.00

## **GAMES COODTINATOR: Sue Zydenbos -**

- Prince Phillip Cup
  - Only two CHCH PC Teams – one of which had a draft rider from Amberley
    - Despite this, it was an exciting competition, with the teams each winning races throughout the competition to be tied leading into the last game. Bangor managed to hold their nerve to retain the Cup from Springston.
  - Bit disappointing but I think this is just the times we are in.
  - Presented the Rugs, Rosettes and Cup to the three riders who were in the Canterbury Area Pony Club winning team for NZPCA National Games Championship.
  - CMGA also ran an Assisted Pairs competition for Pony Club riders – this was in the gap between the CMGA competition and Price Phillip Cup. It was great to see the Prince Phillip Cup riders helping the junior riders from their Branches. It was also helpful to run the Assisted Competition under CMGA rules so that the younger riders could be on appropriate ponies and didn't need to ride under the 5-rally qualification for a "team's event".

***Moved Sue Zydenbos Seconded Jan MacKay Carried***

## **AREA:**

Champ Events - Congratulations to riders in Canterbury Teams:

Show Jumping and Games Teams won their events, Dressage team – Second

Shirley to follow up with CAPC on presentation of Rosettes for Dressage and Show Jumping.

Games presentation was during Prince Phillip Cup.

## **BRANCH MATTERS/ REPORTS**

**Bangor PC** - Our rally on 27 February was held at Kirwee and this was our first all-day rally – 19 riders attended. Jumping was first up as the jumps from the show the previous day needed to be put away, this was followed by a BBQ lunch, road riding through Kirwee township, flat work and working through a Unity competition.

Bangor had a team for Prince Phillip Cup. Competing against the one other team – Springston – the scores were tied before the final race, with Bangor managing to secure the win and retain the Prince Phillip Cup for another year.

**Banks Peninsula PC** – Great start to the Year. WE have had an amazing turn out to the last two rallies. For us 8 riders on 8 ponies, a combined member effort. The riders without ponies have been utilising the generosity of the equine community and riding other people's ponies. Due to the quality and experience of our instructors, two of our riders have been practising posting. The Saturday night sleep over has become a fast favourite and has allowed for an evening ride on the grounds. With autumn upon us the reality of travelling ponies to and from pony club becomes a harsh reality on the peninsula. Vic Turner.

**Ellesmere PC-** We haven't had any activity since my last one due to weather cancelling our Feb rally. Of note though, is that our Dressage Day is coming up on the 27th for which the entries close on the 16th.

#### **Ferrymead PC**

**Halswell PC-** February Head Coach Report:

We had our first rally back of the year on the 27th of February at our own grounds. We had 5 of our members as well as 4 visiting potential new members come along for the day. With the two groups we ran through HM topics as well as covering flatwork and some time spent on our cross country course. This also gave us a chance to introduce the new riders to pony club and what we enjoy about it.

We are working to get our D+ riders through their certificates in the next couple of months and we have several B riders who have expressed their interest in getting their certificates this year. We have start making good headway for these riders and look forward to some new and exciting rally ideas coming up.

**Little River PC -**

**Roydvale PC –**

**Springston PC -**

**Waihora PC -**

**West Melton Weedons** – We have had a good start to the New Year. The kids all had a great time at SI SJ Champs and our kids riding for Area in Champs week all did well and enjoyed their experiences. We diligently prepared for Scandal with some flatwork rallies and were sad that the weather led to the cancellation of Scandal but it would have been a miserable day if it had gone ahead. Since then we have held a SJ & XC rally and started up our theory evenings for the C-B level riders. We are also holding a D/D+ HM session this coming weekend to focus on the non-ridden aspects of these cards for our younger riders. We have started working towards the running of the XC for Collier securing the services of a XC Judge, Course Designer and TD. We also held our AGM and were pleased to have most of our office holders and committee members stay on for another year.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Discussion on NZPCA Qualifications and if they can be cross credit to NCEA credits. Shirley to checked with Samantha at NZPCA and advised that there is no affiliation between NZQA and NZPCA therefore there is no opportunity for Cross crediting.
- Paying Coaches – If branches are paying coaches for services the coach must provide an invoice to the branch; they are then responsible for their own tax obligations. Branches can reimburse for fuel and expenses. Lunch is not included as an expense.
- A & H Exams. Congratulations to the 3 riders who passed their A exam and 2 who passed their H exam. 4 were Canterbury riders and 1 was from Nelson,
- Collier Trophy: To be held at Roydvale Pony Club on 22 May 22  
Preparation for grounds; Roydvale confirmed the grounds will be mowed prior to the event.

## Organisers for 2022

Convenor Springston Pony Club – Contact Christine Lewis

XC Co-ordinating Branch – West Melton Weedons

Show Jump Co-ordinating Branch – Halswell

Grounds Roydvale

Discussed possibility of running as an express event depending on Covid restrictions.

Sub Committee to be appointed and a meeting arranged at Roydvale.

Marion to re circulate allocation of jobs for branches

- NZPCA Conference end of July  
Branches asked to start thinking about Nominations
- Ferrymead PC Lease has been extended for 10 years
- Waihora PC – Asbestos issue in the toilet area has been resolved.  
They have a Fund-raising trek organised to assist with the costs. Please encourage your riders to attend, consider as an opportunity for a rally
- Next meetings: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – AGM and monthly meeting  
Covid policy for AGM to be advised in advance.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

## **What is coming up?**

2022

- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Collier Trophy
- 31 July 2022 - closing date for completed cards to be sent to [chchpccoach@gmail.com](mailto:chchpccoach@gmail.com). Don't even think about sending any in after this date!
- 14 August 2022 Mega Rally
- 21 October 2022 C+ and B examination - depending on numbers may also be 22 October
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## **Organising branches**

### **Scandal Trophy:**

- 2023 Waihora assisted by West Melton Weedons