

Minutes of Roma Pony Club, General Meeting, held at The Maranoa Club, 27 January 2010

Meeting opened: 8.16 pm

Present: Madeline Baker, Linda Arnold, Carla Cosgrove, Sussan Evans, Steve Swires, Chelsie Wilkes, Tracie Dean, Sonya Harland, Helen Spinks, Phill Young, Raylie Metcalfe, Graham Hardwick, Jane Green, Rebecca Green, Hazel Krienke, Renee Wilton, Karen Brumby, Tanya McGilvray, Andrew McGilvray, Anne Fraser, Jim Herbert, Gill Swires

Apologies: Carla Carroll, Jody Ferguson, Ruth Herbert, Shane Brumby, Roger Arnold

Previous Minutes: Read as true and correct. Moved Gill Swires, Seconded Sussan Evans.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Insurance – Linda has spoken with Elders and Suncorp. Both will send assessors out, Jane volunteered to show both representatives round on Monday 1st February 2010.
- RPC banner – Jane to investigate
- Zipper ties – wrong shade of royal blue arrived, Gill trying to get in contact with the company. Jane mentioned that the registered colour of tie is actually navy, Gill checked the PCAQ Admin Handbook – yes, navy!
- 'In case of emergency sign' – Lynda Hardwick not at meeting, Graham will remind her
- Peta Johnstone (potential new instructor) – not EFA registered and wants to be paid. There is another possible instructor in town, David Howard, however also not EFA registered. Jane explained that it wasn't necessary for outside instructors to have their own insurance as initially RPC then ultimately PCAQ would be the liable parties..
- RPC website – Gill explained that she is part-way through developing the site but has come to a technical hitch. It is only \$13 a year for West-Tech to host the website.
- Sign-on day and working bee – discussed in general business.
- Jump wings and rails – Rails have arrived and are at Corfe Park. There are extra rails available for people to buy. Steve has been getting quotes for wings with and without keyhole tracking. One company offers a sliding scale discount for pony clubs, which would be good if other members want to also purchase wings. No local welding companies have been contacted as yet.

Inwards Correspondence:

- Blue Card Positive Notice for Tanya McGilvray

Outwards Correspondence:

- Letters to Cowtown and David Finch thanking them for their provision of awards for our end of year presentation
- Letter to Ryan Baines thanking him for playing Father Christmas at the break-up

Gill Swires moved that Inwards and Outwards correspondence be endorsed. Seconded Graham Hardwick

Treasurer's report: Cheque Account balance: \$ 7,734.13 V2 Account: \$7,229.44.

Linda Arnold moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Andrew McGilvray.

General Business:

- Sign-on day and working bee: 8.30am onwards. Steve to get the undercoat/primer and look into getting the paint. Tracie suggested getting plain base and tints. Grounds need slashing, Jane to ask Jimmy to contact Robert Peak.
- Zone 20 Dressage, Combined Training & Horse Trials Championships – it had been discussed and agreed at the instructors meeting that this event be postponed. However, a ‘mini’ Club competition will be held.
- Rule infringements – Gill raised that a number of PCAQ rules are being ignored, namely: dogs on the grounds (dogs not to be on the grounds, if it is absolutely necessary to bring dogs then they need to be tied up); there is to be no drinking of alcohol whilst activities are still running eg during a rally day, alcohol may only be consumed on pony club premises after horses are put away and all events completed; helmets are to be worn by any rider whilst on pony club grounds or involved in a pony club activity, this includes adults eg partners/spouses; smoking is not permitted in the canteen area, or whilst instructing, or whilst in pony club uniform.

Any other Business:

- Andrew mentioned that there is a set of poly yards that had been offered to RPC at Metalcorp. If we don't collect them, they will dispose of them. Hazel volunteered to go and have a look and see about transporting them out to Corfe Park. Andrew suggested that if they aren't needed as a yard as such, they could always be used to replace the wooden (falling down) yards by the washbay. Gill suggested that if we don't need them they may make a good raffle prize.
- Jane said that the fridge had been turned off over the holidays – it had some foodstuffs in and eggs! She has given it a good clean out but it may need to be gone over before we put it to use again. She suggested that it be plugged in at the same switch as the freezer so it doesn't accidentally get turned off again.
- Linda raised that kids are helping themselves to drinks on rally days and asked whether the canteen could be manned. Gill said that as there were often people in that general area, they should notice if any child comes up to the canteen and they should help them. It was agreed that the canteen needed someone behind the counter at breaks.
- Linda asked that anything bought on behalf of the club is to be agreed to via the minutes so that she can keep track of purchases / invoices etc. Agreed.
- Carla asked if there was any progress with the Zone 20 saddle cloths. Jane said that there wasn't as there hasn't been a Zone meeting and in fact that the other clubs are not interested in the Zone and that Roma needs to run it as we are pretty well the only club that enters anything.
- Linda mentioned that we need to be aware that participants may need to pay more for lessons when we get instructors out, and the Club just pay for travel etc, especially as there are no sporting grants available .
- Gill suggested that the club purchase a book for the student hostel as the ANZAC day contribution, and recommended a collection of working horse stories. Carla said that she may be able to get a signed copy of a book that is coming out shortly, by one of the Roma Show judges. Gill said that if it didn't come in time, it might make a good raffle prize.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 24th February 2010, 7pm. As meetings held on a rally day are not successful, it was initially thought to hold them at Macdonalds. However, due to the number of people on the committee, the Maranoa Club was put forward by Jim.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.04pm