



NEW ZEALAND PONY CLUBS ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of the 60th Annual Conference held on 16th, 17th and 18th June 2006, at the Sudima Hotel, Christchurch.

WELCOME

On behalf of the Conference Organising Committee, Jan Danrell, Christchurch Pony Club President, welcomed delegates to the 60th Annual Conference and wished everyone present a pleasant and happy stay. A presentation of sprays was made to the top table including the guest speaker, Garry Jackson, Hurunui District Mayor. Jan Danrell introduced Garry to open the Conference.

OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Garry Jackson, Mayor of Hurunui District Council, opened the conference with an address with the emphasis on seeing young people develop and grow to the best of their ability. Pony Club Coaches need to encourage and nurture self responsibility towards an animal; encourage personal development; encourage riders to have a competitive experience and encourage social interaction. Garry and his family have been part of Pony Club for many years and sees a strong future in Pony Club in NZ for the future.

1. APOLOGIES

Marian Galvin, Manukau City District PC, Taumarunui & District PC, North Wairarapa PC, Wairoa PC, Central Otago PC, Kevin Lawrence, Penny Jones, Ann Roke,

Bob Stringer moved and Marj Steiner seconded the motion: "That these apologies be accepted".

Carried.

2. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Geraldine Rae moved and Barbara Woolhouse seconded the motion: "That the standing orders be adopted".

Carried.

3. ROLL CALL

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Area	Name	Club
ASN	Gill Kingsbury	Ashburton
ASN	Sue Kent	Ashburton
ASN	Claire Baldwin	North Otago
ASN	Jenny drummond	North Otago
ASN	Debbie Eddington	South Canterbury
ASN	Maureen Chamberlain	South Canterbury
AUK	Christine Kahn	Auckland District
AUK	Kerry Currie	Auckland District
AUK	Graham Bennett	Manukau City District
AUK	Jo Street	Manukau City District
AUK	Angela Lloyd	Pointways
AUK	Dr Andrea Menzies	Pointways
BOP	Alan Familton	Taupo & District
BOP	Jan Twentyman	Taupo & District
BOP	Linda Hitchman	Tauranga
BOP	Martin Williams	Tauranga
CBY	John Brownlee	Christchurch
CBY	Kim Edington	Christchurch
CBY	Bob Stringer	Hurunui
CBY	Joan Stringer	Hurunui
CBY	Euan Muirson	North Canterbury
CBY	Geraldine Rae	North Canterbury
COM	Barbara Harvey	Immediate Past President
COM	Nicky Williams	NZPCA President
COM	Allan Ferguson	NZPCA Vice President

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COM	Noel Griffin	NZPCA Vice President (Friday only)
COM	Peter Goldsmith	NZPCA Vice President (Sat & Sun only)
FTV	Pat Bowles	Franklin District
HB	Helen Liddle	Central Hawkes Bay
HB	Julia Cook	Central Hawkes Bay
HB	Felicity Dobell- Brown	Heretaunga
HB	Heather Grant	Heretaunga
KC	Evelyn Cooper	Waimarino
MNW	Celia Sowman	Golden Bay
MNW	Nancy Jean Bell	Golden Bay
MNW	Heather Laugeson	Kaikoura
MNW	Alison Souness	Marlborough
MNW	Liz Barker	Marlborough
MNW	Bron McKenzie	Murchison
MNW	Michelle Ross	Murchison
MNW	Colette Barrow	Nelson
MNW	Pam Coleman	Nelson
MNW	Janet Hardcastle	Waimea
MNW	Heather Truman	Westland
MNW	Jen Smith	Westland
MWC	Daryll Fraser	Horowhenua
MWC	David Gibbons	Horowhenua
MWC	Louise Beazley	Manawatu
MWC	Megan McLeay	Manawatu
MWC	Hazel Thomson	Rangitikei
MWC	Linda Glasgow	Rangitikei
NOR	Barbara Woolhouse	Bream Bay-Kaipara
NOR	Heather Edwards	Bream Bay-Kaipara
NOR	Karen Frost	Whangarei
NOR	Leonie Gibbons	Whangarei
OS	Glennys Trounson	Dunedin District
OS	Rei Owens	Dunedin District
OS	Robyn Clarke	Eastern Southland
OS	Debra Gibson	Eastern Southland
OS	George Redditt	Northern Southland
OS	Alan Davidson	South Otago
OS	Rebecca Scott	South Otago
OS	Diane Bell	Southland
OS	Mary Adams	Southland
OS	Pauline Carruthers	Taieri District
OS	Philippa Hawker	Taieri District
OS	Ann Sharp	Waikouaiti District
OS	Rosemary Small	Waikouaiti District
TAR	Pat Perkins	North Taranaki
WAI	Christine Hartstone	Hamilton
WAI	Juliet Bruce	Hamilton
WAI	Jo Schumacher	Matamata
WAI	Nicola McBurney	Matamata
WAI	Jenni Strang	Te Awamutu
WR	Lyn Smith	Kumeu District
WR	Sue Clemow	Kumeu District
WR	Mary Dawkins	Waitemata District
WR	Brenda Allen-Baines	Warkworth District
WR	Marj Steiner	Wellsford District
WR	Debbie Kelly	West Auckland District
WR	Rowan Calder	West Auckland District

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WW	Bruce Forbes	North Wairarapa
WW	Miles Koberstein	South Wairarapa

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Gill Kingsbury and Geraldine Rae seconded the motion: "That the minutes of the 59th Annual Conference held on 15th, 16th and 17th June 2005, which have been circulated, be taken as read as a true and correct record".

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nicky Williams, NZPCA President, welcomed everyone to the 60th Annual Conference. She thanked the Clubs and Branches for their hard work throughout the year. She emphasised the need for a sound marketing strategy which will, in due course, encourage new members to join Pony club. Nicky announced the three Branches who attained the biggest increased in membership for the 2005 year. These were: 1st. Afredton Branch of the North Wairarapa PC - \$100 voucher; 2nd. Solway Branch of the North Wairarapa PC - \$75.00 voucher; 3rd. Nuhaka Branch of the Wairoa PC - \$50.00 voucher. Congratulation to these Branches. The winning Branches will receive a voucher to buy items through the Pony Club Shop.

The National Coaches were each introduced to the conference delegates and were thanked for there hard work throughout the year. Likewise, the 16 Area Delegates were each introduced to the conference delegates and were thanked for there hard work throughout the year.

Without sponsorship, Pony Club would not survive. Nicky acknowledged our sponsors, SPARC, Merial NZ Ltd, NZ Safety and NZ Horse & Pony Magazine, and were thanked for their support during the year.

Nicky Williams moved and Marj Steiner seconded the motion: "That the President's Report be received". **Carried.**

Introduction of the National Coaches

Peter Barke, BHSI, Rotorua
 Jeanette Garrett, BHSI, Ad Dip Ed., Nelson
 Kay Hogan, BHSI, Cambridge
 Jennifer Howard, BHSI, Cust
 Kevin Lawrence, BHSI, Christchurch
 Sue Graham, BHSII, Master of Teaching and Learning, Napier
 Jacque Williams, BHSII, Auckland

The National Coaches are available to teach coaches and riders.

Coaches Resource Manual

Over the past four years, Jennifer Howard has been compiling a Coaches Resource Manual. The manual outlines useful coaching techniques and a logical, progressive system of training suitable for and of benefit to horses and riders at the relevant level. (First printed in June 2006) This is a must have for all Chief Club and Branch Head Coaches. This manual is being launched at this Conference.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Noel Griffin presented the Annual Financial Report. A copy of the Treasurers full report is on page 16 of the NZPCA 60th Annual Report. The Treasurer clarified two matters; one in his report and one in the Auditors report.

Point 1 in the Treasurers report says that "our budgeted deficit which had been achieved could be considered a good result". No deficit is a good result but in 2005, the COM implemented the new Coaching & Training Programme which involved budgeting monies from the accumulated funds. For the 2006 year, subscriptions were increased to cover the funding of the Coaching & Training Programme.

The COM initially budgeted for a deficit of \$18,800 but ended up with an extra \$10,500 of unbudgeted expenditure. This bulk of this additional expenditure was associated with getting the writing of a new Pony Club Manual 2 underway and there was a 100% increase in the Associations public liability insurance premium.

The second matter for clarification is mentioned in the qualified opinion in the Auditors report. It says "Control over the revenues from trading, events and competition income prior to being recorded is limited, and there are no

practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. In this respect alone we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we have required”.

The Association has a comprehensive financial management policy in place which underpins the systems, procedures and processes for the Executive Officer to perform his duties in respect to the Associations finances.

Noel Griffin moved and Brenda Allen-Baines seconded the motion: “That the Annual Financial Report and Balance Sheet be adopted”. **Carried.**

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ELECTION OF PATRON

Barbara Harvey moved and Gill Kingsbury seconded the motion: “That Mr Bruce Forbes, MNZOM, JP, be confirmed as Patron for the next twelve months”. **Carried.**

9. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

Nicky Williams was the only nomination received and was nominated by the following Clubs: Ashburton, Auckland District, Christchurch, Dunedin District, Heretaunga , Matamata, North Otago, Taumarunui & District, Te Awamutu District and Waimarino Pony Clubs.

John Brownlee moved and Jo Schumacher seconded the motion: “That Nicky Williams be confirmed as President for the next twelve months”. **Carried.**

Vice Presidents

Two nominations were received for the position of Vice President:

- Allan Ferguson nominated by the following Pony Clubs: Auckland District, Matamata, Te Awamutu District and Waimarino Pony Clubs.
- Peter Goldsmith nominated by the following Pony Clubs: Ashburton, Christchurch, Eastern Southland, North Canterbury and South Canterbury Pony Clubs.

Allan Ferguson and Peter Goldsmith were elected Vice Presidents unopposed. Both Allan and Peter thanked the Clubs for nominating them. Noel Griffin, outgoing Vice President, wished both Allan and Peter all the best during the next twelve months.

A minutes silence was held for those who had lost loved ones during the past twelve months.

10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Noel Griffin moved and Allan Ferguson seconded the motion: “That Staples Rodway, Hastings, be confirmed as the Auditors for the 2006/2007 financial year”. **Carried.**

11. CONFIRMATION OF AREA DELEGATES TO COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT 2006/2007

Northland	Barbara Woolhouse
Waitemata/Rodney	Marj Steiner
Auckland	Kerry Currie
Franklin/ Thames Valley	Pat Bowles
Waikato	Allan Ferguson
King Country	Evelyn Cooper
Taranaki	Pat Perkins
Bay of Plenty	Lynley Price
Gisborne/Wairoa	To be confirmed.
Hawkes Bay	Heather Grant
Manawatu/ West Coast	Megan McLeay
Wairarapa/Wellington	Adrienne McGovern-Wilson
Marlborough/ Nelson/ West Coast	Heather Truman
Canterbury	Anne Atkins
Ashburton/ South Canterbury/North Otago	Gill Kingsbury
Otago/Southland	Noel Griffin

12. SETTING OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Peter Goldsmith moved and Gill Kingsbury seconded the motion: "That the subscriptions for 2006 be Riding Members - \$20.00 (incl GST) and all other Members \$7.00 (incl GST) and would be due for payment on 30 November 2006".

Carried.

Gust Speaker

David Templeman was the 2004 / 2005 New Zealand Champion of Public Speaking. As a result of this win he was New Zealand's representative in the 2004 World Championship of Public speaking which was held in Reno, Nevada. David has been a professional public speaker since 1994 and what started out as a hobby, is now becoming more and more of a profession for him. He has been self employed since the tender age of 21, and today his income is derived from property development, customer service training and public speaking. He has the belief that we all have abilities, talents, and strengths that we haven't even begun to reach for – and if you don't reach for them, then you'll live to regret it. The thrust of David's address was how he saw sport through a competitor's eye. His conference handout was as follows:

The 10 Principles for Successful Teens

- 1) Set out clearly defined goals. Long, medium & short term. Use SMART goals specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound. Always begin with the end in mind, and so for a ten year old you may ask, "what do you want to achieve this year?" and in Pony club the answer may be that they want to achieve a * level certificate –so that is the long term goal. Then determine the medium term goals of what do they need to do over the next few months towards achieving that. Finally the short-term goals are what do we need to do daily to achieve your goals? For a 15-year-old the question is what do you want to be doing at the age of 30? So if the answer is that you want to be a doctor, then you can determine what you need to be doing at the age of 20, you can determine what university you need to attend, and you can determine what courses you need to take at school now to help you towards that goal.
- 2) Life isn't always fair - so accept it! The sooner we accept that at times the boss's friend will get the promotion, or an opponents pony is better than yours, then the sooner you can move beyond feeling sorry for yourself.
- 3) Take risks, but don't indulge in risky behaviour. I've discovered over the years that most adults aren't risk takers, they tend to get stuck in a rut and they forget about living their dreams. Well the opposite is true of teens, for they are risk takers – they want to try new things, do new things, smoke new things. But we need to encourage our teens to continue to take risks, for this is how you learn and grow. Although there is a fine line between taking risks and being risky, and this could include dangerous driving, taking drugs and other negative risks.
- 4) Keep your opportunities open. Don't become involved in activities like drug taking, joyriding in a stolen car, etc that may end up with you having a minor criminal record meaning that future employment and future overseas travel opportunities are limited because of some stupid activity you involved yourself in now. The same could be said for a teenage pregnancy, there is a time and place for this, but it's not now.
- 5) Choose your friends wisely. There's an old saying that "bad company corrupts character", and the friends that teens hang around with help determine whether the teen ends up as a successful or unsuccessful person. The earlier we can comprehend this principle the greater chance we have of success, but we tend not to think about it and sadly a lot of adults don't think about it either. It's great to have fun with your friends, but be careful that they aren't limiting you.
- 6) Live a life of high integrity – you are who you say you are. Incorporating honesty, hard work, and honour. Honesty means that you are always able to tell the truth, you can look another person in the eye and tell them the truth, for this is the basis of trust. I've found that it's not normally the lucky people that make it in life; instead it's the people that work hard that succeed – for they outwork their opposition. Honour means is this honourable, do I tell the truth, do I follow up what I say I'll do, do I do the right things in life?
- 7) Gain basic knowledge now and the importance of realising exactly what stage of their life a person is in. For the first 7 or 8 years of a persons life, all a child is really interested in is playing, eating, and sleeping; you're not really interested in paying the mortgage or things like that – you're just want to play. Later on in life you're paying the bills, having kids, getting married, getting remarried; things like that. But teens are in the knowledge gaining phase of life, and it's important that teens gain the important knowledge now that'll give them the platform for the rest of their lives. And this phase lasts from about 10 years old until the time that they leave university or school, and although pony club maybe a massive part of their lives, it must be realised that pony club is not everything and that for now a teens emphasis should be on gaining knowledge.
- 8) Become an optimist – not a pessimist! Is your glass half empty – or half full? An optimist never says I can't! I've never meet a successful person, adult or teen, that's a pessimist; for pessimists don't believe that they can be successful – so they don't pursue success. Ban the words "I can't" from the people you care about.
- 9) Create positive peer pressure peer pressure always has negative connotations, but it doesn't have to be that way for peer pressure can be both positive and negative. Create groups of good kids and let their positive pressure exert a compelling effect on their peers. Wouldn't it be great if some of the bad kids came home from Pony Club and said, "Look I tried to be bad but everyone around me was just doing good things and I just couldn't help but be nice." Help develop leaders that will lead groups in creating a positive effect.
- 10) Deny yourself financially now, so you can have abundance later. As a teenager don't buy an expensive car, or all the flash toys; instead invest most of your money and in time the law of compounding interest will allow you to be financially secure.

13. PRESENTATION OF 2006 ACHIEVER AWARDS

Pony Club Achievers Awards were presented by David Templeman and Garry Jackson – Six applicants were selected from 17 nominations representing 11 Pony Club Areas. The successful applicants, except Rachael and Tim who were present to receive their awards, were presented with an 'Achievers Award' Certificate and a Cap especially commissioned for the achievers through their Area Delegates. Amanda Kelly's sister accepted her award on her behalf. This year the COM awarded awards in two categories – **Category A:** To nationally recognise high achievements of Pony Club riding members and **Category B:** To nationally recognise a dedicated Pony Club member or Coach (all under the age of 25 years). The selection panel acknowledged and recognised all unsuccessful applicants with a certificate of merit.

Gillian Kingsbury, Training Chairperson announced the successful Achievers.

Category A

Hannah Appleton (17) Wakefield Branch of the Nelson Pony Club, Marlborough Nelson West Coast Area – C+ Certificate

Hannah helps younger children at P.C. with all of their certificate work, and when not riding dressage, helps with dressage writing and also attends meetings of the local dressage group. At school Hannah was a reading tutor who assisted those struggling with their reading and achieved success very quickly. Hannah attended Nelson College where she was awarded a sporting excellence for her overall sporting achievements, top equestrian sportswoman, academic colours for ten excellences in NCEA, and many school subject and character prizes. Hannah states that she would like to become a qualified vet or similar occupation and to ride in the Olympic Games. In the last two years Hannah has competed with her dressage horse Zactac Graceful, and has consistently won most NZ elementary and open medium dressage competitions and Young Rider classes that she has entered. In 2005 & 2006 winning South Island Team member; Winner of the FEI world dressage champion in her grade and was placed 3rd individually out of 5 competing countries. Hannah said that she is totally committed to her riding and her love of animals. She has completed a first aid certificate for companion animals, and has earned credits for Vet nursing at the Nelson Institute of Technology.

Rachael Bentall (15) Havelock North Branch of the Heretaunga Pony Club, Hawke's Bay Area – C+ Certificate

Rachael has assisted with pony club fund raising, is assistant editor of the pony club newsletter and is a willing helper at working bees and competition fence judging. In 2005 she was awarded a Principles Achievement award for outstanding results in 7 subjects, and the House award for her contribution to her house. Rachael has completed her NCEA level one maths and science with distinction in both and in the Australasian maths, science and english exams she has received 3 high distinctions and 3 distinctions in the last 2 years. Rachael hopes to become a Medical doctor. In the last two years Rachael has had outstanding success in all Pony Club disciplines which are far too numerous to record in this brief account of her achievements. Rachael competes on two ponies and in-addition to her exceptional Pony Club results she was awarded Rising Star saddle hunter of the year at the recent HOY and was selected for a four person equation team (14-17 yrs) to go to South Africa later in the year. She has also competed at A & P shows and dressage competitions winning championships in saddle hunter, show jumping and flat work classes as well as novice dressage. In her local Pony Club Rachael has been awarded the prize for the top all rounder, high achiever and attendance. Rachael's main hobby is horse riding, she has been training and caring for her two ponies herself, she is a member of the school choir, plays volleyball hockey, and in her own words is an experienced skier and trumper, but only a learner snowboarder. Her D.C writes that she is hardworking, focused, and passionate about riding where she aims for perfection. Rachael makes the most of every opportunity to improve her riding skills and has regular dressage and show jumping lessons. She also realises that she would not be where she is today without the huge support and teaching she has had from Pony Club. Rachael sets an example to other younger riders of what can be achieved through hard work and motivation.

Amanda Kelly (18) Henderson Valley Branch of the West Auckland District Pony Club, Waitemata Rodney Area – A & H Certificates.

Amanda attends working bees and helps set up for events. She is the rider representative for her branch and has completed coaching courses at D and C level and has been a demonstration rider for A level courses. Amanda was an observer at the Pony Club Conference in 2004, 5, and is attending this year as well. She is a certified first aider, red cross member, and a member of the Waitake City youth council. Scholastically Amanda has passed NCEA level 1, 2, and 3 and gained University Entrance in 2004. She has attended Outward Bound course for 3 week, competed in part marathons runs, won the Yolande Morgan memorial award, passes H and A certificate and she hopes to become a radiographer. Amanda has attended Area trials in the last 3 years and was team trainer in 2005. Their team won the Horse Management Award at the Championships at Cromwell 2004. Amanda has also competed in the Inter Club dressage, Area Show jumping, Area development Horse Trials squad 2006 and netball B grade. Amanda has listed her recreational activities as schooling and riding young horses, showing in-hand Arabians, netball, swimming, ice skating, jogging/running athletics and gym classes. Her DC writes that at the age of 18 Amanda manages a full time customer service role with the City Council and has still maintained a very high attendance at Pony Club and events at branch, club and area level. She is looked upon as a role model within her branch and club and has completed a D & C coaching course so that she can put something back into the movement.

Juliet Wood (20) Whakapara Branch of the Whangarei Pony Club, Northland Area – B Riding Certificate

Juliet is a coach at Pony Club when available as is studying at Waikato University, judges at ribbon days, and ODEs. While at school helped out with collecting and waitressing for voluntary organisations. Juliet gained University Entrance in 2003 and went onto Waikato University to study Social sciences. In 2005 majored in Earth Science and would like to pursue a career in Coastal Science. In the last two years Juliet has excelled in Eventing, she was placed at Richfield and Puhinui CCI*** events, won the Swarbrick Trophy for National Young rider at the 3DE and Champion at Puhinui, second place HOY International derby, Captained the Northland PC Eventing Championship team at the recent event in Whangarei which they won. Juliet won the A1 trophy. Juliet has listed her recreation activities as bringing on young horses, snowboarding, waterskiing, volleyball and reading. Her DC writes that Pony Club has featured in Juliet's life from a very young age: she is well liked and respected by her

peers. With her positive attitude, quiet determination to succeed has made her an "ideal team player" in many successful representative teams. She is a great role model for all of our pony club members, and a firm advocate of Fair Play. Through her dedication and commitment has achieved levels of success future riders can aspire to.

Category B

Natasha Bell (20) Kiwitea Kimbolton Branch of the Manawatu Pony Club, Manawatu West Coast Area – B Certificate

Natasha is Head Coach of her pony club, she plans rallies, organises coaching and development for riders, is the rider delegate to the Area Pony Club. Natasha also judges at Pony Club dressage, ODEs, and show jumping events and is quite prepared to assist with anything that requires doing e.g. gear checking, catering scoring etc. As head Coach Natasha also gives individual lessons to riders and is team manager or coach for branch competition teams. In her final year at school Natasha attended Wanganui Collegiate School, where she was appointed Head of Goodwin house. Natasha gained Bursary and University Entrance and attends Massey University studying for a Bachelor of Business Studies, majoring in Human Resources. At the moment she is studying full time but also assists with the NZ Police in Palmerston North in their firearms licensing. Hopes to complete her studies and would like to work in the Equine industry. Natasha is an experienced dressage rider, she won the novice dressage horse of the year, 3rd young rider dressage, and Central Districts dressage group novice rider all in 2005. She has represented her Area at the dressage championships twice, competed at training events and Timberlands for Manawatu. Besides riding Natasha is a very keen netball player and is in the Massey University A grade team, and has represented the North Island in athletic championship teams twice. Other interests are Music (singing) swimming, coaching young riders, riding dressage and schooling young horses. Her DC writes that Natasha has been a member of the Pony Club for 14 years and has been fully involved in all aspects of Pony Club life. She has also represented her Area in many competitions. As a rider Natasha has shown an outstanding commitment in developing high level skills which have seen her excel especially in dressage. In her roll as head coach she is now passing on her knowledge, skills, and sense of sportsmanship to her young riders. Along with her commitment to Pony Club Natasha is a full time student at Massey.

Tim Douglass (18) Lyalldale Branch of the South Canterbury Pony Club, Ashburton South Canterbury North Otago Area – C Certificate

Tim has been in Pony Club for 10 years. I am sure Tim would forgive me if I said he was a "computer buff", as he is the NZPCA Discipline webmaster for our website and for many years has been the Area Internet Co-ordinator. Tim is also on his Branch organising committee, delegate to his Club and Area. At the recently held Mainland games in Waimate he was on the organising committee, and is also on the committees of Timaru and Waimate A & P shows and NZEF showjumping. At the Temuka & Waimate A & P show he introduced and helps run sections for Pony Club riders. Tim has NCEA level 3, National certificate in Computing studies, and a full drivers licence (heavy traffic). At the moment Tim is undecided on his career aspirations. Tim has represented his branch at the Zone games finals 4 times with 4 wins, South Island Show jumping (senior rider 2005), Mainland games team competition 4th overall, represented his Area at the North Island championship games 2006, South Canterbury Pony Club teams ODE 8 times and qualified for ESNZ Horse Foxhunter final. Tim has listed his recreation activities as, digital photography, computers, web design, skiing, horse trekking, hunting, and polo. His DC writes, that Tim is a very pleasant, polite, well liked young adult with a pleasing personality that enables him to work with people of all ages. He has a very strong dedication to Pony Club and is always available to assist on committees and working bees. Tim has been the Area internet co-ordinator for a number of years. He shows great internet and computer skills and the Area has become to rely on him for up to date information, events and results.

The NZPCA had a 60th birthday cake made and this was cut by Bruce Forbes, Patron and Shay Jones, Riccarton Fendalton PC (the oldest and youngest persons present at the AGM). Delegates were treated to a piece of birthday cake with their tea/coffee following the AGM. Nicky Williams assisted.

14. SATURDAY MORNING

Delegates Workshops were held in the morning at the conference venue. The workshops covered were:

- Keynote Speaker - Garry Stout, NZ Safety (manufacturers of the Aintree and Onyx riding helmets)
- Riders Workshop. **Facilitator:** Amanda Brown
- Workshop #1 - Communication – **Facilitator:** Mike Coggan, Mainland Soccer, Christchurch
- Workshop #2 - Coaches Session – National Coaches
 - Kay Hogan – ECTP
 - Jacque Williams and Peter Barke – Dream Rally
 - Jeanette Garrett and Sue Graham – Interactive Coaching
 - Jennifer Howard – Lets Grow
- Workshop #3 - Administration – **Facilitators:** Anne Atkins and Keith Scarlett

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- At midday, the delegates were transported to the RDA Arena at Canterbury SG where the National Coaches gave practical demonstrations which included:
 - Kay Hogan and Kevin Lawrence – Lateral Work
 - Jennifer Howard and Sue Graham – Showhunter
 - Jacque Williams and Peter Barke – Jumping Exercises
 - Jeanette Garrett narrated the session.

A Dinner/Dance was held in the evening at the Sudima Hotel with the theme 'Come as your favourite Circus Performer'. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Sunday Morning – Keynote Speaker – Kylie Holmes, ACC Public Safety Programme Manager

Kylie gave an address on why ACC has such an extensive public safety programme. Equestrian Sport accidents features high on the statistic list of accidents and it is their aim to see this high rate reduce. NZOCA and ACC will continue to work together regarding safety in our sport.

16. CONSTITUTIONAL REMITS

(i) **The New Zealand Pony Clubs Association, through the Association Officers, propose to amend the Area, Club and Branch rules in relation to undertaking an annual financial audit.**

Reason: Recent changes to audit regulations can cause incorporated societies a great deal of grief. The problem has arisen through two separate streams of practice colliding in the modern era. In a past era, accountants often performed this service at no, or a very modest fee, for non-profit organisations as a community service. In recent times, however, the rules governing the activities of chartered accountants in relation to undertaking audits have been updated, and are now extremely strict and impose serious obligations.

The Association has sought advice from Staples Rodway, the Associations' Auditor, for the correct wording of the relevant Area, Club and Branch rules which will give Pony Clubs the option of either an 'audit' or a 'financial review'. A financial review is very different from an audit, and does not impose the same strict requirements on the person undertaking it. To remedy this, the words financial review have been added to the relevant rules.

Area Rules

1:2 INTERPRETATIONS

Add after '..... to which they belong', the following:

A 'Review' is a review of the Area's annual financial statements in accordance with RS-1 Statement of Review Engagement Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand.

An 'Audit' is an audit of the Area's annual financial statements in accordance with NZ Auditing Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand.

An 'Auditor' undertakes an audit engagement.

A 'Reviewer' undertakes a review engagement.

1:15 BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) At the Annual General Meeting of the Club the following business shall be transacted:

Amend the following to read:

Auditor or Reviewer

1:25 Amend name of rule to read: FINANCIAL REPORTING AND AUDIT

Clause (a) remains unchanged.

New clause (b) to read:

(b) The financial size of the Area shall determine the financial reporting verification standards to be applied.

i Where the Area is registered for GST (currently turnover of \$40,000) or has assets greater than \$250,000 an Audit is required.

ii Where the Area is not registered for GST (currently turnover of \$40,000) or has assets less than \$250,000 a Review is required.

Clause (b) becomes clause (c) and be amended to read:

(c) At the Annual General Meeting in every year an Auditor (or Reviewer) of the financial statements shall be appointed. The Auditor (or Reviewer) shall be appointed by resolution and shall hold office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election.

Clause (c) becomes clause (d) and be amended to read:

(d) The Auditor shall carry out an Audit (or the Reviewer shall carry out a Review) of the Area's financial statements prior to the Annual General Meeting and report to members. The report shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by any Adult, Life or Senior Riding member of a Member Club of the Area.

Clauses (d) and (e) remain unchanged and become (e) and (f) respectively.

Club & Branch Rules

2:3 INTERPRETATIONS

Add after '.....and belongs to a Club or Branch.', the following:

A 'Review' is a review of the Club or Branch's annual financial statements in accordance with RS-1

Statement of Review Engagement Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand.

An 'Audit' is an audit of the Club or Branch's annual financial statements in accordance with NZ Auditing Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand.

An 'Auditor' undertakes an audit engagement.

A 'Reviewer' undertakes a review engagement.

2:37 BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) At the Annual General Meeting of the Club the following business shall be transacted:

Amend the following to read:

Auditor or Reviewer

(b) At the Annual General Meeting of the Branch the following business shall be transacted:

Amend the following to read:

Auditor or Reviewer

2:49 Amend name of rule to read: FINANCIAL REPORTING AND AUDIT

Clause (a) remains unchanged.

New clause (b) to read:

(b) The financial size of the Club or Branch shall determine the financial reporting verification standards to be applied.

i Where the Club or Branch is registered for GST (currently turnover of \$40,000) or has assets greater than \$250,000 an Audit is required.

ii Where the Club or Branch is not registered for GST (currently turnover of \$40,000) or has assets less than \$250,000 a Review is required.

Clause (b) becomes clause (c) and be amended to read:

(c) At the Annual General Meeting in every year an Auditor (or Reviewer) of the financial statements shall be appointed. The Auditor (or Reviewer) shall be appointed by resolution and shall hold office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election.

Clause (c) becomes clause (d) and be amended to read:

(d) The Auditor shall carry out an Audit (or the Reviewer shall carry out a Review) of the Club or Branch's financial statements prior to the Annual General Meeting and report to members. The report shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by any Adult, Life or Senior Riding member of the Club or Branch.

Clauses (d) and (e) remain unchanged and become (e) and (f) respectively.

Allan Ferguson moved and Peter Goldsmith seconded the motion: "That the amendment to the Area, Club and Branch Financial Reporting and Audit rules be adopted". **Carried.**

17. CLUB FORUM DISCUSSION TOPICS

(i) Ashburton Pony Club

That the NZPCA Horse Trials Teams Championships be centralised.

COM will NOT discuss further.

(ii) Wairoa Pony Club

That the NZPCA should centralise the NZPCA Horse Trials Teams Championships. Areas would still be able to provide personnel by combining with Areas to run the event at a centralised venue, eg. Hawke's Bay Equestrian Park.

COM will NOT discuss further.

(iii) Auckland District Pony Club

That the NZPCA impose a levy on all Areas to provide funds for the NZPCA Horse Trials Teams Championships.

COM will NOT discuss further.

(iv) Whangarei Pony Club

That riders representing an area at national level have attained their C Certificate.

COM will NOT discuss further.

(v) Taupo & District Pony Club

That an Association President be able to continue in office beyond the current three year period.

COM to discuss further.

(vi) Whangarei Pony Club

That the issue of outside assistance in cross country and show jumping phases at Pony Club events be clarified.

COM will NOT discuss further.

(vii) Wairoa Pony Club

That the NZPCA should provide a set of equipment for all zone game activities to the host Areas. When not in use for the zone competitions, the Association could hire them out to Clubs/Branches.

COM will NOT discuss further.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Notice to Increase Subscriptions – Refer to Association Rule 22(d)

“That the New Zealand Pony Clubs Association Inc., through the Association Officers, is giving notice to raise annual subscriptions as from 31 October 2007.

Annual subscriptions will be due for payment by the 30 November 2007. (refer to Club and Branch Rule 2:9(c)).

(Debbie Kelly asked if the COM could give some indication if there was going to be an increase in subscription for the 2008 year. Keith Scarlett replied saying that the COM commences its’ budgeting process annually in October after which the COM may be in a position to give some indication if there was going to be an increase)

(b) Notice to amend Association Rule 4 - Membership

“That the New Zealand Pony Clubs Association Inc., through the Association Officers, is giving notice that a new class of Association membership be introduced, entitled Life Members”.

19. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Riders Without Horses Programme – Chris Kahn

The Auckland District PC has had a very good success rate with the ‘Riders Without Horse’ programme. Six riders who started on the programme have now purchased their own pony. Auckland District PC was congratulated on their success.

(b) Show Jumping Competition at National Level – Annabel Parkes. Gisborne PC spoke to this item to see whether or not there would be support for a national competition.

20. CONCLUSION

John Brownlee, DC Christchurch PC, thanked his organising committee of Jan Danrell, Chris Bond, Sarah Wilson, Lorraine Stewart and Anne Atkins for their dedicated time in organising the 60th NZPCA Conference. A number of presentations were made – to Chris Bond for her tenacity in hanging in there trying to process the conference registrations with no power supply and to the girls carried the roving microphones around during the past three days. A number of raffles were drawn, which were held during the course of the conference, and the winners announced.

On behalf of the Conference Delegates, Nicky Williams, President, thanked the Christchurch Pony Club for hosting the 60th Annual Conference and the delegates for attending.

She thanked all persons who facilitated workshops especially Amanda Brown for chairing the riders workshop. Delegates need to share what they have learnt at conference with members and Coaches back in their Clubs and Branches and encourage more to attend next year.

The venue and date of the 61st Annual Conference had not been finalised at the time the conference concluded. This will be notified to Clubs in due course.

On behalf of the delegates, the President was thanked for her chairing of the 60th conference and for a job well done.

Signed: _____
(President)

Date: / 06 / 2007