

Chillagoe Caving Club



AGM 2023

Members Present:-

Winfried Weiss, Mark Beattie, Alan Cummins, Chrissie Cummins, Joel Mulligan, Emma Mulligan, Wendy Lander, Joy Burton, Laura Johnson, Boy Pramaree, Kerry Morgan, Phillip Morgan, Tim Kolln, Max Emeny, Greg Guernier

Via Zoom – Paul Osborne, Grant Farrell, Van Christianson, Rob Ham.
Quorum obtained (12 needed)

Attendees Keith Offer, Bruce Dane, Axel Buthman, Elizabeth Stevens, Dwayne Kersey, Crissy Williams, Doris Guernier, Louise Forster, Bethany Morgan, Stephan Grey, Mark Burns

Member's Apologies: -

Grant Polomka, Deanne Vale, Catherine Beattie, David Cummins, Sarah Cummins, Michael Cummins, Chris Heath, Lana Little, Sue Jenkins, Lars Nauheimer, Daniel Mitchell,

Meeting opened at 19:03

Minutes of Previous meeting (2022AGM)

Winfried welcomed all Clubhouse meeting.

President gave a brief overview of the minutes of previous AGM. President moved they be accepted as read. Emma seconded. All in favour – minutes were accepted.

Reports

President's Report

As submitted. Winfried discussed a few points in his report including:

- Extremely wet start to year, who's had been swimming?
- Difficulty obtaining public liability and landlord's insurances's
- Executive decided to raise camping fees in line with accommodation down the road (according to existing policy)

- Advised the trip to Lawn hill cancelled due to closed national park (extensive damage due to flooding)
- Looking at purchasing a BRIC5 if Grant comes through (Cave surveying device)
- Reminder of the requirement for a call out person (for safety and Policy)
- Reminder or requirement to notify National Parks where we are going.

Motion: Winfried moved that the president's report be accepted Wendy Lander seconded all accepted

Treasurer's Report

Joy read through the Treasurer's report

Winfried moved the Financial report be accepted as read Joel seconded all accepted

Membership secretary

Report read out as per annual report

Tagging officer

Winfried was the only member who tagged caves this year and advised we have tagging equipment available for use if you wish to explore (tagged 3 entrances this year). Sue has arranged the Kast index via cave Name and via cave number to assist in finding caves, this can be found in the member information on the table.

Tackle keeper report

Missing 1 or 2 bits of gear and thanked Max for his tidy up of the tackle room which has lasted well, there has been a donation of rope which needs sorting and repurposing.

Safety coordinators report

It has been a bit difficult this year with the move down south so not a lot has been done in this area, we have had no reports of incidents. Would like to do a bit more on Rescue development this year if members are available when I'm up. There is a rescue exercise the SES vertical rescue team are doing in June and they will be getting Castle cave re-bolted to their specs

Environmental/ Survey and Records report

Winfried read report from annual report. (in Peter's absence)

Mark raised chain access to Piano tower at present is blocked.

Alan Cummins noted Ghost Bat numbers in Palmerville about the same as 30 years ago.

Training officer's report

Paul stated it would be good if someone else took this role on as he is to fair away to manage this.

Would be good to train more SRT trip leaders.

Practice sessions could be run at Alan's House.

Building and Maintenance Co-ordinator/Clubhouse Warden

Report read out at meeting

ASF Representative Report

Report read out

Photo librarian/Librarian

Peter has picked up 1 box of old library. Remainder of club records still in storage in Mareeba DNRM.

Motion:

Winfried moved reports be accepted as read; seconded by Alan seconded; all accepted

Management Committee actions to be ratified

Motion: The decisions of the Management Committee made during 2022/23 to be accepted by the membership.

Moved: President (W Weiss), Seconded: Alan Cummins all accepted
All in favour – management committee decisions approved.

Election of Office Bearers

Winfried has vacated the President's role. Alan has agreed to chair the meeting in the meantime.

President

Nominations: Winfried nominated by Max, 2nd by Mark Beattie, Winfried accepts.

Winfried elected unopposed.

Vice President

Nominations: Paul nominated by Winfried, 2nd by Joel Mulligan, Paul accepts.

Elected unopposed.

Treasurer

Nominations: Joy nominated by Winfried, 2nd by Wendy – Joy accepts

Elected unopposed.

Vice Treasurer

Nominations: Peter Bannink nominated by Wini, 2nd by Laura, Peter accepts.

Elected unopposed.

Secretary

Nominations: Mark Beattie nominated by Winfried, 2nd by Wendy, Mark accepts.

Elected unopposed.

Membership Secretary

Nominations: Joel nominated by Winfried, 2nd by Wendy, Joel accepts.

Elected unopposed.

Other non-executive Positions

ASF Representative:	Paul	
Tagging Officer:	Winfried	
Tackle Keeper:		Joel
Safety Co-ordinator:		Joel
Training Co-ordinator:		N/A Job description
Social Media and Activities:		Lars
Webmaster:		Lars
WH & S:		Management Committee
Photo Librarian:		Peter Bannink
Environment& Conservation:		Peter Bannink
Survey and Records:		Peter Bannink

All positions have now been filled.

General Business

- Alan Cummins Raised we have caretaker who would not be capable to continue in caretaker role and would be concerned not being able to get out would there be a fire Rob said it may be hard to find a caretaker and rental.

Paul advised we have agreements in place that need to be reviewed, Winfried suggested we leave to the Management committee to follow this up. Membership agreed.

- Wendy Lander presented Alan Cummins clubhouse sign, in recognition for previous years of work, and to replace old one. Winfried suggested the sign remain inside as it was too good to go in weather.

EINSTEIN AWARD NOMINATIONS

- Paul nominates Robert zmeskel

(Robert Z. We abseiled down a 30m pitch into a cave with the intention of spending some hours exploring. On reaching the bottom Robert was remarking he was hungry and thirsty. "Where is your pack" we asked. "I left it at the top" he replied. "Well go up and get it", we said. "My ascenders are in it" he replied. "That's Einstein material" I said.)

No other nominations

All in favour

Robert Zmeskal awarded Einstein Award

Winfried to return and get engraved

Meeting closed at 20: 35.