

Chillagoe Caving Club AGM

2020

The Chillagoe Caving Club AGM was held for the first time entirely online, via a Zoom meeting, due to the COVID-19 restrictions on 9th May 2020.

Members Present (via Zoom):-

Winfried Weiss, Paul Osborne, Van Christensen, Joy Burton, Lars Nauheimer, Max Emeny, Sue Jenkins, Peter Cummins, David Cummins, Grant Farrell, Alan Cummins, Jonathon Ham, Rob Ham, Peter Bannink, Phil Harrison, Douglas Irvin, Maryann Irvin, Allison Irvin, Grant Polompka, Deanne Grant, Peter English, Mark Beattie, Mike Tarburton (joined meeting 19:30).

23 present. Quorum Obtained (16 needed).

Member's Apologies: -

Catherine Cummins, Robert Zmeskal and Goy Vayurat, Lana Little;

Meeting opened at 19:05hrs

Minutes of Previous meeting (2019 AGM)

The minutes of 2019 AGM were provided to the meeting participants via email prior to meeting. President moved they be accepted as read. Van seconded. All in favour – minutes were accepted.

Reports

President's Report

Winfried briefly discussed the year gone by and highlighted some key points from his written report, provided in the Annual Report, in particular mentioning the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Caving Club, grant usage and progress of works including the roof, stairs and painting and the replacement of the bore pump.

Winfried further explained the Covid19 policy implemented in response to social restrictions and the associated financial hit this has imposed upon the Club.

He also thanked Paul Osborne for representing the Club at the ASF General meeting held in January, in Sydney.

Treasurer's Report

Joy delivered a verbal update to the position of the Club's finances, noting that the building and works grant has been used and that camping is down this year, but rent has been boosted by the groundsman (Alan) living onsite.

Joy also informed the meeting that an audit of the Club's finances would be required this year.

For full financial details please refer to the 2020 Annual Report.

Comments made by the Membership:-

Paul inquired as to the unexpected cost of council rates. Joy replied that it appears to be due to water leaks.

Paul also noted that an invoice needs to be sent to the Army for use of clubhouse facilities during travel restrictions.

Building and Maintenance Co-ordinator/Clubhouse Warden

Paul reported that both a Caretaker and Groundsman agreement are now in place and will be reviewed every year. They will liaise with Clubhouse Warden in the first instance as to any issues. He also noted that of pressing concern was to accurately record clubhouse visitation. Finally, Paul proposed that a \$5/day rate for clubhouse day use be implemented and paid.

A discussion point was raised by Peter English in relation to what constitutes day use and how to define it. Jonathon asks that a formal definition be developed, Grant pushes for fair application in use.

Discussion:

Policy to include:

- Use of Ablutions Block, Kitchen, Fridge/Freezer, Water Tank, Lounge.
- Will not include accessing the Tackle room.

Paul then moved to implement a \$5/day fee for use of clubhouse facilities.

Max seconds the amended motion.

Not further opposed. All in favour.

Survey and Records Keeper

No written report submitted.

Tagging officer Max Emeny

No tagging reports submitted.

Tackle Keeper

Lars provided verbal update on use of helmets, vertical gear etc.

Safety & Training Co-ordinator (Paul Osborne)

Rescue workshop in SA attended with help from ASF and Club with a lot of learnings. For the next year or so QFES are interested in a joint rescue session. To be revisited later.

Peter English – raised issue of confirmation of TL status.

Stations right around Broken River owned by Military → leased back to stations.

- We need to put in a submission in via the Liaison officer for the Australian/Singapore Military Training Initiative.
- Need a decent report incl. History and future intentions of the Club to send to DoD.
- Peter Bannink has offered to look at this.
- Doug mentioned work done by Dr Gilbert Price.
- This report and submission needs to be finalised by end 2020.

Membership Co-ordinator/ Events manager

No written report submitted.

Webmaster/Photo librarian

No written report submitted.

Environment and Conservation Officer

No written report submitted.

President moves that all reports be accepted as presented, seconded by Van Christensen. All in favour – all reports accepted.

Management Committee actions to be ratified

Motion: The decisions of the Management Committee made during 2019/20 to be accepted by the membership.

Moved: President (Winfried Weiss), Seconded: Peter English.

Motion passed – management committee decisions approved.

Election of Office Bearers

Winfried declared all positions vacant. Doug has agreed to chair the meeting in the meantime.

President

Nominations: Paul Osborne nominates Winfried Weiss, seconded Lars Nauheimer. No other nominations.

President: Winfried accepts.

Vice President

Nominations:

Joy B nominates Paul Osborne, seconded Van Christensen;
Alan Cummins nominates Mark Beattie, seconded Chrissie Cummins;

Meeting votes - Paul by majority vote.

Vice President: Paul accepts.

Treasurer

Nominations: Winfried Weiss nominates Joy Burton, seconded Lars Nauheimer.

Treasurer: Joy accepts.

Vice Treasurer

Nominations: Winfried Weiss nominates Peter Bannink, seconded Lars Nauheimer.

Vice Treasurer: Peter accepts.

Secretary

Nominations: Joy Burton nominates Van Christensen, seconded Winfried Weiss

Secretary: Van accepts.

Other non-executive Positions

Due to the nature of the meeting (via Zoom due to Covid19 restrictions), Winfried moves that all non-executive officers carry over and continue their positions. Meeting agreed and the motion was carried with no opposition.

Tagging Officer:	Max Emeny
Tackle Keeper:	Lars Nauheimer
Safety Co-ordinator:	Paul Osborne
Training Co-ordinator:	Paul Osborne
Membership Co-ordinator:	Joy Burton
Social Media and Activities:	Lars Nauheimer
Webmaster:	Lars Nauheimer
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

1. National Park Permit.

Our permit actually says to provide QPWS 7 days' notice of all trips.

- Currently morning of or day before is good.
- Rob Ham asked for clarification on the best way to let QPWS know.
- Landline number or go to the Hub if necessary.
- Winfried will check in with Mick Coburn for accuracy.

2. Membership fees

The ASF has increased membership fees.

- Winfried moves that the Club increase the ASF proportion of our Single Member fees to match. Seconded by Sue
- Motion voted on: 12 For, None Against. Motion carried.
- Is the Novice membership ASF component \$30 not \$20. MC to clarify.
- Joy Burton - Currently novice membership is \$55 - \$20 to ASF.
- Winfried moves that the Novice Membership be changed to \$75. Seconded by Grant Farrell.
- Motion voted on: 16 for, unanimously carried.
- Family memberships to stay at \$180.

3. Einstein Award

Due to the current circumstances, no nominations for the Einstein Award were put forward. Winfried will hold on to on behalf of the current recipients (Paul and Mark B) the trophy until next year.

4. Continued E-meetings

Discussion regarding continuing use of Zoom or other video conferencing to hold and expand meetings. This will continue to be explored to see if viable.

There is also a need to send out emails along with Facebook notifications for caving activities/scheduled weekends. Winfried and Lars will explore e-meetings further.

Meeting closed at 20:52pm.