



Australian Climbing Association (Qld) Inc

Minutes From General Meeting April 22nd 2014

7.15pm Meeting open

Present: Stephen Cox, Bernie Walsh, Kirsty Kitto, Ian Elliot, Ruth Reeve, Dave Reeve

Apologies: Damo Rooha, Glen Jones

Motion: To accept previous meeting's minutes

Proposed: Ian Elliot

Seconded: Ruth Reeve

Motion Carried.

Correspondence: none tabled

Crag Reports: no reports were received by the time of the meeting. Ian Elliot verbally reported that Coolum was busy, but with no issues.

President's Report: Dave Reeve

The importance of Glasshouse NP to State government plans to promote outdoor recreation and adventure tourism in South East Queensland has been mentioned at previous meetings. I have also highlighted the fact that Ngungun, given its ease of access and proximity to the rail link at Glasshouse Township, is going to become the focus of considerable activity.

As anyone who has tried to get a park at the base of the mountain in recent months can attest, the new track to the summit has proved to be very successful and is attracting over 3,000 visitors per week. A percentage of such visitors will recognize the climbing opportunities provided by the mountain, and thus we can expect a surge in rope-based activities. It makes sense for the climbing community to get on board with what is happening here, and to use our experience of the area to guide the appropriate management of these activities.

It was obvious to me that we could draw a lot of beginner traffic away from less suitable areas in GH by developing Andromeda. Andromeda ticks all the boxes in terms of a high traffic sustainable crag. With this in mind Paul Amies and I, with a cast of willing helpers, and funding from Safer Cliffs Qld, have just completed an entire rebolt of the crag to the EN 959 standard. We estimate current traffic levels at several hundred per week, but expect this will increase as the word spreads of the new bolting.

There are two reasons for drawing newbies into a dedicated newbie area, the first is sustainability, and the second is to avoid contention between stakeholders. More newbies at Andromeda means less newbies in Slider Gully, and in the long run reduces pressure to develop a whole bunch of beginner routes at the base of the big multi-pitch walls.

A further issue for us to consider is how we work with commercial operators and abseilers to avoid conflicts. This comes down to identifying the resources, and being smart and considerate with how they are to be shared. The task of doing this is currently being carried out by the newly formed ACAQ GH Management Committee. We have strong support from QPWS for this approach, and expect to announce the next phase of development at Ngungun soon.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth Reeve

Details are available on request, but in summary –

Income for Qtr: \$2278.00

Expenditure for Qtr: \$729.12

Closing Balance: \$11,145.12

General Business: none

Next Meeting.... 2014 AGM: Tuesday July 8th 2014 at 7.00pm. Location: Urban Climb, 2/220 Montague Road, West End Qld 4101.

8.30pm Meeting Closed