



Minutes from AGM 20th July 2017

7.05pm Meeting open

Present: Daniel Gordon, Alex Turnbull, Chris Williams, Dave Reeve, Ruth Reeve, Sashia Bollmann, Stefan Bollmann, David O'Sullivan, Thomas Gissing, John Pownall, Daniel Peatey, Mark Gamble, Graham Pilling, Cheyenne Moreau, Gerald Cosh, Justin Petersen, Leo Stanilas.

Apologies; Adon Taylor, Ian Elliott, Adam Kerz, Damo Rua, Mason Minto, Marisa Stewart, Neil Jenman

Motion to accept previous meeting minutes

Proposed, David O'Sullivan

2nd, Leo Stanilas

Carried

Correspondence

none

President's Report – Dave Reeve

The main dot points are outlined below –

KP:

- *Rebolt of KPN has commenced and we have five routes completed.*
 - *Still showing as closed on The Crag because we want to keep high volumes of traffic away until more routes are complete*
 - *We are attempting to keep roughly to the old routes where we can identify them, and we have consulted with FAs in a number of cases. The old names will be applied even when we aren't sure where they ran. The idea is to bring this cliff back into the same 'vibe' and ethic as the main cliff.*
- *The bolt database started last year has been gaining momentum as a new crew get up to speed with the auditing process.*
 - *The Zoho database is working well with ready access from mobile phone giving us a paperless system.*
 - *I've streamlined our subscription so it now costs us approx. USD92 per annum.*
 - *The public facing 'bad bolts' system which reports straight into the main system has been running for just over 12 months with 9 reports logged.*
 - *We currently have 241 bolts under audit. This represents maybe 20% to 30% of all climbs, but more like 80% of all popular climbs.*
- *Major descale and stabilisation of the cliff by Council*

- *In spite of misgivings, based on the outcome, it is clear the contractors were mindful of the fact it is a climbing cliff.*
- *No, Council wouldn't talk to us*
- *But, yes, they did a good job.*
- *Reducing the loose block count, and stabilising big blocks works for both us and council*
- *No blocks came down which contained a bolt... let's keep it that way*

ICC Tender:

- *The ICC call for tenders– “suitability investigation for rock climbing, bouldering and abseiling” - in latter half of 16*
- *Was put out again for tender in first half 17, and we were contacted by SMEC.*
- *Don't know what the current state is*
- *All power to ICC for grasping the nettle. It is going to be a messy and protracted business if it goes ahead, but I believe it is a fight that we have to have.*

HQ Plantations:

- *Pinged by HQP re bouldering at Paschendaele*
- *Meeting with HQP at Beeburum before Christmas ran along the lines expected*
 - *They told us what they expected us to do - ie no access without their say so*
 - *We told them what we expected of them as land managers*
 - *We asked for a response on a couple of salient points from their legal counsel, but thus far no reply*
- *Our current position is – “access is open, and if pinged, be polite and bring the matter back to ACAQ for resolution”*

Keperra:

- *We were approached by Brookfield Residential Properties when a member flagged up the proposed housing development at the Keperra*
- *BRP were keen to have us on board as they saw the value of a rock climbing recreational component to the land subdivision.*
- *As part of the to and fro between Council and BRP, Council indicated they would not accept the proposal unless the recreational component was absorbed by a community title scheme.*
 - *We would argue that the public good is harmed in the long term if the opportunity is not taken to ensure appropriate tenure for the recreational component.*
 - *We would argue that making such a restriction on the proposal is to insert Council's narrow term interests into a matter of long term public importance.*
 - *We would argue that the appropriate tenure is as State Reserve with Council as Trustee.*
 - *We would argue that such an action is contrary the well-publicised intent of both State and Council actors to increase the extent of natural recreational spaces within the city*

- *We ran a brief campaign to ensure these points made it into the planning department during the public consultation phase. In the event, some seventy properly made submissions from our members were accepted.*
- *We have not yet heard of Council's decision.*

Draft Protected Areas Strategy - NCOLA 2017

- *Introduced the DPLAS at our February meeting saying that there was potential to secure the future of a number of crags right here.*
 - *Provided corners aren't cut and the heavy lifting is done using the legislation already in place*
 - *Provided the existing classes of land tenures aren't muddled because they work just fine as they are.*
- *We made a submission outlining how we saw such a scheme working.*
- *The NCOLA introduced on the floor of parliament this month proves my cynicism to be well founded.*
- *Rather than create a National Park, the intention is to burden freehold titles with conservation agreements that survive the usual dealings in land.*
- *It is loosely worded so that in effect the Minister can bring land under the NCA that actually has no significant conservation values. If they fail to tighten this wording as suggested per the Law Societies submission to the Ag & Env committee, it is pretty clear the intent is political posturing rather any real concern for sustaining the park system.*
- *We felt that there was no useful position for ACAQ to take in what promises to be a partisan political dog-fight.*
- *The second reading and debate is yet to happen.*
- *We just need to keep on making the case that nearly all crags are worthy of conservation park status, and the management could be devolved to the climbing community.*

Treasurer's Report – Chris Williams

Will be archived here-

<http://www.qldclimb.org.au/acaq-meeting-minutes/>

Crag Reports

Mt Coolum – Ian Elliott

Coolum is seeing good numbers during the winter season. There has been an increase in the numbers of climbers who are able to climb hard grades with many climbers climbing 28 and above. Good to see the girls crushing it also.

Matt Eaton's futuristic project, Esoteric Agenda, has finally been put to rest by Dan Mackay 10 years after Matt bolted it and 5 years after he was forced to retire from climbing due to a work injury. Graded at 32, it is another solid Coolum line which will present a serious challenge to all comers. Yet to be named by Dan.

The Falcons are showing the usual signs of nesting and we will be keeping a watch for any developments on that front.

Helidon Hills – Phil Box

No report received

Brooyar – Adon Taylor

There have been some upgrades to Eagles Nest by QPWS. I have recently been in contact with Paul Harris the RIC and he has no concerns regarding the climbing community.

Glass House Mtns: Committee

No report received

Kangaroo Point: - Adam Kerz

No report received

Frog Buttress – Steve Kloske

No report received

Ninderry – Susy Goldner

No report received

Girraween – Adam Palmer

No report received

North Qld – Gary Abrahams

No report received

Changes in Crag Representatives:

- *Tel Bodiam joins Adam Kerz as KP crag rep.*
- *Daniel Peatey steps into the newly created role of crag rep for Flinders and White Rock*
- *Justin Pedersen joins Adon Taylor as Brooyar crag rep.*
- *We will be calling for people to join the Glasshouse Management Group shortly*

Election of Executive

President: *Dave Reeve - unopposed*

Secretary: *Ruth Reeve - unopposed*

Treasurer: *Chris Williams – unopposed*

Agenda Items

None submitted

General Business

Motion: That this meeting endorses an additional storage locked be procured and installed adjacent to the one currently in existence at River Tce Kangaroo Point.

Proposed: Leo Stanilas

Seconded: Alex Turnbull

Carried.

Bolting. *If you are about to bolt a new route in SEQ, please contact the ACAQ to allow a precedent to be set re QPWS Operational Policy on bolting. All correspondence should be directed to Secretary@climb.org.au*

8.55pm Meeting closed

Signed



David Reeve
President

Signed



Ruth Reeve
Secretary