



Australian Climbing Association (Qld) Inc

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 24th June 2011.

7.05pm Meeting opens

Present; Dave Reeve, Ruth Reeve, Adam Gibson, Ria Zoeller, Mike Olsen, Tom Olsen, Bernie Walsh, Phil Box, Mark Gamble, Andy Ramm, Damien Ayres, Gordon Baudino, Bjorn Lyngwa & Glen Jones

Apologies; Patrick Banda, Pete O'Halloran, Joel Simpkins, Graham Page, Ian Wilson, Chris Glastonbury, Damian Rua, Lee & Samantha Cujes, Thomas Kjaer Olsen, JJ O'Brien.

Motion to accept minutes from previous meeting - minutes accepted.

Correspondence – various mail items regarding KP storage facility. No formal response from DERM re Mt Coolum campaign.

President's Report

1. ACA has been involved in meetings with DERM and BCC regarding the issue of bolting generally, and Mt Coolum in particular – see below.
2. Rock face at Kangaroo Point north has been stabilised.
3. Howard Smith Wharves is moving forward slowly.
4. Flooding in January has stopped progress on development.
5. Lights at KP still out. Not considered to be a BCC priority at this stage.
6. **Mt Coolum Issue.** We had a very good response to the campaign, thank you to all who contributed by spreading the word and writing in to DERM. Qurank was instrumental in mobilising the troops and a big thanks goes out to Lee for dedicating the website to this issue whilst the campaign was on. Also a big thanks to the people involved in drafting the formal ACAQ response. Although ACAQ did not receive an official written response to the campaign, a meeting did take place between representatives from DERM, QORF, DIP and ACAQ Exec committee members where the issues were discussed. Ultimately the main issue of permits and liability insurance came down to DERM's assessment that they were exposed to a liability in the case of a bolt failure. As a result of the meeting 3 points were agreed. 1. DERM will seek legal advice regarding what their actual liability might be. 2. ACAQ agreed to undertake a risk assessment on bolt failure. 3. Climbing will continue at Mt Coolum without the need for permits.

7. Given that land managers see the risk of bolt failure as a key component of crag access, ACAQ would like to see bolters announcing any new or retro bolted routes, and being willing to publically stand by their work. If we are to maintain access to crags on the public estate, then nothing short of professional conduct by route developers and maintainers will do.
8. There is a need for ACAQ to become involved in fostering the training of new climbers. The numbers of people moving from gym to outdoor climbing is increasing rapidly, and unless good, safe practice is propagated through this community as fast as it grows, there is a real risk of access issues arising through negative public perception of safety. Everybody has a role to play in this process.

Treasurers Report

1. The save Mt Coolum campaign tripled membership.
2. The association now has 78 direct members and another 200 via uni and other climbing clubs.
3. A full financial breakdown was presented by Ria.

Crag Representatives Reports – There were no reports from crag reps.

Election of Executive 2011/2012

President – Dave Reeve, unopposed

Secretary – Glen Jones, unopposed

Treasurer – Ruth Reeve, unopposed

Crag Representatives 2011/2012

Kangaroo Point – Mark Gamble

Frog buttress – Colin Carstens

Mt Maroon – Mark Gamble

Mt Greville – Mark Gamble

Glasshouse Mountains – Ross Ferguson

Mt Coolum – JJ O'Brien

Brooyar – Graham Page

Girraween – position vacant

Mt archer – Petros Khalesirad

N Qld – Chris Glastonbury

No further business

8.10 pm Meeting closed