

MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5TH May 2007

Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Chillagoe Caving Club (Inc.) held on Saturday 5th May 2007 at the Club premises, Chillagoe.

1. OPENING

The meeting was opened at 8:15 pm.

2. PRESENT

Alan Cummins, Douglas & Mary Ann Irvin, Barry & Julie Neale, Les & Beth Pearson, Miriam Robinson, Chris Head, Tom Gilmore, Gordon Greaves, Bruce Dane, Greg, Doris & Josh Guernier, Peter Bannink, Mark Tischler, Catherine Cummins, Daniel and Elwing Mitchell, Paco Murray, Grant Maley, Van Christensen, Nick Bushby, Keith Offer, Axel Buthmann, Kahleb Cox, Samuel Leech, Deanne Vale, Grant Polomka, Heidi McQueen, Brett Wilson, Sue Jenkins, Max Emeny and Paul Osborne

3. APOLOGIES

Phillip Mansbridge, Wendy Lander, Michael Cummins, Margaret Cummins, David Cummins, Tom Porritt, Peter Cummins, Winfred Weiss, Ann & Vernon Atkinson, Lana Little, Allison Irvin, Michelle & John Guillatt
It was moved by Deanne Vale; seconded by Elwing Mitchell and carried by the meeting.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of 2006 Annual General Meeting held on the 29th of April were taken as read with no further business arising. Keith Offer moved that the minutes be passed; his was seconded by Sue Jenkins and carried by the meeting.

5. ANNUAL REPORTS

Additions to the Presidents Report:

- ⊙ Alan Cummins added to his President's report many thanks to all who have helped in the club throughout the year.
- ⊙ Alan spoke to all the clubs achievements throughout the year and to his report.
- ⊙ Alan shared his vision regarding the 2011 A.S.F. conference and of the need to finish the old school building.
- ⊙ Alan shared that he would not be standing for the position of president this coming year.

Additions to the Treasurers Report:

- ⊙ Douglas Irvin added to his report that Kevin Ridgeway had just last Thursday 3rd May sent the audited financial statement. This is to be sent out via email to all members for perusal.

- ⊙ Douglas shared this years auction netted \$510
- ⊙ All members were encouraged to give donations towards the free holding of the land, which is tax deductible, as well as towards the purchase of a new fridge and chest freezer for the clubhouse.

Additions to the Safety Training Officers Report:

- ⊙ Daniel Mitchell expressed thanks for supporting the training days.

Additions to the Club Building and Maintenance Report:

- ⊙ Paul Osborne spoke of last year as being a good year with lots of willing helpers with the improvements to the clubhouse.
- ⊙ He shared that the club usage of the facilities had doubled since the previous year. Monies raised allowed the club to maintain current facilities.
- ⊙ Paul spoke about the new kitchen and the double sink that was next on the list.

Additions to the A.S.F. Report:

- ⊙ Alan Cummins spoke to the report on behalf of Winfred Weiss in absenter. The Mt Etna mining company has given all Mt Etna plus buildings and \$250000 to A.S.F. to help with the final rehabilitation of the site.

Additions to the Photo Librarians Report:

- ⊙ Paul Osborne spoke about previewing all the old photos. He felt the need for new photo's to be added using CD technology.
- ⊙ A request was made for people with current photos to donate a copy on CD to the library with captions to aid identification.

Additions to the Librarians Report:

- Miriam Robinson reported that the library books were antiquated and that there was a need for more modern caving books.
- She also mentioned that some more of Tom's caving books have been donated to the club library.

Additions to the Conservation Officers Report:

- Alan Cummins reported on behalf of Brett Wilson that Miriwinni Lime had some small changes to their lease but this did not effect any caves.
- Red Dome was mining again in an underground operation this time but with no danger to any caving areas.
- Alan also shared that the upgrading of the road past the Ramparts Tower coming into Chillagoe was currently under revision due to an incursion on a mining lease.

6. PRESIDENTS AWARD & EINSTEIN AWARD

Alan Cummins had no nominations for the Presidents Award for this year.

Barry Neale failed to bring the award to the meeting this year and thus by default will keep it for another year despite the volume of good caving bloopers.

7. MOTION

A motion was moved by Gordon Greaves that “The action and decisions of the Management Committee over the past 2006 – 2007 year be ratified and approved”. Miriam Robinson seconded this motion, and the meeting carried the motion unanimously.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Alan Cummins declared all the CCC positions vacant; Mt. Tom Gilmore then chaired the meeting so a new executive could be elected. During this time Tom congratulated the club for its further work in free holding and upgrading club assets. He also praised the club for holding the A.S.F. Conference in 2011 here in Chillagoe.

Winfried Weiss was nominated **president** by Keith Offer and seconded by Greg Guernier. Due to Winfried’s unexpected absence, Tom Gilmore phoned through the clubs request, which was accepted as witnessed by all members present. Winfried was elected unopposed.

Tom continued to chair the rest of the elections in Winfried’s absence.

Bruce Dane was nominated for **secretary** by Daniel Mitchell and seconded by Keith Offer, Bruce was elected unopposed.

Peter Bannink was nominated for **treasurer** by Alan Cummins and seconded by Mary Ann Irvin, Peter was elected unopposed.

Nominated members who accepted the positions unopposed filled the following club offices:

Survey and Records Keeper – Peter Bannink

Tagging Officer – Daniel Mitchell

Tackle Keeper – Alan Cummins

Safety Training officer – Daniel Mitchell

Club Building and Maintenance co-ordinator – Paul Osborne

ASF co-ordinator – Winfried Weiss

ACKMA representative – Alan Cummins

Editor and Publisher – Gordon Greaves

Photo Librarian – Mary Ann Irvin

Librarian – Miriam Robinson

Environmental Conservation Officer – Brett Wilson

Publicity Officer – Wendy Lander

Chillagoe Rep. Position to be filled by Management Committee

Auditor – Kevin Ridgeway

Solicitor – Robin Smith

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

At this point Bruce Dane on Winfried's behalf chaired the final part of the meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Tom Gilmore for his dedicated service to the club.

Paul Osborne moved that the club make a donation of \$150 toward the RFDS. This was seconded by Paco Murray and carried by the meeting.

Douglas Irvin shared an upcoming film event that highlighted some of the world's best climbing sites.

Bruce shared the new management team's vision for the club. He explained that the club house fridge/chest freezer were now well overdue for retirement, especially with the huge improvements to the club kitchen facilities by Paul and the gang. A suggestion was made for all club members to donate \$10 towards this project. (\$200 was collected on the night – with thanks)

Bruce also shared with the meeting the need to re-establish frequent club weekends that will incorporate a 2-hour working bee and then the rest of the day caving. This will assist in finishing off projects, which will improve club facilities in readiness for the 2011 ASF Conference. For example :- concreting under the old school building, painting the club house and old school building and improving toilet/shower facilities so that we can accommodate more people at the one time.

Bruce made a request for members to contact management with any new ideas in ways we can improve our facilities.

As there was no further business the Bruce closed the meeting at 9.20pm