

## **CCC Executive Meeting 13/10/18**

**Attendees: Winfried, Joy, Max, Sue, Lars, Robert, Goy, Tony.**

**Start 7.10PM Finish 9.07PM.**

### **From Max to all Members:**

- **Brief Financials**

Joy: Balance \$9500.

Term deposit has not gone ahead as we have had some outgoings for fire protection and the possibility of purchasing a new bore pump. With the low interest rates available there is minimal loss by not having a term deposit.

Peter has completed the financial report for Office of fair trading.

- **Commbank access**

Joy and Peter and Max can now authorise payments online. Winnie almost have access.

### **From the Rescue training Weekend.**

Stretcher: Paul has carried out modifications to the Stretcher.

Purchase of Concrete Screws: It was agreed that the club would look to purchase 8mm concrete screws for the rescue kit. There will need to be a policy for use of the screws.

We will also need to look at suitable tools for installation of the screws.

There are some hangers in the tackle room and Lars has a qty of hangers that he has made available to the club. We will check those hangers to ensure they are fit for purpose and ensure we end with a suitable qty for the rescue kit.

In the interests of minimal impact caving we should not bolt for general recreational caving. Bolting for rescue and for common routes is acceptable.

- **New drill**

Winnie is to source quote for purchase of a Makita drill for the rescue kit.

- **Caretaker Agreement:**

Winnie: Winnie and Joy to follow up on Caretaker/tenancy agreements

- **Intro caver fees**

Paul is working with ASF with regard to the introductory caver fee. Currently we have an introductory fee of \$55 for 12 months. We would like this to change to \$55 for 3 months with the option to convert it to full membership at anytime in the 3 month period.

- **Longer term considerations for the club buildings.**

General consensus is that with our current membership base we do not have the income to maintain our buildings for the long term. There are possibilities for grants and increasing our revenue from groups staying at the clubhouse but with our small membership it is hard to find people who have the time to commit to trying to access grants or promote the property to user groups.

Discussions were had with ideas floated of sub dividing and selling part of the property. Deconstruct the old school and or the top of the clubhouse and use the slabs to make a new low maintenance clubhouse.

After discussion it was agreed that without a major renovation to the caretaker residence it is likely that if the current caretakers were to leave that we would be unable to rent the property to new tenants/caretaker.

We could likely change things a bit and operate without a caretaker. That would solve some issues, such as needing to repair/renovate but also bring in security questions as well as needing to have the grounds maintained year round to a reasonable standard.

Late news from after the meeting is that a builder is going to go out and have a look at the clubhouse with a view to quoting on repairs.

- **Reprint of karst books.**

Peter: Peter got this organised, thanks Peter. New karst books will be sold to current trip leaders only at \$20 ea.

- **Not for profit info to Bank**

Ongoing

- **Up to date member list and TL list**

Joy has sorted the membership list. It is an ongoing list as many introductory members do not return, and some longer term members do not renew. Updating of the trip leader list needs to happen as Mick from National parks needs to know who the current TLS are to ensure we comply with our permit requirements for entering national Park caves.

- **Bore pump**

Winnie: Ball park figure of \$3000 was given for a new pump and installation. Winnie to source a firm local quote. Discussion was had that the general clubhouse grounds are looking ok with the watering that has been done with town water. As the bore has been out of action for 6 months or so during the driest part of the year it was agreed to look at our water bills to see if the cost to water using town water makes it worth replacing the bore pump.

**Trip leader payment / Trip Leaders for Club Weekends.**

Trip Leaders for club weekends has been an on going topic for quite a few years and is still very relevant. For the July club weekend there were no trip leaders available and returning members who wanted to come caving were unable to.

The possibility of cancelation of future club weekends due to lack of trip leaders is highly likely unless something changes, and without club weekends to promote caving to new comers long term survival of the club is in jeopardy.

Max had previously asked the membership for thoughts/suggestions.

The following was the only reply. ( Next paragraph) Please be assured that any comments sent to me will remain confidential. I have not and will not disclose who makes any comments unless they wish to be named. It is important to the clubs future to ensure we work together and sort out what is best for the club long term.

One person responded. They want our trip leader system to change, feeling there is no incentive to maintain trip leader status. With regard to people in the club having total control on who in the club gets things or leadership status I believe that some have been given to much power and are starting to get to much control over the club. Max asked for some clarification assuring confidentiality but received no further correspondence.

The current management committee was in agreement that they did not want to control the club rather they were doing what all management committees do and are trying to run the club as best they see fit. The next AGM is not all that far away and as with every AGM all positions will become vacant giving all members who meet the criteria the option to nominate for positions.

The trip leaders who have been able to regularly attend club weekends and take new comers caving are finding they are tiring of acting more as tour guides through known caves to ensure new comers a good first time cave experience, rather than carrying on with their preferred projects.

Various options for trip leader payments have been floated. It was decided that at this point we do not want to roll out a payment scheme for trip leaders. Many people have a different view on what was a good cave trip and it is a concern that if trip leaders are being paid then it will put even more pressure on them to ensure new comers/club members have a good caving weekend. We will however offer free camping for trip leaders who lead club trips for both days on a club weekend. This is easy for us to manage and roll out from the next club weekend.

Ongoing discussions and feedback for options of trip leader payments are welcome.

- **Trip Leader Certification**

Due to the shortage of SRT trip leader/assessors attending club weekends under the current trip leader scheme we are unable to bring through SRT trip leaders. We have introduced a small addition.

Currently it lists that we require 2 x SRT trip leaders and one SRT assessor to promote a TL to SRT TL. It is now acceptable that 2 x SRT assessors will be equivalent to the 2 x TLs and 1 x Assessor.

### **Gas hose Winfried**

We still need one new hose. Winnie to source.

One large and one small gas bottles were refilled at the hardware store.

- **Tackle room key**

When the tackle room lock is changed Clare will have two keys and Winnie one key. Should any members feel they need a key we can have more cut.

Some people who have the old keys paid a deposit for them so on return of the key we will refund the \$10?

- **Fire Safety and Electrical**

There are now 3 fire hose reels working. Thanks to the team for digging holes, concreting and plumbing before caving each day. The old hose reel under the school house will continue to leak a small amount when turned on and continue to leak for a while after the tap is turned off. This is ok for the moment, we need to ensure the tap is turned off and monitor the leak for development.

There was one problem smoke alarm in the care takers main room. Winnie was able to call in a favour and get a local police officer to turn it off for Clare. We do not have a small ladder for reaching these smoke alarms so one has been ordered from the hardware store. There is a tall ladder under the old school building that reaches the smokes alarms upstairs in that building. We need to clean the alarms on a regular basis so keep it in mind if you have free time when out there.

- **Call outs for overdue covers.**

After discussion another draft will be drawn up, hopefully this will finalise this.

### **Hard drives for Data Back Up**

Peter has copied the club data to external hard drives.

- **Club cups, hats and tshirts**

They have been written off the books, what is left is at the clubhouse.

- **Sewage System**

This needs to have annual inspection, it just had this at a cost of \$550. We have a list of people who can do this so we should try for a better priced option next year. Needs to sort this by June?

- **Tas have booking**

26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

2019 Year 6 camp, from Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 May 2019. Our caterer, Julie Neale, will probably want to come in the day before to setup if that's OK.

- TAS Outdoor Education are hosting a forum at Trinity Anglican School White Rock this year on behalf of the OEAQ (Outdoor Educators' Association of Queensland). It's called the Facilitators of Outdoor Learning (FOOLs) forum and it's being held on Saturday 1 December. It's a largely practical day and great networking opportunity and it is for anyone who works with groups in the outdoors. It would be particularly relevant for anyone involved with school camps, outdoor education or outdoor recreation programs, adventure tourism and tour guiding and also those who deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Award

Winnie may be able to attend the above forum. If any members are available to attend/set up a presentation? Let us know.

- A member commented that they were unable to find up to date info on the website about upcoming trips. Basically the same day we were advised that the FB page had not been updating to the website and had been fixed so all should be ok now. Notifications of trips are on FB and the website.
- We have had numerous notifications from council that we have a slow water leak. Our old plumbing does generally present us with new leaks on a regular basis so we need to keep this in mind when we are around the clubhouse.

It was noticed on the last club weekend that the plumbing at the meter has a corroded fitting. These fittings should be available at the local hardware. It will require 3 new valves and other Poly fittings.

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