

# TCIA AGM 2016

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### **Apologies:**

Stephen Ford, Bill Baxter, Dave James, Tim Whelan, Mark Savage, Kim Ladiges.

### **Present:**

Alex Wilson  
Felicity Ogilvie  
Garry Phillips  
Richard Youd  
Stuart Scott  
Jessie Westbury  
Renee Harrington

Alex presented his report focussing on the difficulties experienced with TAFE and the rationale for the actions taken to become independent whilst still maintaining service.

The following is also a summary of the reports of the President and secretary:

For the TCIA it has been a year of significant change. Some of these changes are as follows:

- A new (The AMGA single Pitch) manual was adopted and all assessment sheets changed to reflect modern best practice. A more flexible approach to technique and setups is now reflected in training and assessments. Bill Baxter did a lot of work on these sheets – thanks.
- Early in the year a significant issue arose with TAFE costing's and insurance. The TCIA has been heavily subsidized in the past and this came to an abrupt end. In essence business as usual could not go on. Following negotiations with TAFE they applied for Commonwealth assistance to reduce costs to a point where they would be viable. Garry and Stu made submissions in support of this. After some time the TCIA Executive was informed funding to subsidize assessments was going to happen - however after several months this was not forthcoming.
- In the interim business had to continue. Garry and Stu were requested to continue service delivery under their own insurance. This they did with the assistance of Kim.

In total the following services were provided.

1. Bill and Stu ran a free training weekend for anyone wishing to try out

- the new manual.
2. Garry and Stu also ran two training weekends.
  3. Three or four assessment weekends were held at WWW. All were full except one. Kim assisted greatly by acting as a moderator. This is an excellent practice if it can be sustained. About 75% passed.
  4. Two ICG courses were held. One in Launceston and one in Hobart. Nine people passed these. Some did not quite make it.

As a consequence of the TAFE issue the Executive decided to become independent and autonomous, a great deal of effort was made to obtain alternative insurance etc. However due to an accident in Queensland involving instruction this proved highly problematic. After much effort Alex obtained insurance at a cost that is just sustainable. The Executive approved the transition as there was little (no) choice. Costings were worked out and the budget is achievable.

With a slight adjustment to finances the TCIA conducted the last assessment at the new fees as set out on the website. They are generally less than those of other organizations with each unit costing \$245.

Garry, Bill and Stu also ran a general and rescue skills weekend in June that was low cost and well patronized. Several other people have expressed interest in this and another is planned for a few weeks time. It is hoped to attract and assist more members through this process.

Other achievements have been the rebuild and rewrite of the website and the construction of a bulk email system. A Facebook page may also assist in communicating with members.

The secretaries Stu and Felicity prepared two detailed submissions. One related to the trespass issue at Rocky Tom that received a reasonable response from the Clarence Council. It is believed the land has now been sold. This needs follow up.

The other related to the extension of the commercial zone at Freycinet that could extend to WWW. It appears that the RACT are not continuing with that project due to objections and community concern so the effort was worth it.

This year has been challenging but we are now in an excellent position structurally, financially and in terms of membership to progress.

Alex also presented the treasurers report and emphasised we needed to maintain funds for any eventualities that may occur. In particular he mentioned the necessity to maintain incorporation status. Richard agreed to action this.

Gear for the future is an issue. Alex will discuss this with TAFE.

The Executive meeting Alex for his efforts during the year in keeping things going.

## **OFFICE BEARERS**

The following people were elected:

**President** Bill Baxter

**Secretary** Stu Scott with assistance from Felicity.

**Treasurer** Richard Youd

**Deputy President** Garry Phillips

**Membership Secretary** Renee Harrington

**Executive** Alex, Kim and Jessie Westbury.

## **General Business**

- Fees were raised to \$100 per two years.
- An equitable roster for guide work would be overseen by Bill Baxter as president.
- It was agreed that the TCIA would diversify in terms of services offered and continue to become more community oriented.
- Renee agreed to work on the issue of certificates.
- Richard and Alex would speak to Nate re the dual qualification process.
- Jessie agreed to develop a TCIA Facebook site (this she has done).

The Meeting concluded on the note that we are well positioned for the future.