

TCIA AGM Minutes 26 September 2011

Attendees: Tony McKenny, Bill Baxter, Alex Wilson, Justin Otlowski, Alex Lewis, Simon Young, Nick Hancock, Dave James, John Middendorf, Garry Phillips & Steve Cameron.

Meeting opened 7pm. 2010 minutes certified true and correct, proposed Bill Baxter, seconded Tony McKenny.

Treasurer's report provided by Alex Wilson (attached). Proposal by Bill Baxter that an audit was not required, and unanimously supported by all attendees.

2011-2012 Nominations.

President Bill Baxter, nominated by Nick Hancock, seconded Dave James.

Secretary Nick Hancock, nominated by Alex Wilson, seconded Simon Young.

Treasurer Alex Wilson, nominated by Simon Young, seconded Garry Phillips.

Membership secretary Alex Wilson, nominated by Nick Hancock, seconded Garry Phillips.

Public officer Nick Hancock, nominated by Simon Young, seconded Alex Lewis.

Auditor Alex Wilson, nominated by Nick Hancock, seconded Garry Phillips.

Vice president Garry Phillips, nominated by Tony McKenny, seconded Simon Young.

Executive member Simon Young, nominated by Alex Wilson, seconded Nick Hancock.

Executive member Alex Lewis, nominated by Simon Young, seconded Garry Phillips.

Webmaster Al Adams, nominated by Tony McKenny, seconded Simon Young.

Bill Baxter raised concerns re: TCIA/ Polytechnic relationship and asked Alex Wilson to outline the relationship.

Alex Wilson said that TCIA was piggybacking insurance and workers compensation from Aardvark Adventures then Freycinet Adventures. Seven years ago TCIA affiliated with TAFE (now Polytechnic). Polytechnic support TCIA programs Polytechnic audited and assessed TCIA programs. There is a good relationship with Polytechnic to provide training and assessment. Attendees gain TCIA certification and Polytechnic Cert IV units at the same time. Polytechnic units are useful interstate and abroad. Issues emerging are: Polytechnic need to use registered teachers to run courses otherwise there is a lot of extra paperwork needed that could take four months to do. All training and assessment has to be underwritten by Alex as a Workplace Trainer Assessor. Instructors need WFA (Wilderness First Aid) to work for Polytechnic. There is a lot of auditing of courses.

Simon Young asked if others, e.g. Nick Hancock could be certified by Polytechnic as a trainer assessor?

Alex Wilson stated need for TRB (Teachers Registration Board), WFA and Cert IV trainer Assessor to run a course for Polytechnic. Benefits are pay, vehicle, fuel and gear. A non-TRB teacher can only work up to 49 days per year. Pay is the same regardless. Audits check that training and assessing occurred.

Tony McKenny said there was another dimension to this. We may not fulfil our role in the wider community. Tying the TCIA to one format could lead to problems. How do we get greater community presence?

Steve Cameron said we need marketing.

Bill Baxter said TCIA has nothing to do with indoor certification.

Tony McKenny asked if we should look into certifying indoor climbing.

Simon Young said we should offer it as lots of schools wanted certification and it would provide lots of work.

Nick Hancock said that the Tasmanian Adventure Activity Standards said that TCIA TRA, the relevant Cert IV units or demonstrated skills were currently acceptable. There were currently not many enrolled on the forthcoming indoor course.

Tony McKenny said we should put this issue on the table and come back to it at a later date to see if TCIA has a role.

John Middendorf asked if there could be a competitor.

Tony McKenny stated there were lots.

Bill Baxter asked if TCIA TRA is above indoor or in the wrong field.

Tony McKenny answered there is a new Australian standard for climbing gyms and trained people should know if a gym is Australian standard when they enter one.

Garry Phillips stated instructors need TRA rescue skills.

Simon Young said they need to know gear inspection, set up, belaying and counterbalance rescue.

Tony McKenny said leading indoors should be an advanced qualification.

Alex Wilson said the course should be underwritten by Polytechnic, and queried if the certificate would need renewal.

Simon Young said consistency between outdoor and indoor would be advantageous.

Alex Wilson, needs to be progression to changing guidelines to outdoor activity standards. It would Take Alex Wilson and two other Cert Iv trainer assessors to change these.

Bill Baxter asked if candidates get qualifications through Polytechnic for life.

Alex Wilson said yes as units issued for life.

Simon Young asked if we should set another meeting to discuss indoor climbing issue, that it would be good to adapt to new way of climbing and most schools start indoors.

Alex asked is it our role as TCIA to oversee indoor climbing.

Tony McKenny said it was our role to set a standard.

Alex said as there were lots of us here tonight why don't we decide whether to get involved now.

Bill Baxter said the education department chose TCIA as we have recertification, better than cert for life.

Simon Young said we should support motion to look into it, but agreed certification should not be for life.

Alex said we should make decision now.

Garry Phillips offered to look into it, that he had built walls recently and that the certification should be renewed.

Simon Young said Garry and Alex (Wilson) should work together to look into it and that TCIA should be involved.

Bill Baxter said that he would like Simon Young involved.

Simon Young said he was currently busy but will help.

Bill Baxter asked Alex Wilson when he could report back to us.

Alex Wilson said by the end of October (2011).

Bill Baxter questioned whether TCIA was the weaker partner in the relationship with Polytechnic. When TASORC folded TCIA couldn't afford insurance and went to TAFE (polytechnic). He said he saw Alex Wilson's loyalty to Polytechnic, not TCIA, as he is paid by Polytechnic.

Nick Hancock stated that he didn't believe TCIA is any different under Polytechnic.

Alex Wilson said the Cert IV's were being assessed 12 to 14 October 2011 by Alex Wilson, Nick Hancock, Bill Baxter and Tony McKenny and that he needed one other assessor. Simon Young, Garry Phillips and Alex Lewis said they were all keen to attend and shadow assessments, before assessing independently.

Nick Hancock stressed need to be careful about extra presence as additional stress might affect Cert IV's performance.

Bill Baxter asked if there was any other business.

Simon Young said that Sausage had asked John Burgess two years ago if he could liaise climbers with Police SAR. Simon was now the new liaison. Simon keen to get TCIA MPG's on board.

Bill asked if Police happy to have that help.

Simon said yes.

Tony stated Police primarily need our crag knowledge and secondarily rigging advice.

Simon stated Police good at vertical rescue if they can get above victim and if they couldn't, would want our help. There is a tree in place and database being built and plan to match individuals to areas they know well. There will be a training weekend this summer for climbers with Police. CCT now writing access, code of conduct, environment and maintenance policy.

Alex Wilson stated our bank account can be changed to fee free. Unanimous agreement from all present to do this.

Simon Young raised motion to move TCIA website to free hosting. Seconded by Nick Hancock. John Middendorf to do this with Al Adams.

Nick Hancock proposed to waive John Middendorf's initial TCIA membership fees as recompense for this work. Simon Young seconded, there were no objections.

Bill Baxter closed meeting at 0850pm.