

TCIA News - 7-2014
News calendar

Alex W - Lab Party

Project Steve Cameron
Bill Baxter
Steve Scott
Ant Ollers
Alex Wilson
Alex White
Gary Phillips
Kim Ladiges
Dave James
Nick Hancock

Apologies

Will VanderVusse
Daniel Stavel
Guy Jarvis
Simon Young

Tim Wreelan
Phil Savage
Garry Cohen
Jel Black
Paul Oates

Pres Report. from Paul Savage

Treasurer Report - Alex W \$9018.39
last year \$1500 income vs to TAFE
\$1768 outgoings \$2640 in subscriptions void.

Bill Baxter. Are the vops TUA or TAFES?

Alex W. ~~the~~ TAFE co-donation of 1500.
Should we replicate 50/50% ownership

Each year we should grow funds - soon over \$10k.

At Adams - Move members then ever 54 75/6.
4 removed as had not recertified 2013/4

Alex Wilson - 50% ICGs join TCIA, not do it

Alex Ollers - Why not?

Alex W - Teachers too busy? Don't get round to it.

Nick U. - Some troubles with paperwork Re ICGs

Alex W. Nale Welch new TAFE admin.

Bill Baxter - Who assess?

Garry Phillips - I do most. Notify Burre Naley.

Alex W. - Practical assessment + written. Gary + Alex W.
sit down + check practical + written + decide if passed
cert IV units and TCIA ICG.

Garry.

Alex W. - Some breakdown from me is sending info to Nick U.
When pass get letter how to join TCIA.

Ant Ollers - Could you include fee is appli?

Alex W. - not applicable - high failure rate

Adrian - Can we bring in school principals into process (2)

Alex W. - Principal already allowing clubs will use so less motivation to finalise certification

Edn Münster forced to run ICG course.
TAFE happy to do so. I wrote stds for indoor climbing
Must be TCIA registered.

Gary P. I tell them to join TCIA.

Steve Scott. - Would be good to tell club practice without joining TCIA.

And Oll. Would it be better to make it easier to join TCIA.

Alex W. - we need to be strict as skills perishable. Logbook forces clubs to maintain currency

Gary P. should join immediately.

Artollem - think when I joined I didn't know I had to join

~~At Adams~~
~~Mark~~

Bill - If wasn't matter went - would it expedite process

Steve Cam - No

Alex W. - see them happy to attend - but not complete process

Steve Scott - \$65 could be an issue +

Nick A. Involvement is difficult - schools prefer us to invoice but quite awkward

Bill - You have done most asses?

Steve Cam - why not give refund if don't pass

Nick A - hard to know whether to issue cert

Alex W. - Issue is delays by individuals causing non finalisation +
win - Could there be time limit therefore Nick doesn't know

win - Do they know timeframe

Alex W. - Yes 14 working days. Presumably should give longer.

Bill - who next -

Alex W. - Note will raise with Gary to finalise
Nick will get a list.

At Adams - You sent me five entries as the year

Nick - An email address of all potential + had copy of assessment

Nominations

	Nom	2nd
Pres - Mark Savage	Al Adams	Steve Carr
Sec. - Nick Harrod	Dave J	Rin
Treasurer - Alex W & Stu Scott	Garry. Bill	Dave Nick.
Members Sec Alex W.	Nick	Garry.
Vice President Garry	Al Adams	Bill
Exec Members Stu Scott.	Bill	Al
Webmaster Jet Bladz	Nick	Al
Public Officer Nick W	Al.	Dave

Other Basics

Ant O'Leary - I was accompanying at Claude with Absail element at
 Absail into canyon + canyon jump down waterfall
 Top belay allows quick movement to minimise cold exposure
 Near miss incident led to minor injury.
 An experienced guide attached rope to gear loop - failed -
 client fell 10m - into water - sprained ankle - guide error
 with factors contributing - busy - lots of work - 4 days to
 end of season - safety zone - wait in zone - checks - come
 to cliff - 20yr old male - client had come past safe zone -
 leaning over cliff - quite 1D client is dangerous spot - clipped
 in to preserve safety - should have sent back + done safety
 checks - guide failed - flew in expert from Sydney - came
 up with processed - had 1 rope previously - changing to
 2 rope system - were using tri lock carabiner - alternatives
 towers on both ends - don't untie more - tri lock too easy
 tie in in future - will slow safety checks down to be
 more assessible + sure - will now advise + be belayed
 on separate ropes - more redundancy - after near miss
 had to do something. Talking to Mark at Scotd
 Told him 2nd camp - found 2 peaks in employees -

Accidents when new then qd- 10 yrs - know phenomenon
10 yr spike explained - have systems that have redundancy.
guide skipped ABCDE checks.

Dave James in his defence was distracted.

Kim could 2nd rope slow down lead to hypothermia
risk. ~~Notes~~ makes more sense to have safe harnesses.

Ant we need lanyards - in moving water - work loops to
fail - to stop drowning.

Al Adams - If gear loop at back would this solve problem.

Ant No as floating on back. + would increase entrapment
loop looks very different to clip in point.

Kim Could it happen again. - A slower process could be more
dangerous.

Ant guide has messiah back up to lower client.

1 Incident at end of season.

Bill Never one they-error was final thing.

Appreciated Ant being professional + sharing.

Our hands are tied to double rope system due to independent review
Parish have put in writing so hard to make counter argument.

Dave Have you done trips with 2 ropes

Ant Yes - Dave only one - so not issue here

Al Ad Same issue - 1st clients getting cold.

Ant Edu dept banned canyoning - unrelated to near miss in Dove Canyon.

One person high up has seen - no risk assessment done - get
reaction. Have contacted Edu Minister.

Schools are a large part of business esp in shoulder

John Rigby. - abseiling is safe as well known -
Canyoning is new.

Steve Cam based on fear - not risk.

Stu Scott They are now accountable.

Ant Seems strange for pro-business ~~govt~~ govt

Alex spoke to lots of teachers - they say where did this come from.

Steve Cam Liz Barber dep sec - accountable person -

You will be

Stu Word pressed to change her mind.

Al Adams Dep Principal NNHS sees as Lynchpin to change.

Cory Phillips Can BAI's use natural gear to set up rigs

Alexw Says ~~that~~ on TCIA site should use natural protection.

Bill (wasnt at last AGM and didnt know.
BAI used to be natural anchors or fixed gear (bolts).

~~Stef~~

Stef Sc Could be problem if upskill to gear.
~~Stef~~ Those that dont handle gear enough.
Concern for those people. Currency is issue could do it at assess - poss not later

Dave J. Same issue with rigs.

Alexw more difficult with gear

Stef Sc was original reason for BAI only using natural

Bill Load module in TRA. to prove

Stef Sc perishable skill using gear

Nick other skills ie belaying perishable

Alexw Gey area - have seen many BAI use placed pro-esp at ^{Cassies.}

Gey Areas should be removed. - Assess hard - on anchors - on assessment - even on flat Cassies - On day deemed competent at placing gear.

Stef Sc Suggest in BAI assess? ~~to~~

Alexw Yes - if not enough used in rig - Assessor asks for extra placements to prove competent

Ant O At Cattle Canyons - main risk moving water. Only abseil is bolted. For us ~~is~~ good BAI doesnt use gear. As ext keep competency

Alexw Could there be BAI with gear endorsement?

Bill My concern BAI assessed soon - where are we at re these certificates.

Alexw Remember 2 yrs ago discussing at AGM

Cory Need to be assessed on it if certified

Al Ad There are 26 BAI - biggest groups

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Introduced 7 yrs into TCIA. - because TRA competency too hard to maintain - too much climbing needed to recertify. - Do clients still only need BAI natural anchors only - or

Garry Too hard to train + assess anchors in one day BAI course

Stu Do best on day to pass assessment

Bill I was president at time, Bruce saw niche for BAI - TRA too hard. - I weakened.

Dave J Could we email current BAI and ask them if could do job. if said couldnt use placed gear.

Alex W Doesn't see as issue.

Al Ad ~~we~~ ^{we} need to consistent BAI TRA RPG.

Alex W - Hard to assess

Alex W - TRA for several years - not tested gear.

Stu Scott Is there a resolution?

Alex W Is endorsement to use gear OK.

Garry I think BAI trees, boulders, was best. Can't pass people unless assess.

Alex W TCIA would be straightforward + easy. Consistency amongst assessors best.

Stu Sc Do we have a position?

I get idea we allow gear + assess it?

Alex W Average BAI 20-30 sessions 50% at Cassiers.

Al Ad Wanted to set up with out artificial anchors at Cassiers.

Ant I run 100's abseil sessions a year, I'm not a climber, can train instructors to use bolts + use lowering system.

Wing New assessments not a problem - can do it in future. What about old qualified BAI?

Alex W Aus. Canoe - changed framework. + had to reassess everyone

- Stu
1. Assess new BAI on gear
 2. Don't allow BAI to use gear
 3. Ask BAI's what they think.

Dave J. I can't imagine being a BAI - not playing gear
+ getting work.

All Adams School could get TRAI MPO if want absent on
artificial andors - inconsistency with web site.

Bill Concern - if no skill in playing gear. Unless go on Cat IV
not going to be able to pass BAI.

Ant How long to learn gear?

Stu Some never, others very quickly.

Bill Propose - with future assess - candidates can use gear if wish -
but BAI stays as is - ~~or~~ or can use natural.

Stu - Then says if use gear - are assessed on it.

~~Bill~~ Bill - inexperience won't have time to learn.

Stu MPO broad goal. BAI more easily obtainable.

AI Propose we are not able to resolve today.
Make working group.

Alex W One unit at C4 will say andors.

Bill Could satisfy TAFE but not TCIA.

~~Bill~~ Bill - No problem to ~~bring~~ ^{bring} high + assess lower.

Stu - propose working group. inc BAI

Ant Bill Happy to be in group.

Dave J ✓ canvas BAI's

Alex W ✓ will talk to teachers + ask opinions

Alex Wilson ✓

Gary Phillips

Stu Scott - coordinate working group

Alex W. BY 10 Sept to give 1 month to candidates

Trade Outs Closure of cases conours

Stu Scott Non democratic decision made

Could write to secretary
or minister of Edu.

Spot + Dec minister - Will Hodgman
Dep sec edu.

Edu minister

Stu If write to Sport + Rec minister - probably
more effective than to Edu minister. See
Perceived risks not real.

Professional

Risks assessed

Identified gaps

~~Comparable~~ in lower risks than many sports eg football

Steve Carr ~~Carr~~ Carrongy not in Adul. Activity stds.

That's why not in Edu guidelines

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Garry Phillip - Guiding demands a lot more than TRA.

Alex W TRA has 5 TRA on system now.

Assessments altered - Assess unit, TR unit same,
Lead assess changed. getting client to base - lead delog.
leading -

Bill Baxter, huge issue not enough time now.

Might need meeting at org site.

Further down track on this issue than BAE issue

Alex W. After last AGM & members led by Mark Savage discussed
this issue. we should not be too fixated. we assess
core skills only - always been the case - ~~we~~
People might make mistakes - core issues is what we assess on.

Garry Leading Artemus not enough.

Alex W. Assess is min std. - Then is professional judgement

Alex W. I work with schools who have no idea of my competence.

Alex W. ~~we~~ Doesn't see need to re-visit

Nick There is 4 hours to assess more than Artemus.

Alex W. Has 4 hours - at start budgeting priority - then safety -
then next issues.

Alex W. & assessed at SPG in Oct.

Stu Why don't you moderate.

Nick should be easy access to softcom single pitch. no
loose rods.

Nick to email Al Adams with changes to website.

Stu - Next SPG assessors will meet by hand to discuss
+ moderate by assessment

Tony - Tenders resignation
Need Thank Tony necessary for all help TEMA
for several yrs.

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Bill wish Alex best in new job.
Went work as our man in TAFE for several years