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Australia Section

2019 Annual General Meeting minutes

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| **Date**  20 July 2019 | | **Tim**e:  13:30 | | **Location**:  Castlereagh Boutique Hotel  Level 1, Club Meeting Room  169 Castlereagh Street, SYDNEY  ) | |
| **Chair** | | Mike Pryjma | | | |
| **Minutes** | | Bruce Spry | | | |
| **Present** | | Mike Pryjma (MP)  Peter Blunt (PB)  Brent McNeil (BM) (Phone)  Bruce Spry (BS) | | | |
| **Proxys** | | Jason Thompson (JT), Benjamin Treble (BT), Cameron Lovell (CL), Mingma Sherpa (MS), Marcus Pickett (MPi), James Harper (JH), Michael MacDonald (MM), Nicolas Bendeli (NB) | | | |
| **Apologies** | | Nil | | | |
| **1. Minutes from the previous AGM** | | | | | |
| **Discussion**  See attached | | | | | |
| **Motion** | **Proposed** | | **Seconded** | | **Accepted** |
| Accept the minutes from the previous meeting | BS | | MP | | Carried |
| **Actions** | | **Person responsible** | | **Due Date** | |
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| **2. Matters Arising from the previous AGM** | | | | | |
| **Discussion** | | | | | |
| Professional Technical Advisor (TA) suggestion covered by Technical Advisor Panel (three members including one professional instructor who is a member)  Special Resolutions Adopted at 2018 AGM:   1. name change not progressed as CAV would not accept closeness of names. 2. New rules adopted & registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) Further rule change enacted during the year - Quorum for meetings changed to 10. 3. MOU between Australia Section & NZAC ( in NZ) formally adopted and signed in March 2019. | | | | | |
| **Motion** | **Proposed** | | **Seconded** | | **Acceptance** |
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| **Actions** | | **Person Responsible** | | **Due Date** | |
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| **3. Chair report** | | | | | |
| **Discussion**  **Membership**  Total number hasn’t varied significantly about 550  3rd largest section after CW and Auck. Is recruiting required?  **Death of members**  **Steve Turner (QLD) – late 2018**  **Ruth McCance(NSW) – early 2019**  Condolence card sent to both families.  **Section Governance**  Changes in section governance undertaken as per special resolutions of 2018 AGM:   1. Name Change – Not actioned as a result of feedback from CAV 2. Rules Change: changed twice. Quorum now 10 members. 3. MOU with HO in place   **NZ Governance**  Significant change to HO governance & structure occurred during the year:   1. board of management of 8 members. MP is section rep. 2. Section Council – MP is member as well as Chair of the Council   **Trip Program**   1. Program prepared for some time ahead. Lack of convenors limiting some trips 2. Google forms set up for trip planning 3. Most trips mountaineering related, limited other activities e.g. rock climbing, canyoning, bushwalking. 4. Indoor climbing meets popular in some locations viz Melbourne. 5. Trialled collaborative trips with other clubs. E.g. VCC, BWOC. 6. Changed Blue Lake trip to general mountaineering trip to encourage more members to participate   Management Committee full for first time in several years. Lots of actions achieved over the last year by committee  Member reimbursements for trip co-ordinators has been popular.  TAP active through the year. 12 convenors on the books. 6 trips approved by TAP in last 12 months,  Newsletter – going from strength to strength with good quality articles. Editors sometimes difficult to find but great work by the incumbents this last year.  Member Survey brought out incentive program, mentor program, Alpine Trips, additional convenors, PLB purchase, trip program monthly mailout.  Training program reliance on SMCC to provide training - 4 day to 6-day introductory courses. Not much interest in rock-climbing courses and as such these have been suspended.  Advocacy – Section monitored Grampians climbing bans in VIC. No formal submission made but advocacy in Australia may become an increasing area of focus for access.  NZAC merchandise - section merchandise through Brent has had good feedback and good sales.  Mentor Program – introduced this year. Difficult to grow due to geographic distribution. Hunter Valley 1 mentor and 2 mentees working well  Thanks to past and present committee members for support.  I have full confidence that the section will be strong moving forward. | | | | | |
| See attached Chair Report. | | | | | |
| **Motion** | **Proposed** | | **Seconded** | | **Acceptance** |
| Accept the Chair Report | RH | | CJ | | Carried - unanimously |
| **Actions** | | **Person Responsible** | | **Due Date** | |
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| **4.** Treasurers Report | | | | | |
| **Discussion** | | | | | |
| 1. See attached report. 2. Opening balance $9286   Income +$5412.33  Expenses -$7415.76 (incl $2500 donation to Club Development Fund in NZ)  Balance as at 16 June 2018 $7285   1. Merchandise selling well. 2. Club has doubled transactions over the last year. 3. Suggest lower payment to HO to ensure sufficient operational funds in Australian Section. 4. PB noted the risk of having a single admin on the club account. | | | | | |
| **Motion** | **Proposed** | | **Seconded** | | **Acceptance** |
| Accept treasurer’s Report | MP | | BS | | Carried - unanimously |
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| **5. Election of committee members** | | | | | |
| **Discussion** | | | | | |
| MP declared all positions vacant.  Nominations have been received for:   1. Chairman (President): Mike Pryjma 2. Vice Chair: Ben Treble 3. Treasurer: Peter Blunt 4. Secretary: Bruce Spry 5. Newsletter Editor: Mingma Sherpa 6. Member Services: Brent McNeil 7. Online Co-ordinator: Michael MacDonald 8. State Coordinator WA – Anthony Brandis   No Nomination received for Events Co-ordinator or Safety Coordinator – to be advertised later  As the above positions were not contested, all those nominated were duly elected unopposed. | | | | | |
| **Motions** | **Proposed** | | **Seconded** | | **Acceptance** |
|  | MP | | JA | | Carried - unanimously |
| **Actions** | | **Person responsible** | | **Due Date** | |
| Vacant positions to be advertised | | **MP** | | **August 2019** | |
| **6.** Determine size of management committee | | | | | |
| **Discussion** | | | | | |
| Discussion on size of management committee. Nine positions in current committee. Four executive positions with 5 ordinary members. Agreed this is the correct number. No changes to be instigated. | | | | | |
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| **7. Set annual membership subscription fee** | | | | | |
| **Discussion** | | | | | |
| 1. No additional fee over the NZAC membership fee. 2. Section 12(1) applies | | | | | |
| **Motions** | **Proposed** | | **Seconded** | | **Acceptance** |
| No additional fee for Australia Section incorporated entity will be levied over and above that of NZAC membership fee. | MP | | PB | | Carried - unanimously |
| **Actions** | | **Person responsible** | | **Due Date** | |
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| **8.** Set timing of membership renewal date | | | | | |
| **Discussion** | | | | | |
| 1. Renewal dates to be the same as the NZAC renewal date. 2. Section 12(1) applies | | | | | |
| **Motions** | **Proposed** | | **Seconded** | | **Acceptance** |
| Membership renewal date to be the same as the NZAC renewal date. | MP | | PB | | Carried |
| **Actions** | | **Person responsible** | | **Due Date** | |
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| **5. General Business** | | | | | |
| **Discussion** | | | | | |
| 1. Next committee meeting to consider future activities 2. Member survey to be undertaken at end of year. 3. Suggested next AGM be incorporated into an event. e.g. climbing day | | | | | |
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| **Meeting closed** | 14:36 |
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| **Next Meeting** | 2020 AGM |
| **Date** | 13 June 2020 |
| **Time** | 13:00 (EDST) |
| **Location** | To be advised |