

MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS OF
ONTARIO CLIMBING ACCESS COALITION/
COALITION POUR L'ACCÈS AUX PAROIS D'ESCALADE DE L'ONTARIO
(the "Corporation")

HELD in Markham, Ontario on June 23, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

Constitution of Meeting

A quorum of the members of the Corporation being present in person and notice of the meeting having been duly sent, the meeting was declared regularly constituted.

Tony Berlier took the Chair and Patrick Lam acted as Secretary of the meeting. John Gross was appointed scrutineer.

Financial Statements

The Chair presented to the Meeting draft audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Election of Directors

The Chair then stated that it was in order to proceed with the election of directors and declared the meeting open for nominations. The following individuals were nominated:

Justin Dwyer
Randy Kielbasiewicz
Andriy Kolos
Bonnie de Bruijn (one-year term)

The Chair confirmed that Justin, Randy, Andriy, and Bonnie had consented to their election as directors. No member having demanded a ballot, the election of directors was conducted by a show of hands following a motion by Kathryn Russell and seconded by Luke Myles.

The election having been held, the Chair declared Justin, Randy and Andriy to be duly elected B directors of the Corporation to hold office for a term of two years, and Bonnie to be a duly elected A director of the Corporation to hold office for a term of one year; or in each case, until their successors are elected, subject to the provisions of the by-laws of the Corporation.

Election of Co-Chairs

The Chair then introduced the special resolution appointing Tony Berlier and Randy Kielbasiewicz as co-chairs of the Board of Directors. The Chair explained that the by-laws and the *Corporations Act* (Ontario) require that any chair be elected by the members by special resolution.

No member having demanded a ballot, the election of co-chairs was conducted by a show of hands.

On motion duly made by Patrick Lam, seconded by Justin Dwyer, and carried, the special resolution electing Tony Berlier and Randy Kielbasiewicz as co-chairs of the Board of Directors was approved.

Appointment of Auditors

The Chair introduced the next item of business, the appointment of BDO Dunwoody LLP as auditor of the Corporation and authorizing the Board to fix the auditor's remuneration. The Chair explained that BDO Dunwoody LLP had generously agreed to perform OAC's 2014 audit at a substantial discount from its normal rates.

No member having demanded a ballot, the Chair conducted the vote by show of hands.

On motion duly made by Randy Kielbasiewicz, seconded by Justin Dwyer, and carried, it was resolved that BDO Dunwoody LLP be appointed as the Corporation's auditor for the 2013 financial year, and that the Board be authorized to fix the auditor's remuneration.

Termination

There being no further business, the meeting then terminated, as moved by Patrick Lam and seconded by Randy Kielbasiewicz

Chair

Secretary

ACCESS SENDS 2013/2014

CLIMBING AREAS

OLD BALDY With support of MEC, the Alpine Club Toronto Section and numerous donors, the OAC has raised 185K towards ongoing efforts to purchase land at the base of Old Baldy Conservation Area. This purchase is vital to maintaining access to one of Ontario's premiere climbing areas.

DEVILS GLEN The OAC submitted a complete Climbing Management Proposal to the MNR and the Wasaga Beach Conservation Authority. The proposal included evacuation routes, trail maintenance, signage as well as planning for a new parking area. The report was received with positive reactions. The OAC will continue to work with the relevant parties towards finalized access to Devils Glen.

THE SWAMP OAC/MNR walkthroughs have begun at The Swamp within the Kolapore Uplands. Assessment of the area will include a complete Environmental Study which is being funded by the OAC. This action will ensure long-term sustainability and provide clarity towards a working access plan for The Swamp.

NIAGARA GLEN Niagara Parks Commission has expressed that the permit system is working well and encourages boulderers to purchase their permits if they have not already done so for the 2014 season.

CLIMBING COMMUNITY

The Ontario Access Coalition hosted the second installment of our 'Discussion Series' on Saturday, November 23 at [Grand River Rocks in Kitchener!](#) Participants included the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority. The event opened positive discussions between climbers and land managers, with the goal of providing accurate, up-to-date information regarding climbing outdoors in Ontario.

We continue to sell calendars highlighting Ontario climbing; proceeds go to the OAC to support access.

Jennie Elmslie (Free Spirit Tours) and Leslie Timms (On The Rocks Climbing) organized Ontario's first climbing festival in late August and raised \$4500 for the Ontario Access Coalition! Thanks to Jennie and Leslie for their hard work and to all sponsors, particularly the major sponsors Joe Rockheads and Boulderz.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

BRUCE PENINSULA

On June 13, the OAC presented to the Bruce County Council's Agriculture, Tourism, and Planning Committee, with the goal of educating and gaining support from the local community for climbing in the county. Bruce County contains all crags from Owen Sound to Tobermory including Lion's Head, Cape Croker, Halfway Log Dump and others. The OAC presentation shared information with the council information about existing climbing tourism, environmental sustainability and the economic impact of climbing on local communities in the Bruce. As a result, the Bruce Peninsula now allows for the use of climbing in tourism promotion for the region, helping to ensure that climbing tourism, an important source of revenue for local communities is recognized and promoted.

CONFERENCES

The OAC participated at this year's Niagara Escarpment Leading Edge Conference. The Niagara Escarpment Commission hosted the conference in partnership with the Ontario Professional Planners Institute. The NEPDA (Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act) aims, in part, to provide for outdoor recreation. Stakeholders at the event included the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Parks, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and Parks Canada. Presentations and panel discussions ranged from how to revitalize quarry sites to the intangible values of Escarpment lands.

"Rock climbing research and management in the 21st century: Where are we headed now?" Research roundtable discussion at the 2013 Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium, Cooperstown, New York. This was a roundtable research discussion led by OAC volunteer and Brock University Associate Professor, Garrett Hutson, to discuss best practices and challenges in climbing management. Other attendees included Dave Smaldone from West Virginia University, who is involved with cliff face research at the New River Gorge, and Aram Attarian from North Carolina State University, who is the author of climbing management literature for the Access Fund in the United States.

PUBLIC EVENTS

The OAC had representation at the "Naturally in the Glen" public outreach day at the Niagara Glen Nature Reserve to join other recreation and naturalists groups to connect with the public and promote sustainable use of the Niagara Glen, the Reel Rock festival, and a workshop by the Ministry of Natural Resources for Boards of Directors of fundraising nonprofits.

HALTON

Annual Crag Ambassador Day held in early May: OAC volunteers helped fight off the invasion of Garlic Mustard. This event, run by the OAC and Conservation Halton, improves climbers' visibility at some of our most popular crags.

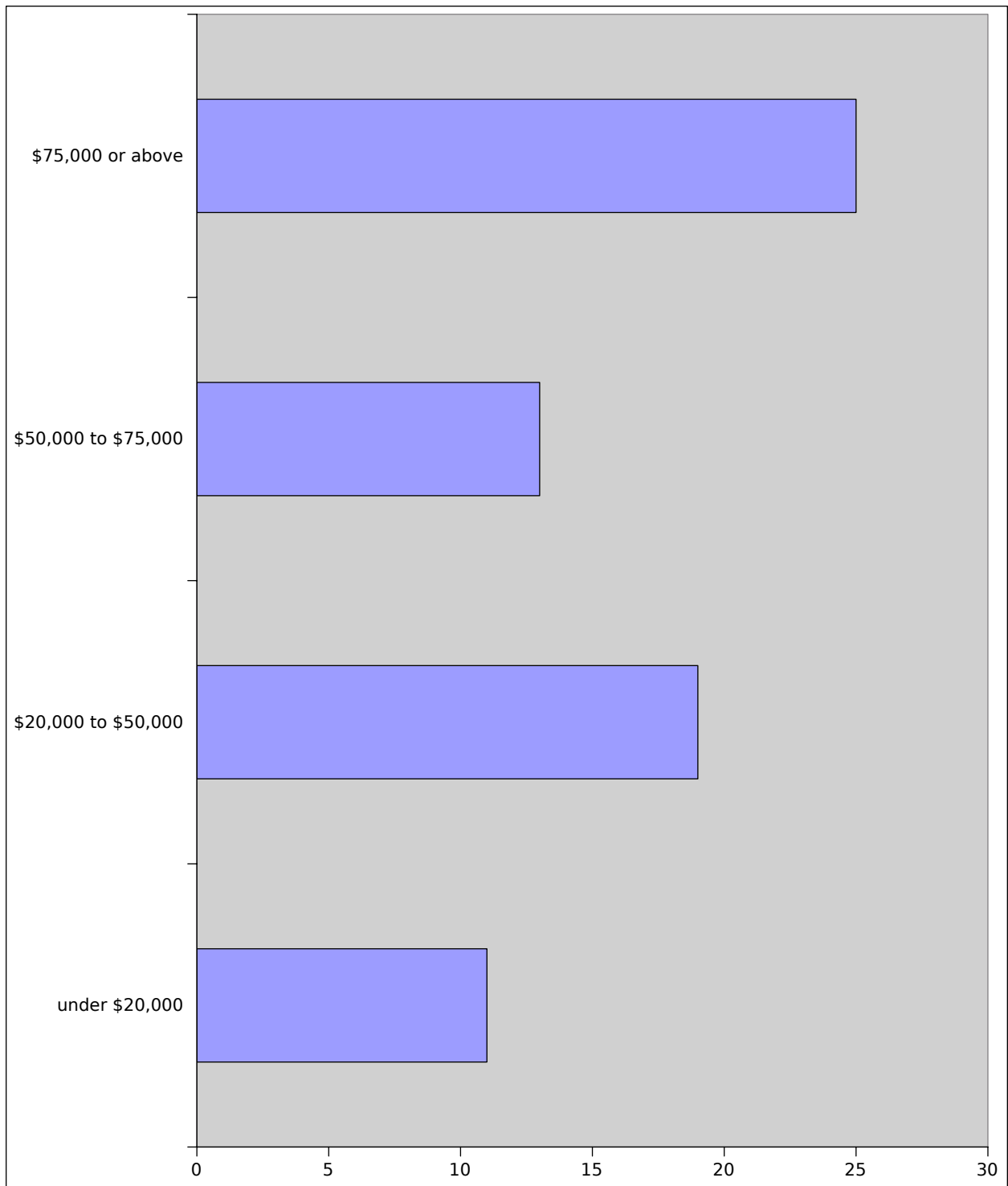
OAC Climbers' Survey 2013: Summary

Thanks to everyone who took the time to participate in the 2013 climbing survey. This survey is a valuable tool for the OAC as we work to build relationships with various stakeholders, from Halfway Log Dump to Milton and Bancroft. Survey results provide us with a sample of the climbing activities that took place in 2013!

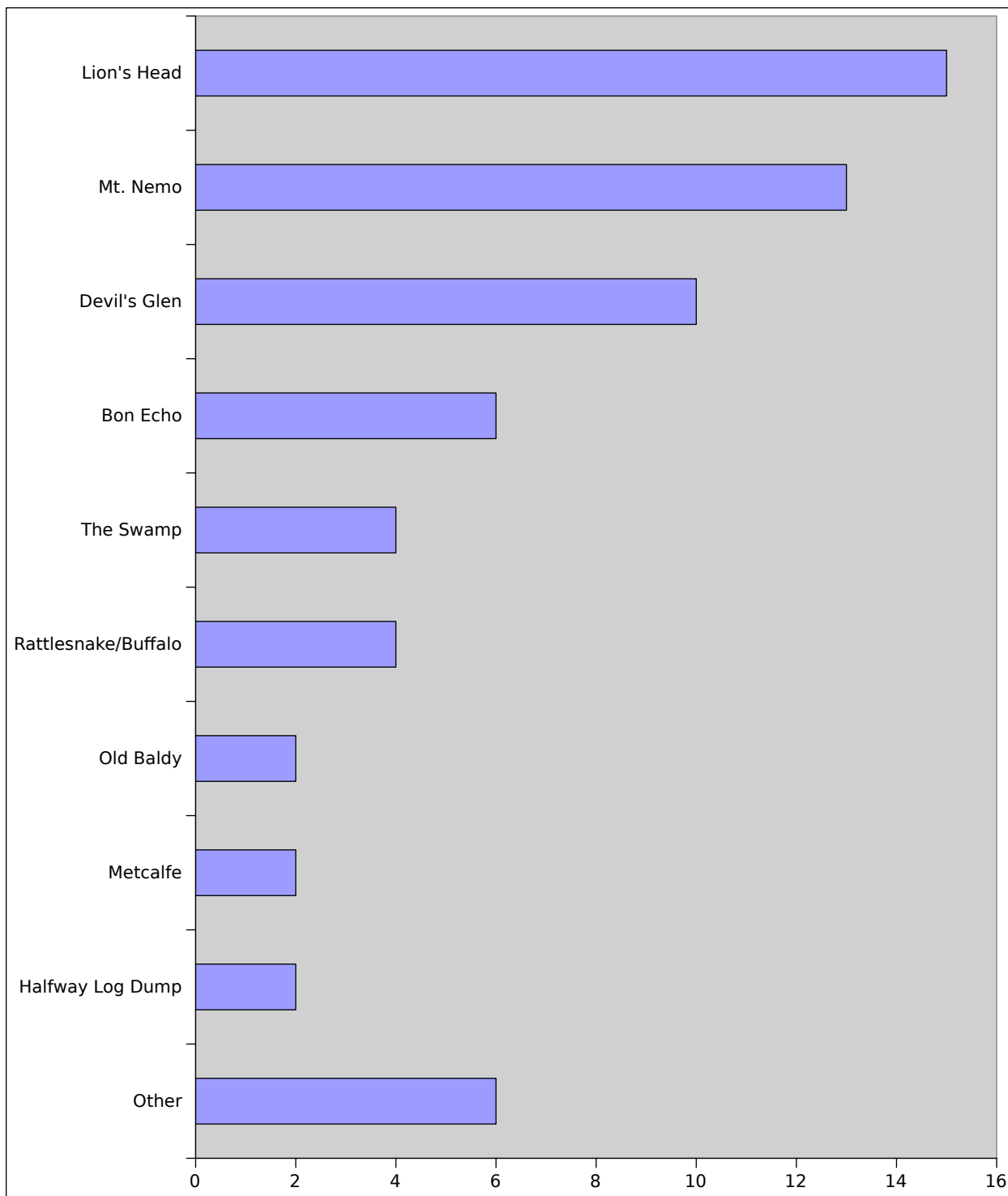
Here are some of the results:

- Climbers' median income is higher than the Canadian median.
- Lion's Head, Mt Nemo and Devil's Glen are the three most favourite crags.
- The two most common methods for staying aware of OAC updates are the OAC website and word of mouth. Keep checking back often for updates, and keep talking!
- In 2013, our climbers on average spent 22 days daytripping and 10 days on overnight trips climbing in Ontario. How do you relate?

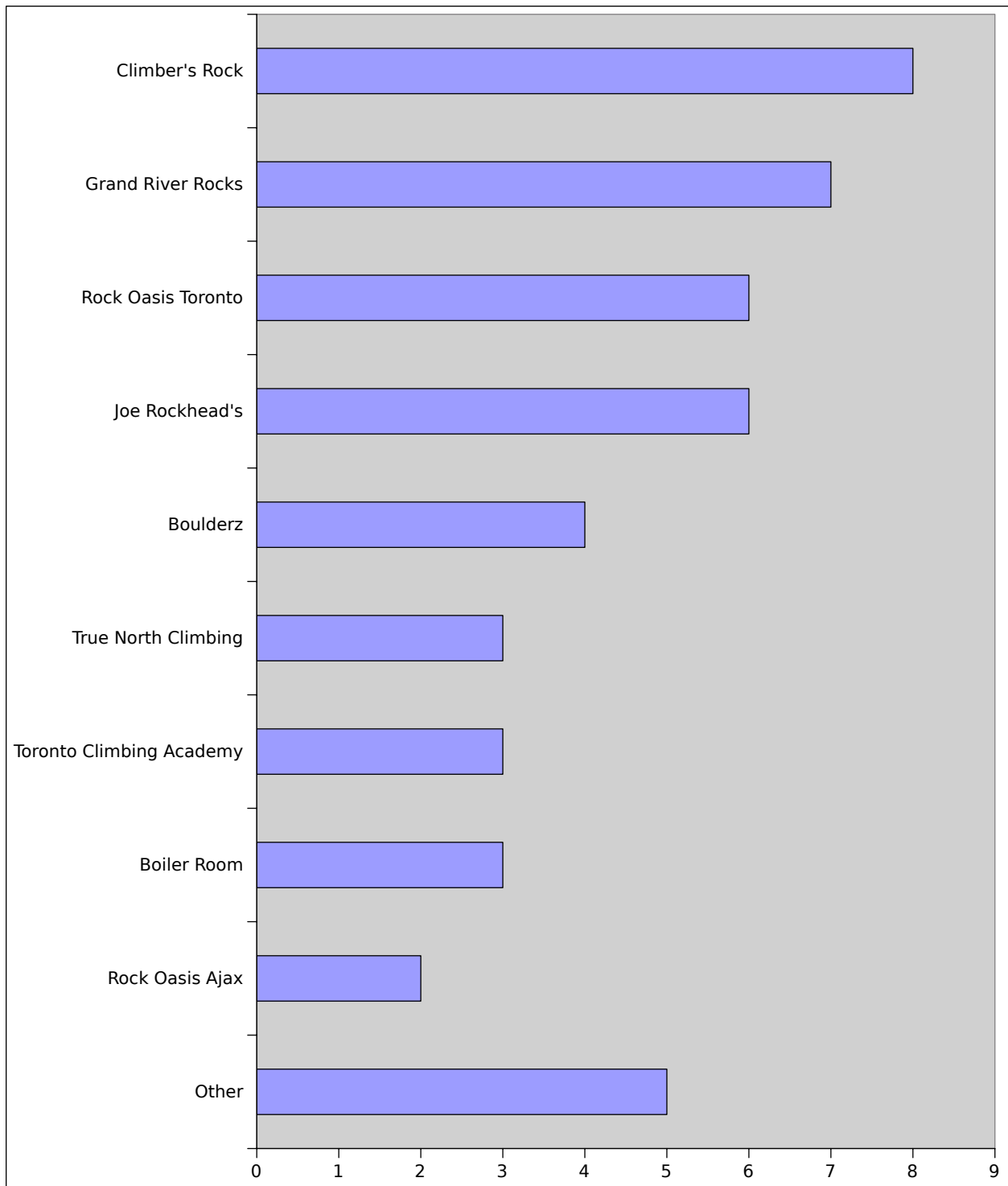
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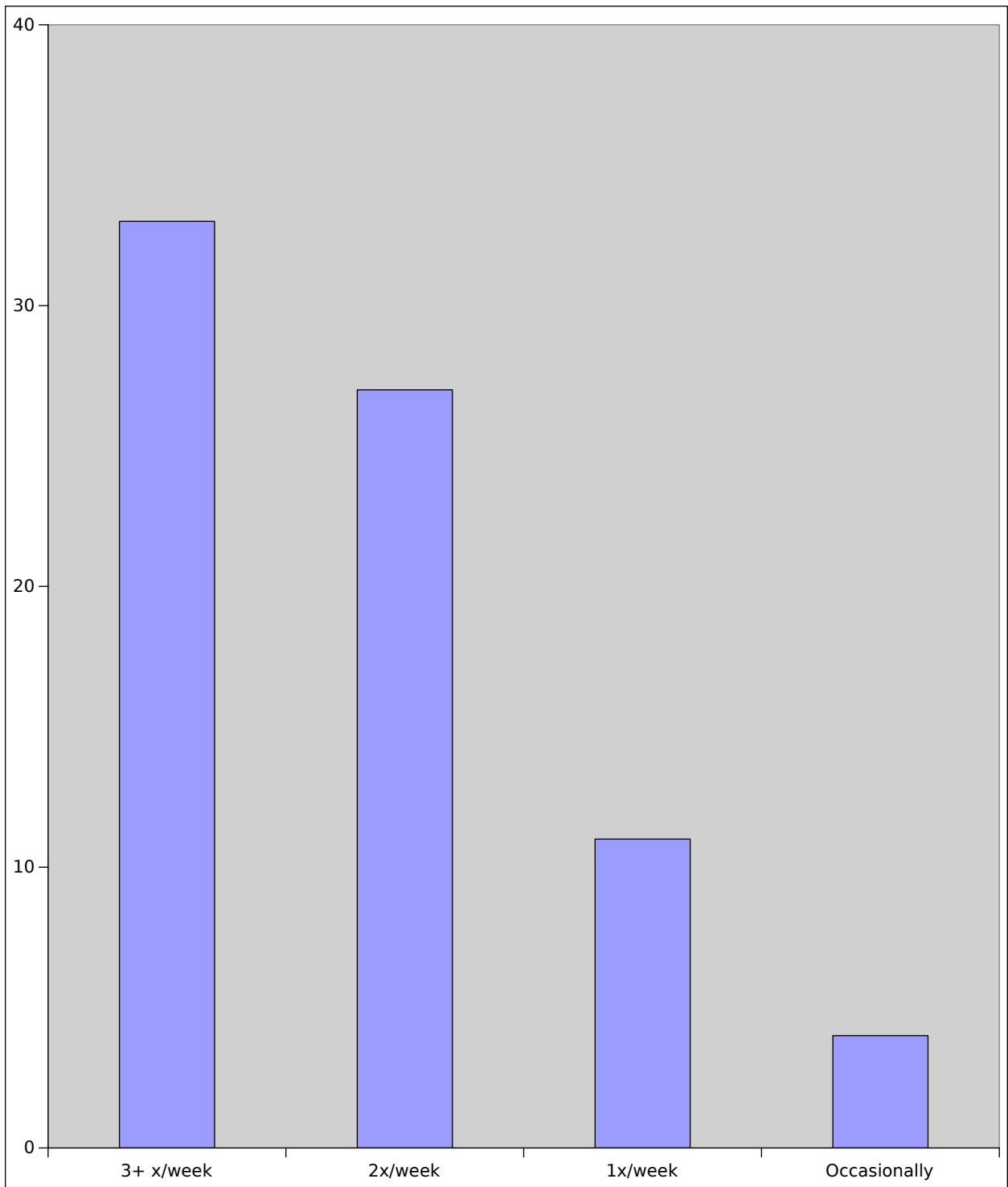
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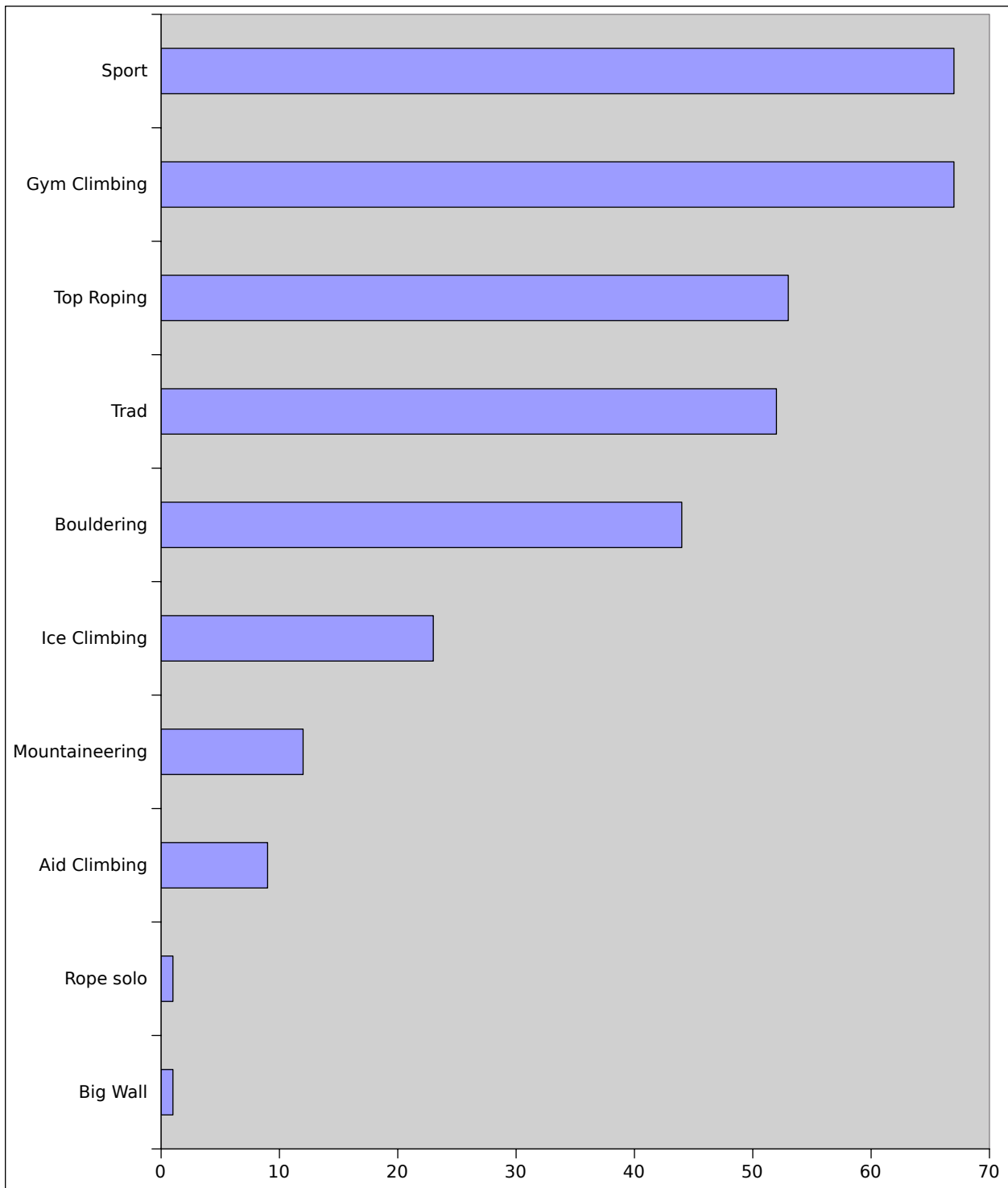
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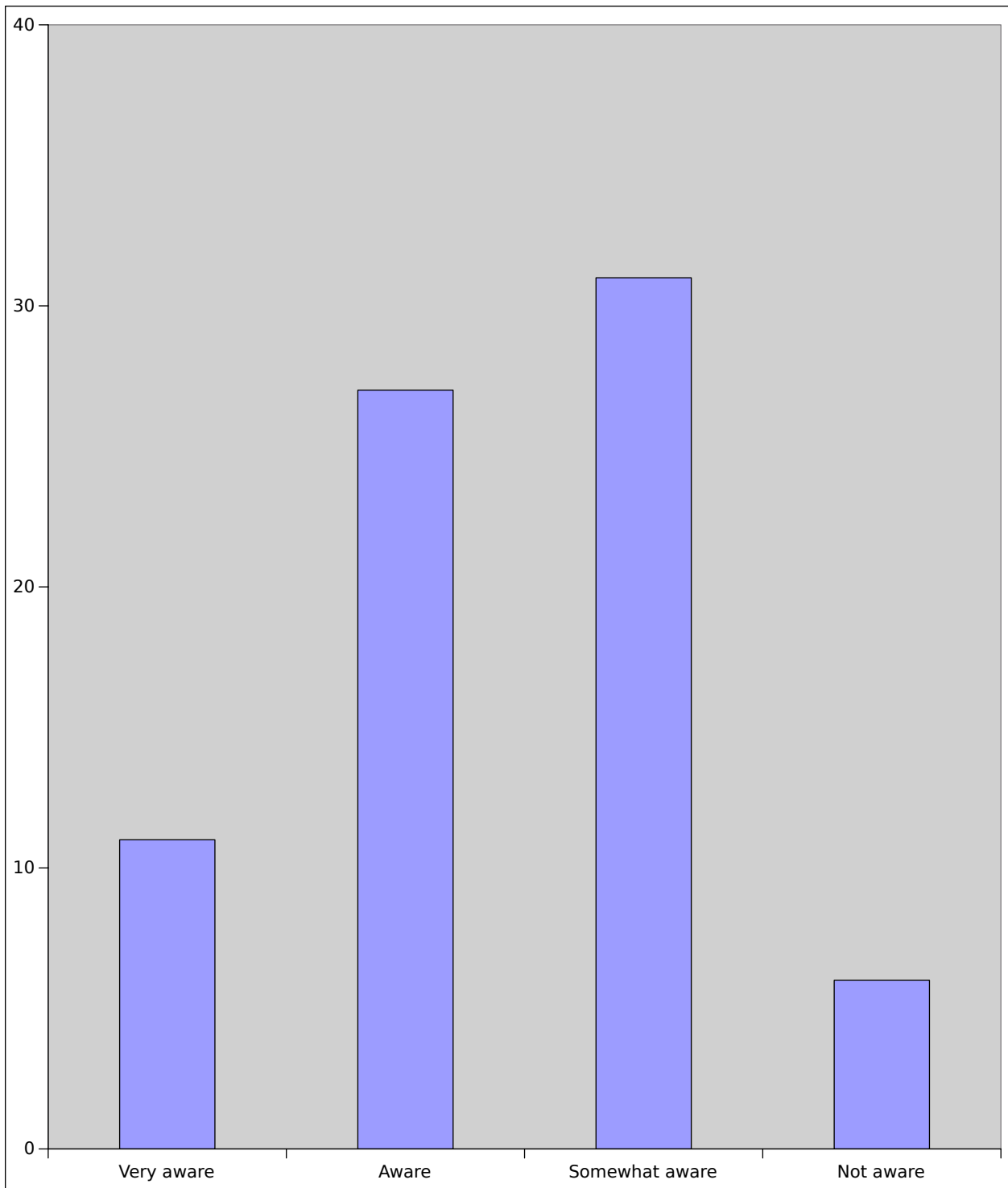
Frequency



Types



How aware



How keep aware

