

**DOWN TO EARTH SOCIETY
REGULAR GENERAL MEETING
(Adjournment from 13th. July 1995)**

Thursday 20th. July 1995

CHAIR PERSON: Mattie Hanane. MINUTES: Cheryl Boston.

ATTENDANCE:

Lance Nash, Sue & Warwick Sayer, Mal Rickarby, Robert Harper, John O'Brien, Laurie, Mattie Hanane, Mark Magee, Rick. Gill, David Cruise, Peter Cruise, Barry Newton, Cheryl Boston, Chris, Michael, Thomas, Kaye Waugh.

APOLOGIES:

Cassandra Clark, George Schmidt.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil.

RULE 45:

Lance moved that this discussion be moved till the end of the meeting - agreed.

RULE 4.1d:

Adopted unanimously. (passed)

Thus - "The Co-operative shall have as its policy, and must take responsibility for leaving any land on which it holds its meetings, festivals and other activities in as good or better condition than prior to such events."

RULE 4.1e:

The Co-operative must ,in co-operation with and heeding the advice by the landowner(s) of such land regenerate such land.

RULE 4.1f:

"The Co-operative must include this policy in its contracts or agreements with the owner(s) and it may not hold such activities unless such an agreement can be reached."

This meeting has agreed to shelve 4.1e and 4.1f with the recommended views of future sites - [ps issue 83?]
(June1995)notifying this meeting commencing 13-7-95 adjournment no. 1- to be discussed further at a later date.

RELATIVE TO RULE 4.1f:

Proposal for the development of an environmental PRE and POST site protection

Proposal to D.T.E. that "The Reforestation Clan" be allowed to prepare future ConFest sites to minimise ecological damage and facilitate site repair after D.T.E. use.

Recommended views of future sites.

1. Sites to be chosen preferably where the 'landowner' has an established 'Landcare' agreement or are willing to put land aside for that purpose.
2. The Reforestation clan will use landcare programme as the 'basic standard' to take sites from and then back too. This means that the preparation and the repair of a site will not end up being an eternal responsibility: the sites would be drawn from the landcare projects, provided with volunteer labour to complete existing Land care requirements, use Landcare type methods and equipment at the costs that Landcare participants pay.
3. The Reforestation clan will develop a landcare strategy with the landowner or provide the voluntary labour to complete an established Landcare project where the project and the responsibilities of the use of a site are combatable.

P.T.O.

Work Schedule.

Site visits: liaise with the land owner re future plans for their land.

Make contact with local Landcare and friends group: local council (in consultation with the D.T.E.Board) : local Aboriginal groups: Dept. conservation & environment : Greening Australia; Murray/Darling river catchment trust: other relevant bodies pertaining to the area in view.

Preparation of a flora and fauna survey of the site with assistance from any of the relevant groups:

Organisation and administration of the working site events: transport and food.

Development of a detailed sequence of events and the relevant work schedule to complete the environmental protection of each festival site. Detailed costings to D.T.E. before commitment to a festival site.

Development of small work festivals to complete work in the correct season ie planting in spring and erosion work before the seasonal rains.

Workshops at the ConFest to increase the awareness of the site solutions. Bush regeneration; native foods; permaculture; land interpretation, nesting box construction and placement;aboriginal use of plants.

Site cleanup after each ConFest: ticket refund ?

A plant for every ticket holder at a ConFest to take home and plant, with information of where the plant should go.

Budget request.

The Reforestation Clan would like to present this budget being the outline of the costs for the administration and development of the clan.

Food rewards for approx. 20 people over 3 weekends. \$400.00

Transport and fuel for 3 site visits \$300.00

Administration costs, phone, mail, printing \$100.00

Total \$800.00

Thank you for your kind attention

Sharon - on behalf of the Reforestation Clan.

RULE 36.8:

The news letter printout was not Warwick's exact motion. Warwick pointed out that the amendment should read :

“That rule 35.8 be amended to read The Board may delegate any of its powers to committees consisting of members of the Co-operative chosen by the members and approved by the Board.”

* the above is now changed, following discussion to -

That rule 35.8 be amended to read “The Board may delegate any of its powers to committees consisting of interested members of the Co-operative, and approved by the members and the Board at a Regular General Meeting; and that business of committees be included as an agenda item for each general meeting of the Co-operative.

RULE 32..3:

Not passed. Voted 4 in favour, 14 not in favour.

Meeting ended 10.00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned to next week 27-7-95, same time same place.