

General Meeting - Thursday 23/6/16

Meeting opened 20.00

Chair: Aaron Shipperlee

Minutes: Kate Shapiro

**Present:**

Directors:

David Cruise

Troy Reid

Steve Poynton

Matt English

Simon Byers

Murray Ross

Kate Shapiro

Members present (CERES):

David Cruise, Peter "Silent Night" O'Shannessey, Paul, Andrew Wilkinson, Colin John, Ian Hales, William "Bill" Elliott, Peter Carty, Rory Johnson, Lindy Hunt, Aaron Shipperlee, Angela Neal, Walter Padovani, Corinne Armstrong, Grant Waldram, Kathy Ernst

Members present (Online):

Steve "Scouse" Gregory, Lars Nissen, Malcolm Matthews, Emma Bennett, Elle Brogan

Visitors:

Peter Tippett, Mai

Last General Meeting - 27/11/16 -

Minutes read

Moved by David Cruise, Seconded: Murray Ross

Matters Arising - Nil

Agenda Items (On notice)

i) Financial reports on the transactions of the Co-operative during the period.

Discussion about evolution of systems and finance procedures

ii) Directors reports

Verbal report by David Cruise

iii) Organising Committee of the Board reports

iv) ConFest Report

v) ConFab Report

vi) Other committee/work group reports

Presented

vii) Business on notice

Document by Lars Nissen regarding volunteer portfolios and associated discussion.

Motions moved by the Down to Earth Co-Operative Board:

1. That the Board has approval to pay, rates, tax, insurances, government charges, accounting and auditing fees in the financial year 2016/2017.

No objections, Passed by Consensus

2. That an administration budget of up to \$50,000 be allocated be allocated for such costs, as rent, phone, stationary, legal costs, postage, petty cash, suppers, office equipment, trademarks, emergency, etc. and for 2015-2017 Gatherings (ConFest, Sydney).

No objections, Passed by Consensus

Discussion on the Co-operatives National Law Changes

Where the current DTE rules reference the now-defunct Co-operatives Act 1996, there are now two options. The DTE rules can be re-drafted to reflect the current provisions in the Cooperatives National Law, or the provisions can be left as existing. As long as the previous rules comply with the Uniform Law, they will still be effective, provided there are no contradictions, but we recommend changing the terminology now in the light of the other changes we recommend.

Clarification: These recommendations are based on (paid) legal advice.

No objections from members.

22:30

Point of order

Per the cooperative's rules, permission must be sought to continue the meeting past 10.30pm.

Permission obtained by chair, Aaron Shipperlee for the cooperative (passed by consensus).

Discussion and questions on notice

On the Next ConFest:

Discussion on where, when, size of budget, ticketing, volunteers

Significant discussion

Multiple, interdependent considerations

Further discussion needed.

Motion proposed by Lars "That we hold a ConFest in Spring at Moulamein at a time to be determined".

Point of order. Motions unable to be put without being on notice.

Show of hands was requested to obtain a feel of the room.

A show of hands in the physical room was narrowly in favour of the motion. At least one member abstained from voting.

It is to be noted that this did not constitute a binding vote.

Meeting closed at 23.00

