

**Down-To-Earth (Vic) Cooperative Society Limited**  
**Organising Committee Meeting**

**Minutes**

Date: **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**  
Time: **8pm**  
Venue: **CERES, Learning Centre Rm,1-2 Lee St, Brunswick East VIC**  
Online: <https://dte.coop/live.meeting>

#	Item	Raised by:
1	<b><u>Meeting started</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>
	8.15pm	
2	<b><u>Election Of Chair</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>
	1.1 Confirmation of Agenda: Aaron Shipperley 1.2 Confirm Minute Keeper: Coral Larke	
3	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>
	Coral Larke, Emma Bennett, Denise Banville, Fulvio Geradi, Aaron Shipperley Ian Hales, Kathy Ernst, David Mac Donald, Peter Cruise, David Cruise, Joel James, Chase White, Kenshiro Takeda, Mark Rasmussen, Kate Shipero, Troy Reid, Aram Omara, Lindy Hunt <u>Online</u> Robin Mac Pherson, Steve Gregory, Don Royal, Kristin Joy, Lars Nissen, Jenni Tarr, Trevor Pitt, Darryl Reid, Peter Carty	
4	<b><u>Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>
	Acceptance of previous minutes. Moved by Kate Shapiro, Seconded by Denise Banville Passed by consensus	
5	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>
	Water bill \$9892 / Letter from the Bendigo Bank / Working with children letter.	
6	<b><u>Activity sheets and membership audit</u></b>	<i>Robin Mac Pherson</i>
	<u>Motion</u> Troy Reid: The membership audit is an OC matter and the vote be allowed in this meeting. Seconded: David Mac Donald: Those for 8. Those against 7. <u>Motion Carried</u>  <u>Motion</u> Robin Mac Pherson: That Michael Hill forthwith provide scanned copies of the latest activity sheets that correspond to the names on the DTE members list to a group that members agreed to at tonight's meeting within seven days. Seconded: Emma Bennett: Objection: David Cruise & Lars Nissen Those For 10 Those Against 7. <u>Motion Carried</u>  A Membership Committee will be made up of: Joel James, Scouse, David C, David Mac Donald Robin Mac Pherson Kristen Joy.	
7	<b><u>Minutes and follow up of actions to be taken</u></b>	<i>Coral Larke</i>

	Coral and Troy will work on a spread sheet to record minuted Actions To Be Taken and Motions so that these items can be found easily for future reference.	
<b>8</b>	<b><u>Land Purchase</u></b>	<i>Coral Larke</i>
	Coral wants to open up discussions around buying land for future ConFests. In particular in different states and areas other than the Woorooma area. Ian Hales: objects that there are higher priorities like getting a Summer Festival. Robin Mac Pherson: People need to check with local councils first. <u>Action to be taken:</u> A sub-committee will be formed for this purpose.	
<b>9</b>	<b><u>Stock on Woorooma</u></b>	<i>Emma Bennett</i>
	<u>Motion</u> Emma Bennett: To not have stock on the Woorooma site for 2 years. Seconded Lars Nissen. Objections: Nil. <u>Carried by consensus.</u>	
<b>10</b>	<b><u>Asset Management</u></b>	<i>Mark Rasmussen</i>
	<u>Motion</u> Troy Reid: To have \$3000 be transferred to Mark Rasmussen's debit card for asset management. Seconded: Kate. Objections: Nil. <u>Carried by consensus.</u>  An Asset Management Committee will be Mark Rasmussen, Fulvio, Peter Carty & Steven Gregory.	
<b>11</b>	<b><u>Ticket box</u></b>	<i>Troy Reid</i>
	<u>Motion</u> Troy Reid: For an amount up to \$6000 to run cable to the ticket box. Seconded: Kate Shipero, <u>Carried by consensus.</u>	
<b>12</b>	<b><u>Electricity Invoice From Bylands</u></b>	<i>Fulvio</i>
	Fulvio: Red Energy disconnection notice: Items listed \$35 and reconnection fee of \$85. Outstanding amount of \$860.94. Luke Johnston restarted the account and a \$860.94 electricity bill was run up.  Marty Schwarz: Directors asked Luke to reconnect electricity so that Peter Hall would not be left in the dark. Peter Hall used pumps to cause trouble for DTE and that is the reason why the bill was so high,  Mark Rasmussen & Kate Shapiro: Luke should pay \$566.08 up to the 18 <sup>th</sup> January which covers the time when Luke used the electricity.  David Cruise proposed that Fulvio negotiates with the power company so that the bill is not stuffed up.  Mark Rasmussen: Motion DTE will pay \$300 towards the bill, for the amount that DTE to cover for Peter Hall and electricity be disconnected to Byands. Seconded: Troy Reid. Objection Marty Schwarz: DTE has contravened the law by turning the power off as it is a fire fighting issue. Trevor Pitt Those For: 11. Those Against: 4. <u>Motion Carried</u>	
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Invoice for vehicle repair</u></b>	<i>Mark Rasmussen</i>
	Mark Rasmussen: Motion for bill to be paid to PA Caruso. Motioned for vehicle repair bills be given to Denise Banville to table for insurance claim. \$782.93 & \$603.63 Amounts to be paid for tool trailer and 8 by 5 trailer. No objections. <u>Passed by consensus</u>  Vehicle Repairs: White fire truck still needs repairs to be done at Caruso's. The amount should be added to the insurance claim for what happened at Bylands.  Kate Shapiro received a letter from PA Caruso that at the next meeting the bills are passed for immediate payment.  Bill sent to DTE for Marty's vehicle: REV 665 for \$1598.70. Marty will talk on this matter next week at the Board meeting.	

<b>14</b>	<b><u>SGM</u></b>	<i>David Cruise</i>
	SGM - Motions Process: For 22nd June SGM 14 days notice has to be given. Mail out by 1st June gives three weeks. Motions will have to be in by 31st May. David Cruise will email request for motions.	
<b>15</b>	<b><u>Facilitation Meeting</u></b>	<i>Emma Bennetl</i>
	Emma's Friend has a school in Creswick, has a hall, toilets, bunks, kitchen. Venue needs to be cleaned and BYO heaters. Will lease for \$500 and wants people to buy meals at her pub as part of payment.	
<b>16</b>	<b><u>Equipment Amnesty</u></b>	<i>Mark Rasmussen</i>
	Equipment Amnesty has not been communicated widely. No offers made yet for people returning DTE's assets.	
<b>17</b>	<b><u>Summer Festival Update</u></b>	<i>Troy Reid</i>
	Lars request update for Summer ConFest. Troy Reid: Council threatened DTE with a notice to prevent us from holding a summer ConFest due to a technicality of not having a section 68 approval. We now have applied for and received the section 68 approval. We now have covered the technical basis and need to go back to CC to request holding a Summer ConFest	
<b>18</b>	<b><u>IC Budget</u></b>	<i>Lars Nissen</i>
	Lars wants to see a breakdown of the IC budget of \$17,000. Troy and Lars will do this off line.	
<b>19</b>	<b><u>Working Bee</u></b>	<i>Mark Rasmussen</i>
	Mark Rasmussen & Peter Carty need people to look at the email for participating in the working bee.	
<b>20</b>	<b><u>Membership Audit</u></b>	<i>Mark Rasmussen</i>
	Mark Rasmussen questioned an active members hours saying that it was signed off by David Cruise when the hours worked can be disputed. Emma Bennett: Wants to raise the prospects of having life time membership for people who have worked for DTE for many years. Robin Mac Pherson: 3 different forms with different columns and different requests were used at ConFest and this caused problems.	
<b>21</b>	<b><u>Meeting Ended</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	11pm	
<b>22</b>	<b><u>Next Meeting Date &amp; Time Confirmation</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	Board of directors meeting. 7.30 pm Confirmation of next meeting publication on dte.org.au	