

Down-To-Earth (Vic) Cooperative Society Limited

# Membership Committee & ConFest Committee Meeting

## Minutes

Date: **Thursday 8 June, 2017**

Time: **8.30 pm**

Venue: **CERES, Learning Centre Rm,1-2 Lee St, Brunswick East  
VIC**

Online: <https://dte.coop/live.meeting>

Meeting Commenced: 8:25pm

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Election Of Chair</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>																																																		
	1.1 Confirmation of Agenda: Denise Banville 1.2 Confirm Minute Keeper: Coral Larke																																																			
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>																																																		
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<b>3</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>
	Mark Rasmussen read.	
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b>	<i>procedural</i>
	<p>\$16.56 IGA Moulamein</p> <p>\$174.09 Water NSW</p> <p>\$6 Telstra</p> <p>\$473 From ConFab Griffith Hack</p> <p>\$72 Suspension notice Optus</p> <p>\$2750.00 Sand and Carting</p> <p>28 Statements from Bendigo Bank</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ANZ Account</li> <li>2. ANZ Account</li> </ol> <p>8 Bunnings Cards</p> <p>Peter Carty: Fulvio applied for the Bunning cards to gain 10% discount.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b><u>New Memberships and Share Applications</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	Peter O'mara PD Signed off by Sue Pearce	
<b>6</b>	<b><u>Shipping Containers</u></b>	<i>Coral Larke</i>
	<p>Coral, Mark and Marty will talk privately</p> <p>Ian Hales: Do we need them, just because it is cheap doesn't mean we need to get one.</p>	
<b>7/</b>	<b><u>Sand Payment</u></b>	<i>Mark Rasmussen</i>
	This amount has to be paid by bank cheque he doesn't want EFT. Mark Rasmussen will pay from his card.	
<b>8</b>	<b><u>Bird Seed</u></b>	<i>Robin Mac Pherson</i>
	<p>Robin wants to open the discussion regarding Burning Seed, that there are rumour mongers saying he is trying to turn ConFest into Burning Seed.</p> <p>Kate Ernst: Not impressed by Not For Profits that she was supposed to be informed about the financial reports. Didn't like that Rangers was adopted from Burning Seed</p> <p>Robin Mac Pherson All financial statements are available to see on the Burning Seed Website.</p> <p>Troy also subjected to discrimination, similar to religious intolerance, that people shouldn't be afraid of people who are involved in multiple organizations.</p> <p>Richard Martin: Burning Seed is a private company, it is a national organisation, the Burning Man network has transparency there is a high degree of honesty, financial disclosure in finances. It does not distribute money to directors. Moving towards a registered not for profit organisation.</p>	
<b>9/</b>	<b><u>20.000 Kg Bottle Jacks &amp; Sleepers</u></b>	<i>Mark Rasmussen</i>

	Needs the Jacks to move containers. Ian Hales suggest to hire them if they are only going to be used once in lifting containers. David Cruise: Suggests to buy Farm Jacks. That there are a lot to move so more economical to buy them. Mark Rasmussen: Will look into hiring them	
<b>11/</b>	<b><u>Summit</u></b>	
	17 – 20 people will be going. We need more written reports, they are important for future reference, We are waiting on 12 – 15. Doesnt want to waste time and the reports save time. Is hoping to get them back to the confest committee with lots of documents and information. Ian Hales:wants to know why are we spending time in a hotel. Creswick Bring Bedding, Bring blow heaters for cold rooms, Toilet Block. Will send information	
<b>13/</b>	<b><u>Robbins Accident</u></b>	<i>Robin Mac Pherson</i>
	The vehicle was used in a critical incident which he had to take police to. <b>Motion:</b> David Mac Donald That DTE pays Robin's \$500 excess for the accident he had while carrying out DTE business. <b>Seconded</b> Troy Reid <b>Carried by consensus</b>	
<b>14/</b>	<b><u>Confirmation of Community Donation</u></b>	<i>Emma Thomson</i>
	<b>Motion:</b> Emma Bennett That Bree be instructed to pay \$5100 to the 200 club <b>Seconded</b> Lindy Hunt <b>Passed by consensus</b>	
<b>15/</b>	<b><u>MemCom</u></b>	<i>Robyn Mac Pherson</i>
	Currently the some of the workers are not listed on members list that they have not done their hours because their activity sheets have not been filled in. So the process is to tidy up the documentation.  David Cruise when a member is new they don't have to register a form in the year they joined, but the next year they do. We did activity sheets	
<b>16/</b>	<b><u>CC and dte coop list opt in or out</u></b>	<i>Troy Reid</i>
	<b>Motion</b> Troy Reid CC at DTE coop be listed as opt out <b>Seconded</b> Kristen Joy <b>Passed by consensus</b>	
<b>17/</b>	<b><u>Dauids Food Budget \$500 for SGM</u></b>	<i>Troy Reid</i>
	Troy Reid: David Mac Donald should send request for money to Directors .	
<b>18/</b>	<b><u>ConFest Budget Update</u></b>	<i>David Mac Donald</i>
	Ian Hales: prodded people to hand in receipts. Denise Banville: Bree Nurse has requested that Malcolm Mathews will deal directly with Bree. Malcolm Mathews: Anyone with an outstanding project will need to report the expenditure and to reduce the balance on the debit cards. If someone is still working on a project they will have to apply for funding in the next year. The cost of the card is \$3 a month, Cards can be deactivated and reactivated when needed. Malcolm will check if it is a account fee or a card fee.	
<b>19/</b>	<b><u>Bookkeepers resignation</u></b>	
	Troy Reid: All documents are available to members to read themselves. People can read emails regarding this, it doesn't need to be spoken of here. Emma Bennett: If Bree was given clear guidelines she may reconsider her resignation. If anyone has queries regarding finance and want to communicate with Bree they need to do this VIA Malcolm Mathews. Denise Banville: The reasons for resignation is; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk to her company if DTE makes the Bookkeeper answerable to the OC rather than the Board.</li> <li>• Duty of care to staff.</li> <li>• Her advice has not been heeded.</li> <li>• Last meeting she had to raise her voice to be heard in a meeting.</li> <li>• Having her professionalism constantly questioned</li> <li>• It took 2 months to receive a response to her emails</li> </ul>	

- She received over 2000 emails from DTE members

**20**    **Working Bee**

22 people registered catered for 30.

**20**    **Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June will be an online skype meeting**

Feeling of the room is to have an unofficial online meeting.

**21**    **Next meeting will be the SGM 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

**22**    **Meeting Ended 10.15 pm**