

Down to Earth

2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 4 March 2020

Start time: 08:00PM

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

<https://dte.coop/to/zoom>

(02) 8015 2088 Meeting ID Number 2362803611

CERES Learning Centre, Lee Street, Brunswick East, Victoria

MEETING OFFICIALS

CHAIR Kate Shapiro

MINUTES Kate Shapiro & Dan Smith

HOSTS John Reid, Aaron Shiperlee

ATTENDEES

Kate Shapiro, David Cruise, Peter Cruise, Mark Rasmusen, Grant Waldram, Robin MacPherson, Jack Wells, Denise Banville, John Magor, Troy Reid, Vince Logiusto, Aaron Shipperlee, Lars Nissen, Jeremy Cole, Jessica Townsend, Kristen Joy, Peter Tippett, Shardae Reed, Bruce Pinney, Malcolm Matthews, Marte Kinder, Fulvio, Marty Shwarz, Tania Morsman, Tom Robinson, Trevor Pitt, Caryn Kettle, Darrylle Ryan, Kevin Taylor, Craig Newcombe, Melody Braithwaite, Taisha Reed, Emma Bennett, Skye Fitzpatrick, Brian Denham, Mark Rassmussen, Lindy Hunt, Kathy Ernst, Andrew Wilkinson, Ray Higgins, Angela Neal, Darrell Reid, Deb Moerkerken, Coral Larke, Elisa Brock, Paul Silberberg, David R McDonald, Walter Padovani, Jack Wells, William Elliott, Michael Hill, David Taplin, Jenni Tarr, Dan Smith, Coral Larke, Ian Hales, Juliet Jae, Tom Robinson, Dale McDonald (Muddy), Jude Murray

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MEETING OPENED

8:00PM Thursday 27th February 2020

ADDRESS FROM THE AUDITOR

Financial address from Michael Hill & David Taplin from TBT.

Discussion re: Finance

Discussion with contribution from audience/members and round table / room discussion with TBT.

Address by Robin MacPherson for Fincom.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

Discussion over whether we had approved prev AGM minutes/should approve AGM Minutes in AGM's or GM's. Discussion about whether the last AGM's minutes had been approved. Chair declared AGM minutes from 27/11/18 had not been passed.

Minutes from the previous AGM reviewed. Moved to be accepted: Kate Shapiro
Seconded John Magor PBC

Last GM minutes from the SGM 9th January 2020 - objection from the floor regarding content. Unable to be accessed as not online. Deferred until next SGM. Minute taker identified as Tania Morsman.

Previous GM prior to January - Unknown whether those minutes were passed. Deferred by chair pending minutes of 9th January 2020.

AGENDA

New Business

1. Director Election Results Announced by Michael Hill: Directors retiring (end of term): David Cruise, Troy Reid, Coral Larke. Directors elected: Troy Reid, Coral Larke, Kathy Ernst. Acknowledgement of contribution by David Cruise. Gratitude to other candidates Peter Tippett and Melody Braithwaite for standing.
2. Motion 1) That no director should hold an Organising Committee, ConFest Committee, Market Committee or ConFab facilitator role. Moved: Kathy Ernst Supported by: Deb Moerkerken and Tania Morsman FBM

ABORIGINAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY, REFLECTION & MEDITATION

Presented by Muddy

Re-Commencement of New Business

3. Motion 4) That the market committee appropriate \$20,000 for expenses for 2020 ConFest. These expenses will be itemised and budgeted at a Market Committee meeting. Motion by Emma Bennett, supported by Steve Gregory and Fulvio Gerardi PBM
4. Request to Adjourn from Chair/Motion to Adjourn: To adjourn the AGM until Thursday 5th March 7:30pm. Moved/Requested by Chair: Kate Shapiro Seconded/Supported: Lindy Hunt Nil objections/PBC

MEETING ADJOURNED BY CHAIR

10:30pm, For recommencement Thursday 5th March 7:30pm CERES, Lee Street, Brunswick East and Zoom (same channel).

MEETING REOPENED

Thursday 5th March 8:00 PM

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NEW BUSINESS (contd.)

1. Motion 2) "That no one person or group should receive a general budget exceeding 10% of an OC appropriation made at a General Meeting for general OC operating expenses. Additional funds for a special project or capital expenditure can be approved as a separate appropriation at a General Meeting. Any area requiring more funding should be split up with different facilitators."
Moved Kathy Ernst Supported by: Deb Moerkerken and Tania Morsman

2. Motion 3) "That all General Meetings, Board Meetings, Meetings of Committees of the Board (Organising, ConFest, Market and ConFab) and Subcommittee Meetings are notified at least 48 hours in advance by listing on data.dte.org.au. · That official written minutes of General Meetings, Board Meetings and Meetings of Committees of the Board are uploaded to data.dte.org.au. · That minutes or notes of discussion and decisions of subcommittee meetings are uploaded to data.dte.org.au. · That if an emergency meeting is required with less than 48 hours notice, the meeting and minutes/notes are still posted on data.dte.org.au , the meeting is restricted to urgent items and actions are justified at the next meeting." Motion by Kathy Ernst, supported by Peter Tippett and Tania Morsman

Declared by chair to be in conflict with the rules and out of order. Chair referred writer of motion to rules and sections. All amendments presented were also declared by chair to be in conflict with the rules and therefore also declared out of order.

MEETING CLOSED

10:30