

Special General Meeting Minutes

Date: 25th June, 2020
Scheduled Start: 7.30 PM
Venue: Online via Zoom
Audio: <http://dte.org.au/audiominutes>
Register on line: <https://dte.coop/live.meeting>
Zoom Connect: <https://dte.coop/to/zoom>
Phone Connect: (02) 8015 2088 Meeting ID Number 2362803611

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1	Acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the land																																																													
	We gather on the lands of many Aboriginal Nations. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. Indigenous sovereignty has never been ceded in Australia and we should endeavour to be mindful of this in everything we do, given our focus is gathering to create better ways of living in our society, not just for festival attendees but for all.																																																													
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5	Confirmation of previous minutes	<i>Procedural</i>
	Date: 26/03/2020 Moved: Aaron Shipperlee Seconded: Kate Shapiro PBC Date: 19/09/2019 Moved: Mark Rasmussen Seconded: Coral Larke PBC	
6	Matters Arising	<i>Procedural</i>
7	Correspondence	
8	Action Tasks	
9	Motion 1: That Mark Rasmussen be stood down immediately as from the SGM	
	<p>Motion: That Mark Rasmussen be stood down immediately as from the SGM (Thursday the 25th of June 2020) a Director of the Down To Earth Board pending the resolution of Tania Morsman's complaint. Re: Mark Rasmussen is accusing Tania Morsman of being a thief and a sexual predator to DTE members and volunteers.</p> <p><i>Supporting statement:</i> Currently a complaint is in motion regarding DTE Director - Mark Rasmussen. This complaint is serious and has brought a great deal of emotional unrest in the wellbeing of myself, the complainant DTE member and Volunteer, Tania Morsman 1820. The complaint is in relation to serious accusations by Mark Rasmussen that accuse me of sexual misconduct of a sexual predatory nature with members and volunteers of DTE and also that he claims I am a thief because I stole a boat trailer from Wooroona property.</p> <p>Mark Rasmussen told me personally, that I am having too much sex with volunteers and that the Board received complaints from volunteers that identify I have acted sexually inappropriate to volunteers. I am yet to receive any documentation or warning from the Board to validate these claims. These claims have been told to more than one person and I believe Mark Rasmussen is slut shaming me and vilifying and slandering my good reputation.</p> <p>Currently there is no complaints process in place to deal with the complaint I have made. I believe it is a fair request that Mark Rasmussen be stood down as a director pending the complaints resolution.</p> <p>I also believe that the rules below outline Mark Rasmussens duties as a member and as an officer where he has breached the DTE constitution.</p> <p>These accusations are false and extremely damaging to my person. I am continuing my complaint and since DTE has not been able to offer any resolution I will continue to research avenues that will assist the complaint into resolution.</p> <p>Proposed: Tania Morsman Supporters: Scouse, Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews</p>	
	Barry Simmonds wants it recorded in the minutes that he has warned the meeting that it is committing an illegal offence.	
	<p>AMENDMENT: That Mark Rasmussen be asked to apply for Leave of Absence as a Director of the DTE Board immediately as from the SGM (Thursday the 25th of June 2020) pending the resolution of Tania Morsman's complaint.</p> <p>Re: Mark Rasmussen is accusing Tania Morsman of being a thief and a sexual predator to DTE members and volunteers.</p>	<p><i>Moved: Tania Morsman Seconded: Scouse, Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews Passed by majority</i></p>

10	Motion 2: Organising Committee Appropriation	
	<p>Motion: That an appropriation of \$30,000 is approved for the Organising Committee to last until the September SGM.</p> <p>Proposed: Kathy Ernst Supporters: Steve Poynton, Denise Banville</p> <p>Explanation: The Australian Government has been quite clear that large gatherings such as ConFest will not happen until a vaccine for COVID-19 is available. It is unlikely that we will be able to hold a full scale ConFest next year, with some predictions estimating 5 years before events such as ConFest will be allowed to happen.</p> <p>We need to set aside \$500,000 for a full scale ConFest. \$400,000 was appropriated for 2020 Easter ConFest and there was a further motion for \$85,000 on the agenda before ConFest was cancelled. There was also spending from OC budgets to support the Easter ConFest. We can trim some of these costs but also need to be prepared for additional costs due to government requirements for things like increased sanitation.</p> <p>This allows us about \$240,000 to spend over the next 4 years i.e \$60,000 per year.</p> <p>This \$30,000 budget will allow DTE to function while adjust our expenditure to sustainable levels that we can afford. It will give groups time to come up with budgets and forward planning so that ConFest can happen again when restrictions are fully lifted.</p> <p>A further appropriation should be made at the September SGM based on detailed budget estimates.</p>	<i>Adjourned until meeting reconvened</i>
<i>Adjourned until 7:30pm 02/07/2020</i>		
22	<u>Next Meeting Date & Time Confirmation</u>	
	7:30pm 02/07/2020	
23	<u>Meeting Adjourned</u>	
	10:39pm	