

Special General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 9 July 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

#	Item	Raised by:
1	<u>Acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the land</u>	
	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.	
2	<u>Meeting Started</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	7:45 pm	
3	<u>Meeting coordinators</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	Chairperson: Tania Morsman Minute Keeper: Melody Braithwaite Host: Tania Morsman	
4	<u>Attendance</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	1. Braithwaite Melody 1900 2. Cruise David 3. Ernst Kathy 4. Ernst Vanessa 5. FitzPatrick Skye 6. Gerardi Fulvio 7. Geraghty Darren 8. Gregory Scouse 1619 9. Hales Ian 10. Helston Mark 11. Helston Suzie 12. Howes Geoff 13. Hunt Lindy 14. Larke Coral (joined 10:25pm) 15. Macpherson Robin 16. Magor John 1841 17. Matthews Malcolm 18. Moerkerken Deb 1750 19. Morsman Tania 20. Neal Angela 21. Pitt Trevor 1767 22. Poynton Steve 23. Rasmussen Mark 24. Reid John 25. Reid Darrell 26. Reid Troy 27. Royal Donald 1131 28. Ryan Darrylle 29. Taylor Kevin 30. Tippet Peter 31. Wells Jack 32. Wilkinson Andrew	
5	<u>Apologies</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
	Kate Shapiro, Coral Larke, Caryn Kettle	

6	Agenda item ID: 8549 Travel Expenses	
	<p>Motion: That DTE does not pay for any travel expenses including, but not limited to, fuel for personal transport, vehicle hire, taxis, Uber and other ride sharing services, public transport including airfares, parking costs, road tolls, traffic infringements, registration, insurance or maintenance of personal vehicles. Also the use of DTE vehicles for private purposes is to be discontinued.</p> <p>Agenda details: With the uncertainty over when we can hold our next large ConFest, DTE cannot afford to continue the current expenditure on personal transport. DTE’s generosity in providing transport has been abused. People have shown that they cannot be trusted to make sensible and ethical decisions about travel expenses. For example, expenditure on fuel for personal transport exceeds that which can be justified by providing transport to working bees or on DTE business and expenses have been paid for personal vehicles. Examples of travel expenses can be found at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ghf9HxthMs8ChB1Ha3yalpKcoefnyFnR?usp=sharing</p> <p>Item by: Kathy Ernst, Steve Poynton, Don Royal, Tania Morsman, Scouse, Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews, Bruce Pinney</p>	PBC
7	Agenda item ID: 8550 Camping Expenses	
	<p>Motion: That DTE does not pay for any camping or caravanning equipment including, but not limited to, tents, caravans, furniture, bedding (mattresses, pillows and bedlinen).</p> <p>Agenda details: Explanation: With the uncertainty over when we can hold our next large ConFest, DTE cannot afford to continue the current expenditure on such items for personal use. Examples of camping and caravanning expenses can be found at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ghf9HxthMs8ChB1Ha3yalpKcoefnyFnR?usp=sharing</p> <p>Item by: Kathy Ernst, Steve Poynton, Don Royal, Tania Morsman, Scouse, Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews, Bruce Pinney</p>	PBC
8	Agenda Item ID: 8551 Clothing	
	<p>Motion: That DTE does not pay for any personal clothing, footwear, headwear or sunglasses and that this includes both fashion items and work clothes.</p> <p>Agenda details: Explanation: With the uncertainty over when we can hold our next large ConFest, DTE cannot afford to continue to allow people to purchase clothing and accessories from their DTE budgets. Examples of clothing expenditure can be found at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ghf9HxthMs8ChB1Ha3yalpKcoefnyFnR?usp=sharing</p> <p>Item by: Kathy Ernst, Steve Poynton, Don Royal, Tania Morsman, Scouse, Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews, Bruce Pinney</p>	PBC
9	Agenda Item ID: 8552 Phone and Internet	<i>8:39pm</i>
	<p>Motion: That DTE does not pay for any personal phone or internet charges incurred by members, including directors, and that this includes both service costs and the cost of paying off mobile devices.</p> <p>Agenda details: Reimbursement of telephone and internet expense was originally intended to cover any additional expense incurred while performing director duties. Currently we are paying the total bills for some members including paying off their phones. Examples of phone and internet expenses can be found at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ghf9HxthMs8ChB1Ha3yalpKcoefnyFnR?usp=sharing</p> <p>Item by: Kathy Ernst, Steve Poynton, Don Royal, Tania Morsman, Scouse, Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews, Bruce Pinney</p>	PBC

10		9:01 pm
	That the meeting be extended past 10:30pm for one hour (if required).	No objections
11	Agenda Item ID: 8553 Personal Household Expenses	9:02 pm
	<p>Motion: That DTE does not pay for any personal household expenses including rent and utility bills.</p> <p>Agenda details: With the uncertainty over when we can hold our next large ConFest, DTE cannot afford to pay household bills for individual members. This undermining the volunteer status of DTE. Also it is unfair to do this for some members but not others. Examples of household expenses paid on behalf of members can be found at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ghf9HxthMs8ChB1Ha3yalpKcoefnyFnR?usp=sharing</p> <p>Item by: Kathy Ernst, Steve Poynton, Don Royal, Tania Morsman, Scouse, Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews, Bruce Pinney</p>	PBC
12	Agenda Item ID: 8554 Electronic Items and Accessories	9:17 pm
	<p>Motion: That DTE does not pay for any electronic items (including accessories) for personal use.</p> <p>Agenda details: Explanation: With the uncertainty over when we can hold our next large ConFest, DTE cannot afford to pay for such items. The intention to ensure that members have the necessary equipment to do their job has been abused with expenditure on unnecessary and expensive items. Examples of electronic equipment and accessories bought by members can be found at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ghf9HxthMs8ChB1Ha3yalpKcoefnyFnR?usp=sharing</p> <p>Item by: Kathy Ernst, Steve Poynton, Don Royal, Tania Morsman, Scouse, Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews, Bruce Pinney</p>	PBC
13	Agenda Item ID: 8555 Reimbursement of DTE funds spent on personal use	9:20 pm
	<p>Motion: That any DTE funds spent on personal expenditure is reimbursed to DTE.</p> <p>Agenda details: With the uncertainty over when we can hold our next large ConFest, DTE cannot afford to let people pay for their personal expenses with DTE funds. It is also unethical, undermining the volunteer status of DTE and unfair that certain members get away with this.</p> <p>Item by: Kathy Ernst, Steve Poynton, Don Royal, Tania Morsman, Scouse, Denise Banville, Malcolm Matthews, Bruce Pinney</p>	PBC
		9:43 pm
	Break for 7 minutes	
14	Agenda Item ID: 8556 Future Budget Applications	9:51 pm
	<p>Motion: That all future budget requests that exceed \$500 and are below \$4999 need to be submitted in writing and put online in multiple places that are easily accessible to all members, containing a detailed itemized expenditure application form or spreadsheet. At least 48 hours before the beginning of the meeting they are to be discussed at and the membership to be notified of the budget with at least 48 notice also. That all future budget requests amounts \$5,000 or above need to be submitted in writing and put online in multiple places that are easily accessible to all members, containing a detailed itemized expenditure application form or spreadsheet.</p> <p><i>...motion continued over page</i></p>	PBC

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At least 5 days before the beginning of the meeting they are to be discussed at and the membership to be notified of the budget with at least 5 days notice also. This includes but is not limited to all budget requests for all committees and sub committee, working groups, directors, infrastructure projects, asset acquisitions, working bees , administration expenditure and any other area of DTE or Confest that requires a budget. Where budget requests appear to have been broken down into multiple applications to avoid these provisions, then only one of those budgets can be heard and passed at that meeting.

Amended Motion:

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Agenda details: Examples of easily accessible places to all members are data.dte.org.au, data.coop, OC and CC mailing list any appropriate forum, sms messages sent out by DTE or phone calls to members. When food is an item it is to be broken down into a dollar amount per person per day and how many people are to be feed eg. \$7 per person per day for 200 people for 10 day Or broken down into how much on meat , vegetables, dry goods, dairy and tinned goods . Example of detailed budget Open Stage funding app (redacted).pdf <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KMNZ5apHFjtKX-6sYj1Xm4ND5dvnLdl/view?usp=drivesdk>

The reason for this motion is that for too long there have been last minute late night budget applications put in for tens of thousands of dollars usually around 10.30 to 11pm at night without any fore warning and little or no documentation. Followed by claims that they have to be passed NOW!!!! Or the world will stop turning, or Confest will not go ahead or the infrastructure project will not happen etc.

By this time at night people are exhausted, nor have they had any chance to read the budget or look for alternatives or had a chance to formulate questions. By having this motion passed members will have the ability to look at budget requests and formulate questions they want to ask at meetings , rather than feeling railroaded into a last minute proposal.

Item by: Lindy Hunt, Tania Morsman, Kathy Ernst, Emma Bennett, Denise Banville, Coral Larke, Malcolm Matthews, Kevin Taylor

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15	Agenda Item ID: 8557 OC Facilitators Authority to make payments	10:14 pm
	<p>Motion: That OC facilitators are authorised to make payments from their budgets without the need of further control from the Board.</p> <p>Agenda details: The Board motion dated 7th May 2020 and passed by circular “That all budget allocations, bill payments, reimbursements or funds transfers from DTE bank accounts allocated to the four standing committees of the Board must not be disbursed until ratified by a motion of the Board and that all DTE bank accounts requiring a minimum of three-signatories be modified to require a minimum of four-signatories.” The Board is making the work of the OC unmanageable and are overreaching their power. This has caused a management problem for our entire cooperative.</p> <p>Item by: Coral Larke, Tania Morsman, Malcolm Mathews and Lindy Hunt</p>	Withdrawn
16	Agenda Item ID: 8558 OC Scrutiny of Board Decisions made by circular	10:40 pm
	<p>Motion: That all Board decisions made by circular are to be scrutinised by the Organising Committee to evaluate if decisions made were urgent. If a motion was not deemed urgent that it be rescinded and represented at a scheduled Board Meeting.</p> <p>Rationale: Would the Cooperative have breached its legal obligations had the motion waited for a public scheduled Board meeting? Is it evident that any person would have been placed in danger if the Board had waited for a public scheduled Board meeting?</p> <p>Agenda details: Directors have created a work flow problem and a back log of agenda items due to the new procedure of them authorising pre-approved expenditures. To circumvent the waiting time for their agenda items to be heard in a scheduled Board meetings motions are now being passed by circular, this is in spite of DTE rule 48 that states only URGENT decisions can be made by this method. It also means that 4 directors can approve a motion without any type of discussion or input from the full Board of Directors. DTE Rule 48 If urgent decisions are required they may be decided by telephone or Internet provided that five or more Directors are consulted and four or more Directors agree to the decision. The decision is to be minuted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Item by: Coral Larke, Tania Morsman, Malcolm Mathews and Lindy Hunt</p>	PBC
16	Agenda Item ID: 8559 Active Members FYE 2020 also be for FYE 2021	11:04 pm
	<p>Motion: That the Cooperative shall consider members active for FYE 2020 also active members for FYE2021.</p> <p>Agenda details: That the Cooperative shall consider members active for FYE 2020 also active members for FYE2021.</p> <p>Item by: Kate Shapiro, Kristen Tunney, Troy Reid, Mike Kennedy and Paul Hutchison</p>	Motion Failed
	<p>Meeting adjourned until 16 July 2020 Last adjournment</p>	
22	<u>Next Meeting Date & Time Confirmation</u>	
	Thursday 7:30pm 16 July 2020	
23	<u>Meeting Ended</u>	
	11.30pm (Duration 3 hours 45 minutes)	