

Down to Earth

ConFest GSC Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 29 Sep 2020

Start time: 07:30 PM

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	Aaron
MINUTES	Kate
HOSTS	Trevor, Aaron

ATTENDEES

Aaron, Kate, Trevor, Elisa, Mark R, Jack, Andrew, Elle, John R, John M, Melody, Barry, Lindy, Malcolm, Robin, Coral (arrived at 10pm)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

When we gather in person, we meet on the stolen, unceded lands of the Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the Eastern Kulun Nation - CERES in so called Brunswick East is on Wurundjeri country.

Indigenous sovereignty has never been ceded in Australia. It always was and always will be, Aboriginal land.

We would like to pay our respects to the elders of these lands, past present and emerging, also to the elders of the lands you might be listening from.

We recognise the past atrocities against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this land and that Australia was founded on the genocide and dispossession of First Nations people.

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.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Confirmation of previous minutes (Procedural)

April Minutes read

Moved: Trevor Pitt Seconded: Aaron Shipperlee PBC

MATTERS ARISING

AGENDA

Discussions around legality of holding AGM online. Rules examined and discussed. Rules do not state persons need to be in person. Participants note that Zoom already in use has been working well and established methods of participation.

Discussion of rules and notation that some rules need review. Agreed that a list should be made, noted as an appendix to this document and that shall be a living document that can be added to.

Discussion of research undertaken regarding how to hold AGM given unable to gather in person and agreement that a document would be worked on which had supporting documentation text and links.

Discussion around the need to ensure participation, values of 'cooperative' not undermined, access not undermined and that we need to give all members opportunity to participate.

OC Meeting scheduled for 29th Oct would likely be the last ordinary OC meeting to finalise anything before notices must be sent out.

Understood board members received recent legal advice regarding General Meetings which is relevant for considering how the cooperative may go about holding an annual general meeting. Action item: Kate to write to the board on behalf of GSC to request documents / legal opinion recently obtained by the board on the subject of general meetings.

Suggestion that further documentation is compiled and considered for review by members and that this item is revisited as an agenda item at next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Kate, Aaron, Trevor: Document Kate's research into the way we can hold AGM

Kate: Email board and ask them for access to legal advice on holding GM's

Kate: Note rules for review - Register of rules for review living document created for GSC.

MEETING CLOSED

10:19pm