

00:08:18 Peter Tippett: John I think that was supposed to be konbanwa
00:09:15 zoom@reearthcity.com: I was born in whangerai
00:09:23 zoom@reearthcity.com: I can't audio
00:09:50 zoom@reearthcity.com: Robin
00:16:09 Rick Gill: Evening 1 and all :)
00:16:31 Suzie H: Gday Rick♡
00:16:36 John Magor: Hi Rick
00:18:18 Rick Gill: looks like you have the numbers to start your meeting
00:18:44 Rick Gill: evening kate
00:19:29 Rick Gill: Kate I hope it all works ok for your family member
00:27:17 Peter Tippett: Number of registered attendess: 14Tonights Board Meeting Attendance List.Andrew Wilkinson, Chris Wilson, Coral Larke, Darrylle Ryan, Elisa Brock, John Magor, Kathy Ernst, Lance Nash, Malcolm Matthews, Peter Tippett, Rick Gill, Robin Macpherson, Suzie Helson, Vanessa Ernst,
00:28:07 Peter Tippett: Chair - Elisa
00:28:25 Peter Tippett: Minutes - Vanessa
00:29:48 Rick Gill: thankyou Kathy
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00:31:16 Peter Tippett: Chair - <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-04-01%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>
00:34:27 Rick Gill: top of the evening Troy and Mark
00:34:59 Troy & Mark: Good evening
00:37:31 Malcolm Matthews: From DTE Rules (2) 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.
00:40:53 Rick Gill: Good Evening Coral
00:42:20 Peter Tippett: Chair is being biased. No one has spoken yet in support of the motion by circular other than the chair who is supposed to be impartial. Also the chair has considered Johns second point order while telling me I need to wait. Also the chair informed the meeting that they would only from people who wanted to discuss the current point of order while pausing proceedings to hear and update Troy who was late.Elisa I think you can do better than this.
00:42:31 John Magor: By choosing to arrive late to a meeting -with, I note, no apology given within their first words to the meeting- they choose to miss out on what's being discussed by those Directors who do make themselves available to arrive on time to meetings - even from overseas I note.
00:42:47 Rick Gill: The Dir Meeting on the 1/4/2021 Coral Larke-left at 8:09pm
00:42:59 Troy & Mark: "as often as may be necessary" can mean both more or less meetings
00:44:24 Rick Gill: because Carol left the meeting at 8.09 that broke the quorum. how ever the meeting had started
00:44:40 John Magor: So, by that reading of the rules 'as often as is necessary' wouldn't the fact that it's A) - a scheduled meeting -&- B) there are current and ongoing agenda items on the list, it is indeed well defined as a 'necessary' meeting.
00:45:54 Rick Gill: 8:09pm -closed due to lack of quorum because Carol left the meeting
00:46:01 Peter Tippett: Wow
00:46:31 Peter Tippett: I was still speaking
00:47:18 Troy & Mark: Not is you are muted by the chair
00:48:09 John Magor: The 'precedent' that is being attempted to stand here (re a few Directors trying to cancel a meeting) is, in my opinion disrespectful to both other Directors & Members.
00:48:26 Troy & Mark: 4 directors is not a few
00:48:47 Troy & Mark: That's not a point of order
00:49:22 Kathy: Yes, 4 is not a few, 4 directors is enough for a quorum
00:50:00 Troy & Mark: Yes the meeting proceeded in breach of faith of four directors
00:50:33 Peter Tippett: MOTION: That the Board agrees that the Motion by Circular proposed on 1 April 2021 : "that the Board meeting scheduled for 7:30PM Thursday 1-Apr-2021 is rescheduled for 7:30PM Thursday 8-Apr-2021 without consuming any director inactive credits." conflicts with the DTE Rules and the meeting should go ahead tonight.MOVED: Kathy Ernst Seconded: Suzie Helson PBC

00:50:39 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-04-01%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

00:51:12 Peter Tippett: Read the minutes and you will see that the motion passed by circular was deemed invalid by the board.

00:51:19 Peter Tippett: PBC

00:51:59 Malcolm Matthews: (2) 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.

00:52:19 Rick Gill: The Board would have know there was going to be a meeting !

00:52:52 John Magor: So, if it's correct that "4 directors is not a few" - what about the validity of the following: "MOTION: That the Board agrees that the Motion by Circular proposed on 1 April 2021 : "that the Board meeting scheduled for 7:30PM Thursday 1-Apr-2021 is rescheduled for 7:30PM Thursday 8-Apr-2021 without consuming any director inactive credits." conflicts with the DTE Rules and the meeting should go ahead tonight.MOVED: Kathy Ernst Seconded: Suzie Helson PBC"

00:53:13 Peter Tippett: PBC!

00:53:29 Peter Tippett: Secretary just described it as "that meeting". A meeting.

00:53:55 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-04-01%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

00:54:14 Peter Tippett: Read the minutes from the last meeting.

00:55:01 Peter Tippett: So lets read the minutes from the last meeting.

00:55:07 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-04-01%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

00:55:51 Rick Gill: No bisseness was done at that meeting !

00:56:01 Peter Tippett: It is a breech in good faith by the board to cancel scheduled meetings that are set by the rules.

00:56:23 John Magor: Chair - for the record, the secretary just ladled something as "unconscionable conduct" & "dishonest", is that a statement of fact or opinion?

00:56:24 Peter Tippett: RickMOTION: That the Board agrees that the Motion by Circular proposed on 1 April 2021 : "that the Board meeting scheduled for 7:30PM Thursday 1-Apr-2021 is rescheduled for 7:30PM Thursday 8-Apr-2021 without consuming any director inactive credits." conflicts with the DTE Rules and the meeting should go ahead tonight.MOVED: Kathy Ernst Seconded: Suzie Helson PBC

00:56:37 Rick Gill: once the quorum was lost the meeting was closed 1

00:56:54 Rick Gill: and Nothing happened at that meeting !

00:57:47 Peter Tippett: Not true Rick. Read the minutes.

00:57:53 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-04-01%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

00:59:08 Troy & Mark: The motion for rescheduling meeting was sent at midday

00:59:19 Troy & Mark: Not at last minute

00:59:36 Troy & Mark: That is dishonest language

01:00:28 Kathy: Sent at midday! I do not have the luxury of sitting at my laptop all day.

01:00:29 Peter Tippett: Rule number: 4848. Quorum for Board meetings (1) The quorum for a meeting of the Board is four directors and all questions and motions decided by consensus or by the agreement of four Directors. (2) 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.

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01:01:33 Peter Tippett: Rule 47 (2) Board meetings cannot be adjourned. (3) A Director may call a Thursday night meeting of the Board by giving notice individually to every other Director, and with the agreement of three others, the meeting will be binding on all Directors. (4) On their election, Directors are to nominate a reasonable form for their meeting notice and inform each other Director. (5) Except in special circumstances determined by the chairperson, that is a meeting called for an evening other than a Thursday, at least 48 hours notice shall be given for a Directors Meeting. (6) All Board meetings, and committees of the Board meetings, shall be open and be announced on the D.T.E. Information Line. (telephone, Message Bank) and by Internet.

01:01:45 Troy & Mark: Here here Suzie

01:02:24 Peter Tippett: Minutes for
1/4<https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-04-01%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

01:04:08 Peter Tippett: . Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes1) 18/03/2021Moved: Gary Lasky
Seconded: Suzie Helson

01:04:16 Peter Tippett: Passed 1/4

01:05:38 John Magor: The audio will support that those minutes were passed by consensus - those directors who were present are here, and surely would deny it if that were not the case. In the interest of moving on, let's move on with the amendment.

01:07:47 Peter Tippett: So those motions need to be tabled tonight?

01:08:17 Peter Tippett: And if a motion is not tabled at the following meeting.... does that make the motions invalid?

01:13:14 John Magor: In all fairness it should be vast majority of the state of those minutes has its genesis in the precedent set by those Directors who attempted to have that meeting cancelled (as discussed). That they (as one Director called them 'defunct') are as they are has its reasons - and should be considered accordingly.

01:14:44 Peter Tippett: A minute taker that did not attend the meeting?

01:15:06 Peter Tippett: Maybe ask Vanessa first if she would like to fix them?

01:15:18 Peter Tippett: This is strange.

01:15:41 Troy & Mark: Chair asked everyone and Vanessa did not respond

01:15:46 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2020-12-03%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

01:15:57 Peter Tippett: [orhttps://dte.org.au/minutes/2020-12-03%20BOARD%20preview%20minutes.pdf](https://dte.org.au/minutes/2020-12-03%20BOARD%20preview%20minutes.pdf)

01:16:47 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2020-12-03%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

01:19:56 Peter Tippett: 2) 03/12/2020 Amendments: personal opinion of minute taker (context section) to be removed from the last motion by circular and the actual motion 'that the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 7:30PM on 3 December 2020 is rescheduled until after the 2020 AGM finishes.' be included. Discussion that occurred after the meeting ended at 10:10pm to be removed. Moved: Coral Larke
Seconded: not seconded

01:20:03 Peter Tippett: <https://www.dte.org.au/minutes/2021-03-18%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

01:22:12 Peter Tippett: Correspondance

01:22:52 Peter Tippett: <https://www.dte.org.au/minutes/2021-03-18%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

01:25:19 Peter Tippett: 1/4 matter arising 1) 25/11/2020 Memcom Memcom to contact Members who are not currently recognised as active and reach out and work out ways we may be able – IN PROGRESS2) 05/10/2020 ICDA Subscription - 20200911 ICDA subscription renewal notice 230.00 – ONGOING Board Meeting Minutes3) 7/01/2021 Troy to forward the Annual Updates to Consumer Affairs – ONGOING4) 11/01/2021 John Reid and Isaac to work on fixing the site phone – ONGOING (working with Troy)5) 21/01/2021 Coral to redraft the letter to Tania as specified by the Motion by Circular proposed by Mark on 9/12/2020 – IN PROGRESS6) 21/01/2021 Troy to send out an email regarding a GSC meeting to be held on 27 January at 7:30pm – NOT DONE7) 18/03/2021 Set up payment so Troy can pay consumer affairs8) 18/03/2021 Kate to work with Elle to make a Covid Safe Plan

01:26:34 Peter Tippett: Good luck to the minute taker (Vanessa) for this meeting tonight.

01:27:17 **vanessa e** *: thanks Peter I need it!

01:27:22 John Magor: Chair - an observation: the audio will (I believe up to this point 20:49) show -clearly- that the chair is agreeing with, and/or seeking counsel/guidance from one director far more than other present Directors - and I find myself wondering if it's reflective of an unbiased running order?

01:29:17 Peter Tippett: Wondering after the 1/4 minutes discussion?

01:31:13 Peter Tippett: Vanessa, keep in mind you can interrupt at any time for clarification.

01:46:10 Peter Tippett: Chair - Johns correspondence still needs to be tabled as such.

01:47:59 Peter Tippett: Google returns About 54,000,000 results (0.68 seconds) for complaint handling procedure

01:48:14 Peter Tippett: The board returns 0?

01:48:39 Peter Tippett: Chair - Johns correspondence still needs to be tabled as such.

01:52:26 Peter Tippett: Chair - Johns correspondence still needs to be tabled as such.

01:53:28 Peter Tippett: It is censorship

01:57:34 Peter Tippett: Why are we still calling it both a complaint and correspondence

01:58:02 Peter Tippett: When John who sent it clearly states it is not a complaint.

02:02:13 Peter Tippett: It is also censorship!

02:02:17 John Magor: I object -strongly- to Troy's use of the word 'complaint' when it's not necessary - at any time (unless it's his own tabled complaint). What if it were a -highly- sensitive matter, and if it is, who gets to decide the language and process as such - The secretary?

02:04:07 John Magor: In the absence of a clear process re complaint handling by the Board - is this behaviour and choice of language of the Secretary supported by the Board?

02:05:18 Peter Tippett: Actually Troy that was all I was asking for. It explained what the correspondence was about. A lot better than calling it a complaint and hiding it as such.

02:07:56 Peter Tippett: Lance is the special resolution the one you sent to me by email or something else?

02:13:37 Lance Nash: I imagine I sent this one to you, Peter. I'll check.

02:13:43 Peter Tippett: 4 That the Board reapproves the CC Motion: 'That the ConFest Committee approve the \$9,000 balance of budget application for expenses of their January 2021 Sydney Confesters gathering' and transfers \$9000 to the BB account held by Melody Braithwaite. Moved: CoralLarkeSeconded:Kate ShapiroPBCfrom <https://www.dte.org.au/minutes/2020-12-03%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

02:15:11 Lance Nash: Yep, that was the one Peter.

02:15:25 Peter Tippett: I thought there was going to be some reading happening during this break. ;-)

02:16:24 Peter Tippett: Load them up with sugar and hand them back!

02:18:34 Peter Tippett: I think she is too smart for that John.

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02:20:56 Peter Tippett: October 2021 Our next gathering will be held October 2021 NSW Long Weekend. Details will be forthcoming closer to the event. Thanks for your interest! <https://www.sydneyconfesters.com.au/>

02:21:35 Peter Tippett: This link is incorrect <https://confest.org.au/index.php/gatherings/6-sydney-confest-jan>

02:27:51 Peter Tippett: CC address - <https://data.dte.org.au/agenda/> maybe?

02:34:42 Peter Tippett: This never happened when the board banned members from email lists!

02:36:33 Peter Tippett: No opportunity to respond and also named and shamed..

02:39:15 Peter Tippett: 49 minutes left

02:40:23 Peter Tippett: Kathy just schedule it and see if 4 agree to it. Make it clear what the meeting is about and how it is to be conducted, If you get 4 then it is all systems go.

02:41:01 Peter Tippett: Do your straw poll for a date.

02:44:56 John Magor: "what other professional Boards do"opinion or fact?

02:45:22 Peter Tippett: Not boards that Lindsay Fox and others are on.

02:45:27 John Magor: I note, in particular, the use of the word 'professional'.

02:47:40 John Magor: "shutup" from Troy - classy from a Director and a secretary. I think you're getting your John's mixed up - I'm the John whose a Member, not the John you recently criticised for not being a member.

02:47:53 John Magor: *who's*

02:48:05 Peter Tippett: Lol John.

02:51:19 Peter Tippett: (6) All Board meetings, and committees of the Board meetings, shall be open and be announced on the D.T.E. Information Line.

02:53:59 Peter Tippett: What date John

02:54:10 Peter Tippett: It will help to find the minutes

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03:03:15 Peter Tippett: Agenda item ID: 13101 13135 Date: 2021-04-08 18:46:41 Meeting: Board Agenda item: Inactive Members to be given 28 days notice Agenda details: The CNL requires that the Board remove Inactive members. This action is overdue and there is potentially a penalty for not acting. On 25 November 2020, the Board passed the motion "that as per CNL s161 that all memberships with inactive status for more than one financial year or memberships with status currently unknown be given 28 days notice of the Board's intention to declare their membership cancelled". I would like to retain members whenever possible. The CNL also provides that Inactive members can request a 12 month extension to their period of inactive membership before being removed. I have drafted an email to be sent to all inactive members warning them of their pending removal in 28 days and encouraging them to request an extension.

We currently have 100 inactive members. Twenty do not have an email address recorded. Motion: That the attached correspondence

03:03:18 Troy, Mark & Robin: lol

03:03:43 Peter Tippett: Motion: That the attached correspondence advising 28 days notice of cancellation of inactive memberships is sent to all inactive members Item by: Kathy

Ernst <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17Gd7bNdioX2EFOwrvZPj5HuVb2oen4rb/view?usp=sharing>

03:06:12 John Magor: That "lol" from the group named as Troy, Mark & Robin is as juvenile as it's inappropriate. The great Paul Keating had a fitting phrase for the behaviour coming from whoever is 'responsible' there that begins with "A conga line"....but the rest eludes me.

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03:08:34 Peter Tippett: I am loving this new wave of positivity. So fresh!

03:10:14 Troy, Mark & Robin: :D

03:15:13 Peter Tippett: Agenda item ID: 12914 13144 Date: 2021-04-12 22:30:16 Meeting: Board Agenda item: Reapproval of the 12/11 OC motion to pay FinCom expenses Agenda details: Motion: That the Board reapproves the 12/11 OC Motion: 'That FINCOM Funding Budget of \$27,000 be approved by OC' Item by: Kathy Ernst <http://www.dte.org.au/minutes/2020-11-12%20CC%20Minutes.pdf>

03:16:24 Elisa Brock: Agenda item ID: 13242 Date: 2021-05-06 11:03:23 Meeting: Board Agenda item: Sale or lease of water allocation Agenda details: We urgently need to discuss the sale or lease of our water allocation before the end of the financial year. Motion: No motion at this stage. Item by: Kathy Ernst

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03:23:59 Peter Tippett: Agenda item ID: 13223 Date: 2021-05-03 02:10:59 Meeting: Board Agenda item: Newsletter for members & volunteers Agenda details: A Media Comms group is forming with the intent to publish a regular newsletter for members and volunteers. The newsletter aims to:- Increase member engagement.- Improve member retention.- Facilitate volunteering. Motion: That the Media Comms group be authorised to publish a monthly newsletter to members and volunteers. Item by: Elisa Brock

03:24:39 Peter Tippett: 8 minutes left.

03:24:53 Troy, Mark & Robin: Troy temporarily chairing 10:47PM

03:25:45 Peter Tippett: You could be right.

03:25:58 Peter Tippett: 2 minutes left? What time did we start?

03:26:14 Elisa Brock: started 7:55pm

03:26:23 Peter Tippett: 7 minutes left then.

03:26:29 Suzie H: Vanessa do you have the start time please

03:26:55 Peter Tippett: Someone suggested in private chat the meeting started 7:50

03:27:07 Elisa Brock: you might be right Peter

03:27:50 Elisa Brock: virtual hand up

03:28:07 Rick Gill: With 1 of the community groups I apart of we send out 4 news letters a years to all members

03:28:39 Peter Tippett: Aparently DTE sends out 22,000 per year according to Robin.

03:28:53 Peter Tippett: Meeting started 7:50

03:28:59 Peter Tippett: It is 10:51

03:29:08 Rick Gill: TIME

03:29:58 Rick Gill: WOW 22.000 that's a lot of Papper

03:30:41 Peter Tippett: Plast. A lot of plastic is spent to be able to send out all those 0's and 1's.

03:30:57 Rick Gill: I am going to read 22.000 news letters befor bed :)

03:32:09 Peter Tippett: Date: Thursday the 20th of May Time: 07:30 PM Meeting type: Board Meeting details: <https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/> on DTE Zoom Notice by: Board

03:32:25 Suzie H: Thanks Elisa and Vanessa ♡