

Down to Earth (Victoria) Co-operative Society Limited

01:11:15 deBFI&Darren: Who exactly is the board?? Names??

01:12:02 Martin 1731: Kathy, Sue, Gaz, Coral, Kate and Elise

01:12:10 Peter Tippett: [https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/current\\_meeting/portal.php](https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/current_meeting/portal.php)

01:12:23 Peter Tippett: No need to log out. Just register again.

01:12:26 Peter Tippett: Please.

01:13:50 Martin 1731: yes lindy

01:14:06 Martin 1731: its not legal

01:14:20 Martin 1731: Dan, no need to be rude

01:14:47 Jenni 1699: Seriously people! Justice department & administration is next if you don't get your shit together

01:15:02 Martin 1731: agreed Jenni

01:15:23 Martin 1731: i will be making a report depending on tonights outcome

01:15:44 Craig Newcombe: like at school?

01:15:49 Peter Tippett: Number of registered attendess: 39Tonights SGM Meeting Attendance List.Aaron Shipperlee, Andrew Wilkinson, Brian Denham, Bryce Wentworth, Caryn Kettle , Chris Wilson, Craig Newcombe, Dan Smith, Darrell Reid, David Cruise, Elisa Brock, Ellen Brogan , Gary Lasky, Geoff Howes, Graham Fleming, Ian Hales, Jack Wells, Jenni Tarr, John Magor, John Reid, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Garber, Kevin Taylor, Lance Nash, Lindy Hunt, Mark Helson, Marte Kinder, Martin Schwarz , Matthew Peers, Melody Braithwaite, Peter Tippett, Rick Gill, Robin Macpherson, Skye Fitzpatrick , Steve Poynton, Suzie Helson, Tania Morsman, Trevor Pitt, Vanessa Ernst,

01:15:49 Mark R: Another one?

01:15:55 Peter Tippett: [https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/current\\_meeting/portal.php](https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/current_meeting/portal.php)

01:15:57 Dan Smith: Yes, the Co-Op gets an F!

01:16:06 Martin 1731: yes, like in the real world Craig

01:16:13 johnreid: SGM open 19:38

01:17:00 Steve Poynton: Bryce. Do you want to turn off your video. Just fr those with limited bandwidth

01:18:25 Kate Shapiro: Hi everyone sorry I'm late

01:18:35 Peter Tippett: [https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/current\\_meeting/portal.php](https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/current_meeting/portal.php)

01:20:03 Peter Tippett: [https://sharepoint.dte.coop/oc/\\_layouts/15/DocIdRedir.aspx?ID=HYA2ZT6KVP2E-1129237613-176](https://sharepoint.dte.coop/oc/_layouts/15/DocIdRedir.aspx?ID=HYA2ZT6KVP2E-1129237613-176)

01:20:15 Peter Tippett: Template link above

01:20:38 Peter Tippett: Grrr Sorry.

01:22:10 Mark R: thanks Chair. Thanks Skye

01:22:56 John Magor: Geoff - would you please turn off your video. Just for those with limited bandwidth.Ta.

01:23:29 Mark R: respect to the Wurundjeri people from the Yarra region in Melbourne.

01:24:13 Peter Tippett: Number of registered attendess: 44Tonights SGM Meeting Attendance List.Aaron Shipperlee, Andrew Wilkinson, Brian Denham, Bruce Pinney, Bryce Wentworth, Caryn Kettle , Chris Wilson, Craig Newcombe, Dan Smith, Darrell Reid, David Cruise, Don Royal, Elisa Brock, Elizabeth Bell, Ellen Brogan , Gary Lasky, Geoff Howes, Graham Fleming, Ian Hales, Jack Wells, Jenni Tarr, John Magor, John Reid, Kate Sarah, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Garber, Kevin Taylor, Lance Nash, Lindy Hunt, Mark Helson, Marte Kinder, Martin Schwarz , Matthew Peers, Melody Braithwaite, Peter Tippett, Rick Gill, Robin Macpherson, Skye Fitzpatrick , Steve Poynton, Suzie Helson, Tania Morsman, Trevor Pitt, Troy Reid, Vanessa Ernst,

01:25:19 Mark R: Mark Rasmussen

01:25:41 Peter Tippett: Number of registered attendess: 46Tonights SGM Meeting Attendance List.Aaron Shipperlee, Andrew Wilkinson, Brian Denham, Bruce Pinney, Bryce Wentworth, Caryn Kettle , Chris Wilson, Craig Newcombe, Dan Smith, Darrell Reid, David Cruise, Don Royal, Elisa Brock, Elizabeth Bell, Ellen Brogan , Gary Lasky, Geoff Howes, Graham Fleming, Ian Hales, Jack Wells, Jenni Tarr, John Magor, John Reid, Kate Sarah, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Garber, Kevin Taylor, Lance Nash, Lindy Hunt, Malcolm Matthews, Mark Helson, Mark Rasmussen, Marte Kinder, Martin Schwarz , Matthew Peers, Melody Braithwaite, Peter Tippett, Rick Gill, Robin Macpherson, Skye Fitzpatrick , Steve Poynton, Suzie Helson, Tania Morsman, Trevor Pitt, Troy Reid, Vanessa Ernst,

01:25:53 Mark R: Thanks Pete

01:27:27 Mark R: Hi Jack

01:29:45 Peter Tippett: Anyone missed?

01:30:11 Elisa Brock: Bryan Isaacs  
01:30:15 Elisa Brock: Coral Larke  
01:30:37 Elisa Brock: Deb Moerkerken, Darren Geraghty  
01:30:40 Elisa Brock: Jude Murray  
01:30:44 Elisa Brock: Coral Larke  
01:30:48 Elisa Brock: Walter Padovani  
01:30:54 Dan Smith: Grant?  
01:30:56 Elisa Brock: Angela Neal  
01:31:10 Dan Smith: Hmm he was there before :)  
01:31:10 Mark R: Mark Rasmussen  
01:31:17 Martin 1731: i have two friends who head up NFP's coming tonight. Just waiting on them to arrive  
01:31:34 Peter Tippett: Number of registered attendess: 54Tonights SGM Meeting Attendance List.Aaron Shipperlee, Andrew Wilkinson, Angela Nea, Angela Neal, Brian Denham, Bruce Pinney, Bryan Isaacs, Bryce Wentworth, Caryn Kettle , Chris Wilson, Coral Larke, Craig Newcombe, Dan Smith, Darrell Reid, Darren Geraghty, David Cruise, Deb Moerkerken, Don Royal, Elisa Brock, Elizabeth Bell, Ellen Brogan , Gary Lasky, Geoff Howes, Graham Fleming, Ian Hales, Jack Wells, Jenni Tarr, John Magor, John Reid, Jude Murray, Kate Sarah, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Garber, Kevin Taylor, Lance Nash, Lindy Hunt, Malcolm Matthews, Mark Helson, Mark Rasmussen, Marte Kinder, Martin Schwarz , Matthew Peers, Melody Braithwaite, Peter Tippett, Rick Gill, Robin Macpherson, Skye Fitzpatrick , Steve Poynton, Suzie Helson, Tania Morsman, Trevor Pitt, Troy Reid, Vanessa Ernst, Walter Padovani,  
01:31:35 Martin 1731: cheers  
01:31:58 Peter Tippett: Number of registered attendess: 55Tonights SGM Meeting Attendance List.Aaron Shipperlee, Andrew Wilkinson, Angela Nea, Angela Neal, Brian Denham, Bruce Pinney, Bryan Isaacs, Bryce Wentworth, Caryn Kettle , Chris Wilson, Coral Larke, Craig Newcombe, Dan Smith, Darrell Reid, Darren Geraghty, David Cruise, Deb Moerkerken, Don Royal, Elisa Brock, Elizabeth Bell, Ellen Brogan , Gary Lasky, Geoff Howes, Graham Fleming, Grant Waldram, Ian Hales, Jack Wells, Jenni Tarr, John Magor, John Reid, Jude Murray, Kate Sarah, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Garber, Kevin Taylor, Lance Nash, Lindy Hunt, Malcolm Matthews, Mark Helson, Mark Rasmussen, Marte Kinder, Martin Schwarz , Matthew Peers, Melody Braithwaite, Peter Tippett, Rick Gill, Robin Macpherson, Skye Fitzpatrick , Steve Poynton, Suzie Helson, Tania Morsman, Trevor Pitt, Troy Reid, Vanessa Ernst, Walter Padovani,  
01:32:42 Peter Tippett: Agenda[https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/current\\_meeting/agenda/aam.php](https://data.dte.org.au/meeting/current_meeting/agenda/aam.php)  
01:33:25 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-07-01%20SGM%20Minutes.pdf>  
01:34:07 Elisa Brock: should be 7 sets of minutes  
01:34:31 Peter Tippett: What dates?  
01:35:26 johnreid: SGM 09-07-2020 (3 of 4)  
SGM 16-07-2020 (4 of 4)  
SGM 05-11-2020 (1 of 1)  
AGM 29-11-2020 (1 of 3, no minutes)  
AGM 06-12-2020 (2 of 3)  
AGM 13-12-2020 (3 of 3, QNR, no minutes)  
SGM 18-02-2021 (1 of 2)  
SGM 25-02-2021 (2 of 2)  
01:35:47 Peter Tippett: David can you sharescreen minutes?  
01:35:55 Peter Tippett: :-)  
01:35:57 Elisa Brock: SGM 09-07-2020SMG 16-07-2020AGM 29-11-2020AGM 06-12-2020SGM 19-06-2021SGM 24-06-2021SGM 01-07-2021  
01:36:48 Denise: I have joined the meeting - Denise 7.58  
01:37:29 David Ramin McDonald: As did I a few minutes ago - some people's living nightmare. :)  
01:37:34 Peter Tippett: From Elisa Brock to Everyone: 07:57 PMSGM 09-07-2020SMG 16-07-2020AGM 29-11-2020AGM 06-12-2020SGM 19-06-2021SGM 24-06-2021SGM 01-07-2021  
01:38:13 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2020-07-09%20SGM%20part%20three%20Minutes.pdf>  
01:38:25 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2020-07-16%20SGM%20final.pdf>  
01:38:50 Coral: Who is the host?  
01:39:47 Rick Gill: Robin M could you please put your hand down if you aren't going to speak  
01:40:13 Peter Tippett: 29/11  
missing<https://dte.org.au/minutes/2020-12-06%20AGM%20Part%202%20Minutes.pdf>  
01:40:19 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-06-24%20SGM%20Minutes.pdf>

01:44:46 johnreid: Skye is host, Tania and Brian are co-hosts.  
01:44:59 Denise: Thanks John Reid.  
01:45:11 Denise: Thanks Skye Tania Brian  
01:48:08 Lars Nissen 1685: Good evening all, ong time since I heard any of your lovely voices.I see with interest that we are still keeping solicitors rich :-)  
01:48:28 Peter Tippett: Hi Lars.  
01:48:40 Denise: Hi Lars.  
01:49:06 John Magor: Hi Lars - far too long since we had your presence!  
01:49:21 Rick Gill: HappyBirthday for that day Tania  
01:49:34 Martin 1731: Hi Lars  
01:51:20 Darrylle Ryan: hi all  
01:51:57 Peter Tippett: Lars  
01:53:09 Lars Nissen 1685: I am no longer a member  
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01:55:27 TaniaM1820<3: From Elisa Brock to Everyone: 07:57 PMSGM 09-07-2020SMG 16-07-2020AGM 29-11-2020AGM 06-12-2020SGM 17-06-2021SGM 24-06-2021SGM 01-07-2021  
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01:55:57 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-06-17%20SGM%20Minutes.pdf>  
01:56:17 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-06-24%20SGM%20Minutes.pdf>  
01:56:37 Peter Tippett: <https://dte.org.au/minutes/2021-07-01%20SGM%20Minutes.pdf>  
01:58:58 Fraser: Karhunkynsi  
01:59:27 Peter Tippett: Number of registered attendess: 60Tonights SGM Meeting Attendance List.Aaron Shipperlee, Andrew Wilkinson, Angela Neal, Brian Denham, Bruce Pinney, Bryan Isaacs, Bryce Wentworth, Caryn Kettle , Chris Wilson, Coral Larke, Craig Newcombe, Dan Smith, Darrell Reid, Darren Geraghty, Darrylle Ryan, David Cruise, David Ramin McDonald, Deb Moerkerken, Denise Banville, Don Royal, Elisa Brock, Elizabeth Bell, Ellen Brogan , Fraser Karhunkynsi, Gary Lasky, Geoff Howes, Graham Fleming, Grant Waldram, Ian Hales, Jack Wells, Jenni Tarr, John Magor, John Reid, Jude Murray, Kate Sarah, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Garber, Kevin Taylor, Lance Nash, Lars Nissen, Lindy Hunt, Malcolm Matthews, Mark Helson, Mark Rasmussen, Marte Kinder, Martin Schwarz , Matthew Peers, Melody Braithwaite, Peter Tippett, Ray Higgins, Rick Gill, Robin Macpherson, Skye Fitzpatrick , Steve Poynton, Suzie Helson, Tania Morsman, Trevor Pitt, Troy Reid, Vanessa Ernst, Walter Padovani,  
02:00:09 Peter Tippett: It is how YOU pronounce it Tania. ;-)  
02:06:21 Fraser: Woof  
02:06:25 Trevor & Caryn: I thought only committees submit reports?????  
02:07:00 Peter Tippett: Anyone can  
02:07:12 Denise: Wow. What a transformation.  
02:07:54 Peter Tippett: (b) At each Special General Meeting the following reports are to be tabled: (i) Financial reports on the transactions of the Co-operative during the period. (ii) Directors reports either as a group or individually (iii) Organising Committee of the Board reports (iv) ConFest report (v) ConFab report (vi) Other committee/work group reports. (4) All business of a general meeting, other than ordinary business, is special business  
02:08:18 Denise: It looks amazing!  
02:08:21 Peter Tippett: Rule 29  
02:08:55 Mark R: Agree JR  
02:09:46 Peter Tippett: Trevor take out organising (or leave it it) from your report and submit it.  
02:10:09 Mark & Suzie H: Wow many thanks to our dedicated members/volunteers amazing transformation ♡ ♡ ♡  
02:12:10 Lindy Hunt: looks amazing  
02:12:46 Denise: Good point Tania.  
02:15:59 Dan Smith: Set aside funds for ConfestsMotion 1. That \$550k in funds is put aside for Confest Committee to run the next three festivals.This budget is for \$250k for the next festival, \$200k for the following festival, and \$100k for thethird, allowing for the recovery of funds and reuse of infrastructure from between the festivals ifboth should fail.Proposed by: Steve PoyntonSupported by: Peter Tippett, Tania Morsman  
02:16:34 Dan Smith: Scrap that, Im reading the wrong notice  
02:17:45 Peter Tippett: Graham please... let him finish.

02:17:54 Mark R: Does everyone in this meeting know that there is a group of people who are trying to put up someone as a Director against the wish of the Board and without a

02:18:02 Mark R: holding an Election.

02:18:31 Steve Poynton: He said it was disputed.

02:19:11 Peter Tippett: Can you please clarify what you mean by position is suspended?

02:19:31 Martin 1731: if only the board member would stand down rather than find a loop hole and threaten to sue the coop.

02:19:38 Denise: Victorian Disputes Centre

02:21:28 Dan Smith: If only some members would just allow due process to happen and be followed...

02:21:36 Denise: Why has it taken so long for the Board to get to this position ???

02:21:43 Steve Poynton: There is a dispute over who should be in the position. Should both step back until dispute resolution is finished?

02:22:07 David Ramin McDonald: ABSOLUTELY. Directors are also considered members!

02:22:21 Martin 1731: i believe that is the correct way steve

02:22:38 Denise: Thank you Gary for respecting the concept of openness and transparency

02:22:38 David Ramin McDonald: And he's not technically a Director yet, is he?

02:22:58 Martin 1731: no

02:23:05 Martin 1731: Hi David

02:24:27 Bruce from Arts: We should be able to sort these issues out among our selves rather than seeking unnecessary expensive outside legal intervention.

02:24:27 Lars Nissen 1685: Someone is trying to hang on by the fingernails. Good night all

02:24:50 David Ramin McDonald: Congratulations John!

And thank you!

Despite our past differences of opinion, I trust that you'll bring some much needed integrity to the position.

02:24:59 Peter Tippett: Good night Lars. Take care.

02:25:17 John Magor: Apologies to Gary as returning officer for having to look at the pic attached with my nomination form.

02:25:17 Martin 1731: you would think so Bruce, any coop seeking legal advice against itself is in true trouble

02:25:17 Denise: Good night Lars

02:25:48 TaniaM1820<3: Report on Status of, or Declaration regarding Casual Vacancy

02:25:52 Bruce from Arts: I don't know why these disputes cannot be put to the members to vote on an outcome.

02:26:04 Denise: Yes Bruce.

02:26:56 Denise: Which position is suspended?

02:27:05 deBFI&Darren: So is the position VACANT?

02:27:13 Denise: Exactly

02:27:25 Elisa Brock: No position is vacant.

02:27:40 Denise: Does that mean we have 6 members on the Board now ??

02:27:41 Trevor & Caryn: So does this mean the board will only have 6 acting directors until this is resolved

02:27:51 Peter Tippett: Sounds like it.

02:27:58 deBFI&Darren: So , we will have 6 (SIX) directors?

02:27:59 Kathy and Vanessa: I don't know anything about this

02:28:06 Bruce from Arts: all these disputes just weaken us as a cooperative organisation.

02:28:16 Denise: Kathy?? You don't know anything about this ????????

02:29:00 Kathy and Vanessa: I don't know anything about this dispute resolution

02:29:28 Peter Tippett: From Mark R to Everyone: 08:40 PM Does everyone in this meeting know that there is a group of people who are trying to put up someone as a Director against the wish of the Board and without a holding an Election.

02:29:36 Kathy and Vanessa: I don't know whether the position is suspended i.e. 6 directors or is the election deferred?

02:29:43 Denise: It is false

02:29:49 Denise: IT is not a fact

02:29:59 David Ramin McDonald: Do you want talking about facts, Mark?

02:30:07 Peter Tippett: I don't think it deserves a warning.

02:30:36 Kathy and Vanessa: elected unopposed is still elected

02:30:36 Mark R: I accept what the Chair has said

02:31:02 Mark R: its not an election  
02:32:10 Denise: Technically yes.  
02:32:14 Denise: ??  
02:33:09 Denise: Were all members of the Board involved in this decision????  
02:33:38 John Magor: I accept Gary's statement - I don't imagine for a second that for this current Board, it is an easy matter to deal with.I appreciate your integrity Gary.  
02:33:49 Mark & Suzie H: Thanks Gaz for explaining in such difficult circumstances♡  
02:34:05 Denise: Absolutely agree John  
02:34:06 Mark R: What?  
02:34:11 Trevor & Caryn: The word suspended has been usedPlease define the meaning of suspended.  
02:34:29 Trevor & Caryn: Position to be suspended????  
02:34:41 Denise: The vacant position is suspended  
02:35:00 Mark R: So there is no vacant position?  
02:35:09 Dan Smith: Correct!  
02:35:14 Denise: It is currently being disputed  
02:35:42 Dan Smith: no position is currently vacant until the dispute resolution is complete  
02:35:49 david cruise: that is the \$8000 approved for Coral  
02:35:58 Peter Tippett: There are a lot of hands up.  
02:36:03 Mark R: 2 on each side.... 2  
02:36:06 John Magor: I think that under the circumstances it should be a matter of priority for the Board to report back to the OC the outcome of any meeting(s) on this matter.  
02:36:12 Grant: Is it simply that the appointing is suspended, because the declaration of the vacancy is suspended until such time as the dispute resolution process is completed?  
02:36:50 Denise: I offered to give them an abacus :)  
02:36:53 johnreid: Seems to me that nails it, Grant.  
02:37:01 Mark & Suzie H: Thank you Grant that is it in a nutshell♡  
02:37:16 david cruise: from Corals coment she s refering to mediation viewing the dispute resolution we will require vcat  
02:37:36 Bruce from Arts: For the good of the organisation, why don't these two just go to the polls & see who the members want as a director.  
02:38:07 Grant: That's what I though. Would have been easiest if that was how it was said in the first place 😊  
02:38:07 Peter Tippett: What are we discussing right now?  
02:38:14 Kate Shapiro: That's correct  
02:38:28 Grant: Graham's point there is very valid.  
02:38:42 Martin 1731: choices choices choices, every decision has an outcome Graham  
02:38:47 Peter Tippett: What are WE talking about  
02:39:05 Martin 1731: you cant have the cake and eat it too  
02:39:11 Peter Tippett: What are "WE" talking about?  
02:39:27 David Ramin McDonald: Just like a dedicated hippy; DTE's "shadow work"  
02:40:42 Denise: The position was declared. Then it was disputed.  
02:41:05 Peter Tippett: It was declared and then suspended.That is what I heard.  
02:41:32 Graham F: That was my point of order Peter, it should not have been  
02:41:39 Denise: It would seem that there is a conflict of interest  
02:41:45 Denise: And Mark pointed out earlier  
02:42:02 Rick Gill: My Wish is that you all are safe and well and all the people around you all  
02:42:17 Mark R: Totally out of Order  
02:42:40 Peter Tippett: Graham - but it was. You will do your head in with DTE. Some times things happen that you cannot understand... to all of us.  
02:42:46 Angela Neal: We've had the report on current status of the matter, everything else is not relevant here  
02:42:56 Mark R: Agreed Gary  
02:43:12 Denise: So the Board will k ow but the members wont  
02:43:24 Mark R: Stick to the meeting Agenda  
02:43:57 Peter Tippett: Troy should speak but wont.We should not demand/expect Troy to speak.It is what it is.  
02:44:15 Mark R: I think Brian is just repeating himself  
02:44:26 Dan Smith: the posision is not suspended - the ELECTION of a new holder is

02:44:32 Denise: Clarity for the membership is what we want  
02:44:43 Dan Smith: and can we move on - we have more questions to ask!  
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02:44:48 Dan Smith: sounds like a roundabout  
02:44:53 Denise: Openness, transparency - wonderful  
02:44:57 Jude M: Let it die a natural death and the membership will vote in October  
02:45:07 deBFI&Darren: Care for the cooperative would be a wonderful start  
02:45:09 Elisa Brock: There's a dispute resolution process in progress. Nothing is truly clear - for members or anyone else - until it's resolved.  
02:45:28 Jenni 1699: I do recall that Denise  
02:45:32 Denise: We want to know why a dispute resolution is in place  
02:45:39 Peter Tippett: Depends on the board meeting. You are correct. Members have been silenced and told they are observers or guests.  
02:45:50 Steve Poynton: Denise is right. The board has been saying member cannot ask questions  
02:45:54 Mark R: Oh dear  
02:46:01 Denise: wGraham is asking why this is occuring  
02:46:08 Denise: We do not know  
02:46:13 Jenni 1699: The justice department is going to have a field day  
02:46:21 Denise: So they should Jenni  
02:46:34 Jude M: Yep  
02:46:37 Jenni 1699: Also the ATO  
02:46:41 Denise: This is ridiculous!!  
02:47:26 Denise: Are members allowed to ask a question I a meeting??  
02:47:45 Jenni 1699: Obviously not any more  
02:47:49 Peter Tippett: I asked what suspension means and have heard two conflicting answers.  
02:47:57 Dan Smith: If invited to by the chair and if there is time then yes...  
02:48:21 Graham F: I believe the election has been suspended  
02:48:27 Denise: What were the two conflicting replies Peter??  
02:48:44 Graham F: The position is not vacant  
02:48:48 Mark & Suzie H: @Denise, the dispute resolution process is needed as the Board could not come to a majority decision on the validity of the inactivity credits♡  
02:48:55 Mark R: That would be 7 Directors Gary  
02:49:10 Denise: Thanks Susie. So 6 people voted???  
02:49:13 Peter Tippett: I move that we adjourn this meeting until next week.  
02:49:16 Graham F: Gary you said the director can't be suspended  
02:49:16 Mark R: Troy is still a Director  
02:49:38 Steve Poynton: Position suspended means it is not active until the dispute over who is in the position is resolved  
02:49:41 Denise: It would be wonderful if troy understood the concept of conflict of interest as you do Mark  
02:49:45 Martin 1731: i agree peter  
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02:50:15 Jenni 1699: I do hope the directors have declared their income from DTE to the ATO  
02:50:20 Denise: Did 6 directors vote or 7?  
02:50:24 Steve Poynton: If either person acts as a director under these circumstances they may be breaking the law  
02:50:25 Denise: ON this issue  
02:50:54 Peter Tippett: So for clarity...Troy is still a director and active as one  
02:50:54 David Ramin McDonald: No, I'm not Coral!

02:51:05 Jenni 1699: we're exhausted from all the shit  
02:51:09 David Ramin McDonald: Never had my review taken into consideration!  
02:51:13 Mark R: AGM coming up folks. Vote for your favoured Director  
02:51:32 David Ramin McDonald: Could I please be back on email lists, thank you very corrupt board much  
02:51:51 Peter Tippett: Troy is still a director and active as one although the position is in doubt and a legit elected position is suspended  
02:52:42 David Ramin McDonald: You won't find me begging.  
I was wrongly removed.  
Didn't have the review I was promised  
02:52:43 Graham F: correct Peter according to what I'm hearing  
02:52:57 Jude M: To call the board corrupt is inappropriate  
02:53:22 Peter Tippett: Thanks Graham. It is strange to me but at least I am keeping up.  
02:53:49 Skye 1659: Thank you Coral for your clarity in filling us in on how tough it's been for all the Directors  
02:54:00 Ellen Brogan 1710: What was the legal process taken to call for nominations of the Board position? As a member I didn't receive any notifications  
02:54:30 Dan Smith: here here  
02:54:32 Jenni 1699: Seriously robin  
02:54:36 Martin 1731: Hi David, we can bring it to an OC meeting, Please let this play out  
02:54:36 Peter Tippett: Who has said it was an illegal process? The legal advice the board did not say that.  
02:54:42 Robin M: yes really  
02:54:48 Trevor & Caryn: talk to the agenda  
02:55:11 David Ramin McDonald: Truth is certainly never inappropriate.  
Not going to be bullied by usual suspects, either  
02:55:14 Mark R: Agree  
02:55:32 Martin 1731: so untrue  
02:55:40 Martin 1731: the recordings will show the truth  
02:55:55 Mark R: right?  
02:55:59 deBFI&Darren: Ellen, the chair just let Robin speak at length. Nough said ay?!  
02:56:09 John Magor: Ok then - let's be clear re the Board, tonight a Director said the current Board is "dysfunctional" (Gary - as the audio will show) Also it was said by Directors a few times during last night's OC meeting. So, no need to use the word corrupt when you can more correctly use the word dysfunctional.  
02:56:11 Martin 1731: Tania is doing a very good job, much better than the previous OC meeting  
02:56:25 Mark R: Thanks Elle  
02:56:29 Graham F: I agree, Tanyia is doing a great job  
02:56:45 Malcolm Matthews: correct Denise  
02:57:12 Martin 1731: we never received advice from the board at that time, we only recieved advice from three directors, thats not the board  
02:57:14 Peter Tippett: Do not need to attend to know what is going on. There are minutes and audio recordings as well as speaking with people outside of meetings. Denise has her finger on the pulse.  
02:57:32 Denise: Thank you hair.  
02:57:36 Denise: chair  
02:57:45 David Ramin McDonald: I'm one of the rare members with first hand knowledge and explicit admittance and witness to no less than illegal behaviour by certain Board members.  
So, anyone who seeks to silence and chastise that, simply is colluding  
02:58:15 David Ramin McDonald: Let alone, incredibly inappropriate use of DTE funds  
02:58:17 Mark & Suzie H: Chair you are doing an amazing job, thank you ♡  
02:58:26 Denise: Exactly Susie  
02:58:37 Denise: The chair is fucking unbiased.  
02:58:53 Jenni 1699: I don't attend many meetings due to the toxicity of them, however I read all the minutes and listen to audio  
02:59:01 Martin 1731: completely, one of the two best chairs the coop has  
02:59:20 Denise: I can't do meeting - especially finance ones - because I work  
03:00:23 Denise: Appologies Coral  
03:00:37 Denise: Apologies Chair :)  
03:01:17 deBFI&Darren: Yes  
03:03:28 Mark R: Thanks Coral for all your hard work today

03:03:43 Peter Tippett: What about legal liability of continuing to act as a director when the position is in doubt. Could DTE find itself in trouble should Troy act as a director and it turn out that he is not?

03:03:58 Jenni 1699: If a director takes legal action then they're to stand down until the issue has been resolved

03:04:18 Peter Tippett: There is clearly (at least) strong doubt.

03:04:24 Martin 1731: yes that is the standard process

03:04:42 Jenni 1699: Give them enough rope....

03:04:44 Mark R: Where are we goin here?

03:04:46 Dan Smith: I don't think we can name a successor to a suspended election...

03:04:49 Kathy and Vanessa: Troy saw the legal advice but members cant

03:05:05 Mark R: Thanks Kathy

03:05:09 Jenni 1699: That's a conflict in itself Kathy

03:05:44 Denise: Exactly. This has been going on for months.

03:06:05 Denise: Legal advice could have been asked for months agog.

03:06:19 Denise: The Board, or members of the Board, stalled.

03:06:23 Peter Tippett: Results were declared and election was valid.Board is still working out what positions if any are vacant.Have suspended the position John was elected to fill.Has allowed Troy to continue in his role as a director.

03:07:19 Peter Tippett: Yes John.Shame on the board.

03:07:24 Jenni 1699: Wow

03:07:25 Mark R: Time limit?

03:07:38 Dan Smith: Shame on the OC who are on this tyrade...

03:07:39 Peter Tippett: The question about points were not asked.

03:07:55 Denise: TWO people tabled the questions to the Legal information????????

03:08:03 Denise: Who were the 2 people???

03:08:10 Denise: Elisa plus ???

03:08:21 Mark R: Wrong

03:08:31 Peter Tippett: Out of all the questions put to the lawyer a question to clarify current points was not asked.

03:08:37 Jenni 1699: So you know who then mark

03:08:38 Denise: Ok. So unlighted us????

03:08:45 Denise: Enlighten the membership

03:08:58 Peter Tippett: Elisa and Gary (I think)

03:09:13 Denise: Thank you Peter

03:09:17 deBFI&Darren: Elisa , with help from Kate

03:09:21 Dan Smith: There IS NO VALID ELECTION

03:09:27 Mark R: Thanks Coral

03:09:41 Peter Tippett: Sorry Dan. Couldn't hear you.

03:09:50 Denise: Ah, so two totally UNBIASED folk

03:10:20 Mark R: Except Elle

03:10:54 Dan Smith: "Out of all the questions put to the lawyer a question to clarify current points was not asked." how do you know this - you were not at the meeting?

03:10:57 Dan Smith: @peter

03:10:58 Martin 1731: Ellen we are all waiting a long time, i can barely remember what i wanted to say

03:12:11 Skye 1659: Respect the Chair please

03:12:25 Denise: Respect to the chair please. Exactly Skye.

03:12:33 Bruce from Arts: What the F& %# is going on !!!

03:12:43 Dan Smith: Monday, 9 August 2021Dear Members,The DTE Board of Directors has obtained legal advice regarding the status of a casual vacancy on the board. The advice received is that declaring Troy Reid's director position vacant and proceeding with an election in the current circumstances would expose the co-operative to legal action.The Board is recommended to continue with a dispute resolution process before declaring a casual board vacancy.Accordingly, the Board advises that any casual vacancy is suspended until such time as all avenues have been exhausted in resolving the dispute.Sincerely,Board of DirectorsDown to Earth (Victoria) Co-operative Society Limited

03:12:46 David Ramin McDonald: I know I'm involved for the future of Confest, more Confest. It has finally become a massive risk and starkly obvious; the dangers of emptying our coffers...

I just don't get, how those who have spent ridiculous amounts on illegal and/or inappropriate and self-indulgent expenditure, and those that so obviously align along that side; can convince themselves and others that they really care for Confest/ its future.

Baffling. And horrible.

03:12:47 Mark R: It is very frustrating when people are waiting a long time to speak, while others speak for ages

03:12:55 John Magor: Please do keep a count Ellen - the numbers would be useful to verify with the audio at a later date. Thank you for the offer.

03:12:56 Mark & Suzie H: Agree Skye♡

03:13:06 Denise: True Mark.

03:13:12 Denise: Many of us have been waiting.

03:14:00 Denise: Commentry about friends???????

03:14:02 David Ramin McDonald: John was thanking you Ellen!? wasn't he!?

03:14:03 Peter Tippett: Elle, wait.

03:14:23 Bruce from Arts: Respect for the chair PLEASE

03:14:30 Mark R: What about a little brak Chair?

03:14:42 Gaz: can we take a 5 min break

03:14:42 David Ramin McDonald: Tania was utterly correct to call out the conflation, "your friend"

03:14:43 Mark R: Break

03:14:58 Mark & Suzie H: Coffee break♡

03:14:59 Elisa Brock: 10 min break pls, chair?

03:15:11 David Ramin McDonald: Tania is doing amazingly

03:15:14 Mark R: Agree Suzie

03:15:17 Gaz: no elisa you only get 5min

03:16:09 Denise: I cannot see anyone see anyone mention Ellens name other than "llen we are all waiting a long time, i can barely remember what i wanted to say"

03:16:42 Mark & Suzie H: Kettles on♡

03:16:50 Denise: Oh. The OC declared the position vacant.

03:16:57 Mark R: White, no sugar thanks

03:17:13 Elisa Brock: OC did not declare the position vacant

03:17:33 Steve Poynton: Is there any possible resolution to this discussion? Is there a motion to even vote on?

03:17:42 David Ramin McDonald: "Hilarious", the only derogatory take at Ellen was Mark Rasmussen. Surprise, surprise

03:17:57 Mark & Suzie H: Ready Mark lol

03:18:17 Mark R: Board stated that the position wasn't vacant. But the OC went ahead anyway. And... here we are.

03:18:34 Dan Smith: the OC TRIED to declare the position vacant...

03:18:48 Dan Smith: but they do not have the legal power to do so

03:19:22 Mark R: Nice cuppa... thanks

03:19:29 Elisa Brock: The OC called for nominations without declaring a position vacant.

03:19:36 Steve Poynton: I checked the comments back about 15 minutes. The only comments about Ellen were that they were waiting to speak.

03:19:38 Mark & Suzie H: Tim tams too

03:19:38 Peter Tippett: Who is chairing this meeting?

03:19:47 Peter Tippett: ;-)

03:20:07 Rick Gill: Just a Note does the Chiar and the minut taker need a 5 minut break !!!!!

03:20:15 Peter Tippett: Skye can I have host please?

03:20:30 Kate Shapiro: Good idea Rick.

03:20:31 Mark & Suzie H: Please this is really going nowhere, I am sorry I am taking a break for ten minutes♡

03:20:51 Graham F: Hang in there Tania

03:21:06 Steve Poynton: Yes. This this grilling is bullying behaviour.

03:21:20 deBFI&Darren: Thank you Trevor

03:22:15 David Ramin McDonald: I don't think anyone else could do as well as Tania with all the multi directional dysfunctional pressure

03:22:36 Steve Poynton: This is just intimidation and bullying.

03:22:51 Skye 1659: Please everyone- please be respectful and keep out of this conversation between a Director and a member

03:22:53 Martin 1731: wow the whole meeting comes to an end fo one person  
03:23:27 Malcolm Matthews: this is a question that should be directed to the OC  
03:23:31 Denise: What Elle didn't receive an application?? Why??  
03:23:33 deBFI&Darren: Tania, thank you♡  
You are doing an amazing job as chair♡  
You are worthy of Respect♡  
03:23:37 Peter Tippett: From Me to Everyone: 09:42 PMSkye can I have host please?  
03:23:43 deBFI&Darren: Time  
03:24:09 Denise: Thank you for your patience Chair  
03:24:25 Mark R: Well done Elle. It reflects the uncertainty this situation has brought to the Cooperative  
03:24:45 Dan Smith: I don't think you should have the host peter - you are not impartial.  
03:24:47 Denise: Thank you Skye. Tha nk you Chair.  
03:25:07 Martin 1731: yes, we should remove the directors who refuse to record points  
03:25:10 david cruise: break 9.46  
03:25:48 David Ramin McDonald: Money changes everything  
03:26:37 Steve Poynton: A copy of the email  
03:26:40 Steve Poynton: August SGM and Director NominationYahoo/+DTEDown To Earth Organising  
Committee <ocmail@dte.org.au>To:Down To Earth Organising CommitteeSat, 26 June at 2:15 pmDear  
Down to Earth member,please find attached the Call for Director Nominations, Call forMotions, and Call for  
Reports for the Special General Meeting of theDown to Earth (Victoria) Co-operative Ltd., with Covid  
restrictions,these are still to be held online only.Please be advised the meeting is called for 7.30 PM on  
Monday 9thAugust 2021. You will receive a Notice of Meeting and any otherrelevant documents in due  
course.As a personal comment, and advice for those unaware, I believe membersneed to be aware that there  
are some members who believe the relevantDirector's position is vacant, and some who believe the postion is  
notvacant. Those involved each seem totally convinced of the validity oftheir position. I have not formed a  
view as to which position iscorrect. However, due to the requirements around notifications and  
03:26:52 Bryan PCV: Tania you are doing an awesome job my dear. Thank you.  
03:27:09 Martin 1731: first time in DTE history someone has refused to accept the decision of the  
OC  
03:27:41 Jenni 1699: I'm not corrupt enough  
03:27:51 David Ramin McDonald: Brian, if books were audited properly, some Directors and ex  
Directors could go to jail  
03:28:10 Jenni 1699: Forensic auditing will show  
03:28:37 Martin 1731: we should be planing an amasing return, instead we are dealing with this.  
And another director is refusing to share covid plans  
03:28:37 Mark R: Saw you on Chapel St David. No shirt in Winter?  
03:29:07 Dan Smith: so he was planning on making money from confest?  
03:29:08 David Ramin McDonald: Sorry Brian, nothing is absolute. There are at least two week  
definitely put power and what they can gain from Confest, than any actual love for Confest/ the community  
03:29:08 Martin 1731: we have lost out way, the coop cant do its main purpose, its time for change  
03:29:27 David Ramin McDonald: \*two, who... hmmm, no, three  
03:29:35 Jenni 1699: Throw out the old bring in the new  
03:29:50 Rick Gill: yeah in total amount of money lost and costs because of covit19 now runings into the  
trillions across the planet Truly  
03:29:58 Mark R: Yes, it should never have happened Brian  
03:29:58 David Ramin McDonald: Brian, you talk like an owner of the truth, and you're not respecting  
some cold, hard facts  
03:30:13 Mark R: David?  
03:30:59 Rick Gill: I thought you wwere all like minded People !  
03:31:09 Mark R: We are Rick  
03:31:26 David Ramin McDonald: So, Skye is trying to offer another perspective and Brian just talked  
over get  
03:31:30 Martin 1731: thanks Brian  
03:31:30 David Ramin McDonald: \*over her  
03:31:40 David Ramin McDonald: classic mansplainer. ha ha ha ha ha  
03:31:44 Martin 1731: you have given so much to DTE and ConFest  
03:31:44 Rick Gill: meet restarted at 21:53  
03:31:56 Rohan Levy: Rohan - Present. Apologies for being late.  
03:32:49 David Ramin McDonald: I would ask that a certain person not use my name

03:32:54 David Ramin McDonald: it's triggering  
03:32:58 David Ramin McDonald: it's bullying  
03:33:03 David Ramin McDonald: it's gross  
03:33:11 Peter Tippett: From David Ramin McDonald to Everyone: 09:34 PMI know I'm involved for the future of Confest, more Confest. It has finally become a massive risk and starkly obvious; the dangers of emptying our coffers...I just don't get, how those who have spent ridiculous amounts on illegal and/or inappropriate and self-indulgent expenditure, and those that so obviously align along that side; can convince themselves and others that they really care for Confest/ its future.Baffling. And horrible.  
03:33:14 David Ramin McDonald: it feels like being violated  
03:33:23 Dan Smith: If someone saying your name is triggering - then remove yourself from that situation.  
03:34:09 David Ramin McDonald: Shall I start listing the conversations with specific ex/Directors??  
03:34:11 Martin 1731: i dont see an issue  
03:34:19 Martin 1731: really, i would say it if i did  
03:34:27 David Ramin McDonald: The specific circumstances??  
03:34:40 David Ramin McDonald: No, we're not Robin  
03:34:47 Martin 1731: David, please, dont ark up  
03:34:52 Martin 1731: thats what they want  
03:34:53 Jenni 1699: Pot calling kettle  
03:34:57 Rick Gill: Please move on with the meeting  
03:35:15 Denise: Sorry - what was the time we are too look at???  
03:35:38 Peter Tippett: What about the unknown unknowns?  
03:35:39 Mark R: please move on  
03:36:09 Peter Tippett: Agenda item ID: 13364Date: 2021-07-21 21:50:30Meeting: SGM  
Agenda item: Set aside funds for ConfestsAgenda details: That \$550k in funds is put aside for Confest Committee to run the next three festivals. This budget is for \$250k for the next festival, \$200k for the following festival, and \$100k for the third, allowing for the recovery of funds and reuse of infrastructure from between the festivals if both should fail.Motion: That \$550k in funds is put aside for Confest Committee to run the next three festivals. This budget is for \$250k for the next festival, \$200k for the following festival, and \$100k for the third, allowing for the recovery of funds and reuse of infrastructure from between the festivals if both should fail.Item by: Steve Poynton, Peter Tippett, Tania Morsman  
03:36:27 Peter Tippett: Good timing Trevor  
03:36:40 Martin 1731: how new age of you dan, mislabling people  
03:36:44 Denise: RThere. Are on.y 48 participants now  
03:36:45 Mark R: rohan Levy  
03:36:56 Peter Tippett: Number of registered attendess: 62Tonights SGM Meeting Attendance List.Aaron Shipperlee, Andrew Wilkinson, Angela Neal, Brian Denham, Bruce Pinney, Bryan Isaacs, Bryce Wentworth, Caryn Kettle , Chris Wilson, Coral Larke, Craig Newcombe, Dan Smith, Darrell Reid, Darren Geraghty, Darrylle Ryan, David Cruise, David Ramin McDonald, Deb Moerkerken, Denise Banville, Don Royal, Elisa Brock, Elizabeth Bell, Ellen Brogan , Fraser Karhunkynsi, Gary Lasky, Geoff Howes, Graham Fleming, Grant Waldram, Ian Hales, Jack Wells, Jenni Tarr, John Magor, John Reid, Jude Murray, Kate Sarah, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Garber, Kevin Taylor, Lance Nash, Lars Nissen, Lindy Hunt, Malcolm Matthews, Mark Helson, Mark Rasmussen, Marte Kinder, Martin Schwarz , Matthew Peers, Melody Braithwaite, Peter Tippett, Ray Higgins, Richard Woodgate, Rick Gill, Robin Macpherson, Rohan Levy, Skye Fitzpatrick , Steve Poynton, Suzie Helson, Tania Morsman, Trevor Pitt, Troy Reid, Vanessa Ernst, Walter Padovani,  
03:37:08 David Ramin McDonald: I'm here  
03:37:08 Craig Newcombe: Craig Newcombe  
03:37:17 Peter Tippett: No need Denise.  
03:37:28 Denise: Thanks. Just wondering,  
03:37:30 Steve Poynton: Still here, but this does not look like going further  
03:38:03 Mark R: Thanks david  
03:38:35 Denise: There are 6 acting directors ??????  
03:38:37 John Magor: To quote Dan:"If someone saying your name is triggering - then remove yourself from that situation."Just wow!!Is that truly your belief, and considered advice you'd offer?  
03:38:50 Trevor & Caryn: Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meetingLegal advice obtained by the BoardPosition to be suspended. 6 Acting Directors (1 position suspended)  
03:38:54 Rick Gill: Are the Hands Up on Topic now ??????  
03:39:23 Denise: Whaaaaat ?  
03:39:47 Martin 1731: triggering is a Trump word

03:39:52 David Ramin McDonald: Don't worry, John.  
I've got a mind like an elephant, and more powerful than one.  
I want to see who stands where they stand and with who they stand...  
Confest's future is at stake

03:40:02 Graham F: Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meeting  
Legal advice obtained by the Board  
Position is not vacant and that the election to be suspended. 7 Directors remaining

03:40:12 Martin 1731: Sorry for the way you were treated David

03:40:26 David Ramin McDonald: Ha ha ha. I'm not the only one!

03:40:46 Denise: Yes, I am sorry for the way you were treated to David.

03:40:58 Kathy and Vanessa: That has been the way DTE has operated for too long - get out if you cant stand the heat - it is not acceptable

03:41:01 Rick Gill: I see 8 hands Up who had there hand up befor we took the break ?????

03:41:07 David Ramin McDonald: Have sympathy for the poor DTE back accounts.  
To wit, poor, lovely Ian Hales

03:41:13 David Ramin McDonald: \*bank

03:41:57 Trevor & Caryn: Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meeting  
Legal advice obtained by the Board  
Position to be suspended. 6 Acting Directors (1 position suspended)

03:42:05 Denise: Thanks Skeye

03:42:33 Elisa Brock: Trevor/Caryn, that's been corrected by Gary several times.

03:42:47 Graham F: Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meeting  
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03:43:55 John Magor: It's up to the Chair to direct the Minute taker as to what to insert into the minutes.

03:43:57 Mark R: Coral stated that comment from Gary was wrong

03:44:05 Denise: Can we just all see the legal advice?

03:44:23 Mark R: The Lawyer said NO

03:44:23 david cruise: FFrom Melody by Email Be advised due to the current and projected rates of infection from CoVid-19 (Delta) in NSW over the coming weeks it is considered by the Management Committee unsafe for the Sydney ConFesters (5-day) Spring gathering scheduled for Sep 30 - Oct 4 2021 to be held. We have advised our community via Facebook and the commercial camping operators. We have retained our booking at the NSW Webb's Creek Castle Mountain camp site for the January (Australia Day) Long weekend in 2022 and will be submitting a revised Budget Application to the Confest Committee to run that event.

03:45:19 Dan Smith: So summarise for the minutes: The returning officer reports that the election of a new director is currently suspended, pending the outcome of the dispute resolution process

03:45:53 Steve Poynton: No. Wrong. You are allowed to. It may be unwise to share when legal action is pending

03:46:03 Peter Tippett: Yes, thank you David>and thank you Melody. Sorry about the rescheduling.

03:46:08 Elisa Brock: The legal advice cannot be published due to client legal privilege.

03:46:21 Denise: ALL members of the Board saw the information?"

03:46:23 Jenni 1699: The director who this involves MUST STAND DOWN UNTIL ITS RESOLVED

03:46:44 Dan Smith: @jenni - what is your legal precedent for this?

03:46:44 Kathy and Vanessa: I did not receive the advice

03:47:12 Denise: Did all members of the Board see the information

03:47:13 Denise: ??

03:47:34 david cruise: who are the parties in this dispute

03:47:38 Peter Tippett: From Dan Smith to Everyone: 10:07 PM  
So summarise for the minutes: The returning officer reports that the election of a new director is currently suspended, pending the outcome of the dispute resolution process

03:47:48 Mark R: Whoah

03:47:50 Martin 1731: nor do i

03:47:52 Denise: Did the person who disputes the position vbcote???

03:48:30 Peter Tippett: Skye, can I have host please.

03:48:31 Denise: Dispute the vote??

03:48:32 Mark R: It's not a Point of Order for JM to instruct the Chair

03:48:55 Martin 1731: lets postpone the meeting untill next week

03:48:59 Peter Tippett: Chair, you are doing a good job. Pause if you need,'

03:49:07 Dan Smith: So summarise for the minutes: The returning officer reports that the election of a new director is currently suspended, pending the outcome of the dispute resolution process on whether the position is in fact vacant.

03:49:17 Mark R: We will be back again next week

03:49:20 John Magor: Mark - the audio will show that I did not instruct the chair. I asked the chair if they would ask members if.....

03:49:21 Skye 1659: Thank you Melody and David for the update on Sydney ConFest gathering postponed from Spring to Summer Australia Day 2022

03:49:24 Kate Shapiro: That's correct

03:49:30 Graham F: Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meeting. Legal advice obtained by the Board. Position is not vacant and that the election to be suspended. 7 Directors remaining

03:49:35 Dan Smith: Woo Go Gra Gra

03:49:42 Dan Smith: No Denise - you cannot

03:49:43 Peter Tippett: Who voted on that?

03:50:01 Denise: Rather inconvenient.

03:50:20 deBFI&Darren: Peter T : 4 directors

03:50:33 Denise: :)

03:50:35 Peter Tippett: Names?

03:50:36 Denise: :)

03:51:04 Mark R: Trevor interrupts Skye every time

03:51:15 Mark R: Terrible behaviour

03:51:22 Peter Tippett: You are very brave Trevor.

03:52:00 David Ramin McDonald: Tania is not being particularly permissive  
We do NOT want anyone who would censor

03:52:00 Peter Tippett: Chair with respect to Skye can we.....

03:52:33 Martin 1731: we all wait forever for those who push in

03:52:50 David Ramin McDonald: Skye, you're merely being just as dysfunctional as anyone else!?

03:52:53 David Ramin McDonald: !!

03:53:16 Bryan PCV: Is there a point to this discussion? What is being decided here?

03:53:31 Martin 1731: is this relevant

03:53:34 Mark R: Thankyou Skye. Many of us in the room agree with you.

03:54:00 Denise: Skye has made her position clear. Not accepting the decision of the independent decider.

03:54:02 Peter Tippett: Lol

03:54:21 Mark & Suzie H: Trev I am just as confused as you also♡

03:54:21 Denise: I personally support the independent voice .

03:54:25 Trevor & Caryn: Hi Gazz! Is Graham's summary accurate? Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meeting. Legal advice obtained by the Board. Position is not vacant and that the election to be suspended. 7 Directors remaining

03:54:49 Denise: Yes. Lets follow the rules, And the independent voice.

03:55:04 John Magor: Skye - the advice provided by "an independent third party" who was given a brief by -only- 2 Directors, as opposed to by the entire Board by consensus. Do you consider that fair?

03:55:24 deBFI&Darren: Suzie, it's very concerning that both you and Kathy seem to be as confused as we are

03:55:39 Kate Shapiro: Gary stated that Troy's position had been suspended, Coral stated that was incorrect, that any casual vacancy had been suspended, and then we've confirmed Graham's summary

03:55:41 Martin 1731: sorry you have to be spoken to like that tania

03:55:47 Malcolm Matthews: the election can not be suspended the position has been suspended

03:55:50 Steve Poynton: Robin. Not true. They won't share lawyer's advice

03:55:51 Dan Smith: HERE IS WHAT SHOULD BE IN THE MINUTES THAT BOTH CORAL AND GARY IS CORRECT!

03:55:52 Dan Smith: Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meeting. Legal advice obtained by the Board. Position is not vacant and that the election to be suspended. 7 Directors remaining

03:55:53 Kate Shapiro: Coral explained it's been a long day

03:55:59 Skye 1659: Coral has approved of Graham's version was the best

03:56:45 Mark R: Gary said a different thing each time

03:56:46 Skye 1659: Graham can you please repost it

03:57:07 Peter Tippett: Hi Gazzls grahams summary accurate? Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meeting Legal advice obtained by the Board Position is not vacant and that the election to be suspended. 7 Directors remaining

03:57:16 Martin 1731: grumpy old white men Tania, grump old white men

03:57:35 Peter Tippett: Denise they have already many times.

03:57:53 Denise: Does the person who's positron is in dispute have a voice on the position??

03:58:00 Trevor & Caryn: Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meeting Legal advice obtained by the Board Position to be suspended. 6 Acting Directors (1 position suspended)

03:58:09 David Ramin McDonald: Has there been a decision this year, re hours? Memberships carrying over again?

03:58:31 Peter Tippett: Coral did you finish calculating points?

03:58:43 Martin 1731: yes David, they carry over

03:59:07 Dan Smith: No trevor - that is INCORRECT

03:59:11 David Ramin McDonald: Thanks Marty

03:59:37 Mark R: Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meeting Legal advice obtained by the Board

03:59:37 deBFI&Darren: Hmm, smells like classic "royal commission " to me.... police investigating police.... never ends well, never ends in justice. Never has , never will.

04:00:05 Dan Smith: the ELECTION is suspended, no the position

04:00:05 Denise: 7 directors are bot voting on these issues

04:00:19 Trevor & Caryn: Gary Lasky – Director – reported to the meeting Legal advice obtained by the Board Position is not vacant and that the election to be suspended. 7 Directors remaining

04:00:24 David Ramin McDonald: Deb, that's exactly how things have been going at "the top" of DTE since my involvement, 2015 - 2016 ish

04:01:55 Martin 1731: oh DTE, what happened to you

04:02:10 David Ramin McDonald: I tell a lot of people that our (Australian) legal system is so horrible that it won't allow a Democratic/ non-hierarchical model. Demands that there be a structure with Directors. Then, how sad that such a power imbalance is taken advantage of

04:02:18 Martin 1731: hijacked by those that care more about ego than community

04:02:29 deBFI&Darren: Hear here

04:02:35 David Ramin McDonald: Exactly, Marty

04:02:48 John Magor: Dan, by way of extending common courtesy, I ask you to consider that it's socially accepted that typing repeatedly in caps is considered as shouting. Whether in the chat, or over a microphone, neither is appropriate (or necessary) in a public meeting.

04:03:00 Mark & Suzie H: Me either chair♥

04:03:09 Dan Smith: I understand social conventions around caps.

04:03:15 Lindy Hunt: me neither

04:03:15 Dan Smith: And note that that was the point.

04:03:16 Skye 1659: Well said chair - hear from speakers. 🐼

04:03:38 John Magor: If you do then Dan, please consider your 'tone' and it's appropriateness.

04:04:35 Peter Tippett: Date: Monday the 16th of August Time: 07:30 PM Meeting type: SGM Meeting details: Notice by: SGM

04:04:53 Martin 1731: Dan there is a level of no return

04:05:19 Dan Smith: I'm loud - ask anyone who knows me.

04:05:27 Jenni 1699: My apologies for next week, I will be recovering from spinal surgery

04:05:41 Martin 1731: inconsiderate

04:05:41 Denise: We still have time in this one .

04:06:02 Mark & Suzie H: Good luck Jenni♥

04:06:11 Kate Shapiro: All the best Jenni

04:06:12 Dan Smith: Not if you keep grandstanding Denise :)

04:06:24 John Magor: That sounds a massive thing to be going through Jenni, best of luck with it all.

04:07:06 Denise: Mark Williams advice was given too the Board.

04:07:18 Denise: Thanks Deb for asking that question\

04:07:30 Robin M: There is no casual vacancy, its a fiction created by the OC

04:07:55 Denise: Thanks Robin. It is under dispute according to the legal advice.

04:08:05 Denise: But go ahead- be a bush lawyer

04:08:10 Lindy Hunt: best wishes Jenni 💜

04:08:17 david cruise: discovered by the OC

04:08:40 Martin 1731: night Jenni

04:08:48 Denise: Mighty night

04:09:21 Denise: 6 minutes  
04:09:38 John Magor: Deb's asking about the '(in)famous \$35,00 question'.  
04:10:04 Rick Gill: If only coming to meetings got me a life Membership, Only Kidding :)  
04:10:38 Denise: Mark is acting on behalf of the cooperative  
04:11:18 Denise: Troy has another lawyer  
04:11:35 Denise: The chair asked for that later  
04:11:38 Jenni 1699: If a member causes harm to the cooperative they can be expelled  
04:12:16 Ellen Brogan 1710: I concur Robin  
04:12:31 John Magor: So - I come back to question the room as to what they might do as 'Elder' of the community might do when they consider their role and relationship to which they are privileged to volunteer their time as a Director.'chips to seagulls?'  
04:13:39 Peter Tippett: Rule number: 2727. Special General Meetings (1) A Special General Meeting of the Co-operative may be convened at any time by the Organising Committee of the Board . (2) In accordance with section 209 of the Act, Organising Committee of the Board or the Board must convene a general meeting of the co-operative on the written requisition of the number of active members of the co-operative who together are able to cast at least 10% of the total number of votes able to be cast at a meeting of the co-operative. (3) A Special General Meeting shall be held in each of the following months of the year; February, June, and September. (4) The Organising Committee of the Board may determine the date, starting time, and place of a Special General Meeting. The meeting will have a duration of up to 3 hours from the advertised starting time. The meeting may be extended once, by up to one hour, with the agreement of the majority of the active members present ninety minutes after the advertised starting time of the meeting.  
04:13:41 Skye 1659: Thank you Tania and Trevor Good Night All  
04:13:56 Peter Tippett: Too late Dan  
04:14:06 David Ramin McDonald: Once Again.  
Tania,  
Thank you very much.

As someone so incredibly bullied and traumatised by the obvious & usual suspects... Your voice, your composure, your chairing, is one of the rare things that helps encourage my continued involvement.

I couldn't even dream of doing anywhere near as good, and certainly balanced, job as you have done. Thank you!

04:14:12 Mark & Suzie H: Thank you Tania for chairing one of the most challenging meetings, thanks Trev for minute taking♡♡♡  
04:14:14 Rick Gill: Thankyou Tanis for chairing and thankyou to the minuts takers I hope you all will remain safe and well  
04:14:35 Peter Tippett: David R... that was beautiful  
04:14:42 Peter Tippett: Thanks Tania  
04:14:54 john: Thanks Tania, well done in a trying meeting.  
04:14:55 Malcolm Matthews: well done tania  
04:14:55 Lindy Hunt: thank you Tania ♡♡♡♡  
04:15:06 Rick Gill: No One Loves me :)  
04:15:08 Jenni 1699: You're a bloody legend Tania  
04:15:17 DarrellReid1689: Thank you Tania. And Trevor. Very difficult jobs.  
04:15:28 David Ramin McDonald: "I love you all, and even the people I don't really like".  
Classic Quotes  
04:15:32 David Ramin McDonald: I wish!  
04:15:35 Peter Tippett: Lol. Tania  
04:15:57 Jenni 1699: Thx Trev  
04:16:01 Martin 1731: Good to see you here Daviid  
04:16:13 david cruise: good night all  
04:16:14 Martin 1731: big virtual hug mate  
04:16:16 Trevor & Caryn: Thank you Everybody  
04:16:35 Rick Gill: you all please be happy and keep piece of mind it was good to be with you all tonight !  
04:16:47 Angela Neal: Good night  
04:17:13 david cruise: marty life is a challenge at dte  
04:20:03 John Magor: David - what you wrote re Tania is fucking beautiful!Thankyou for your eloquence (at least this time anyway ;-)