

Down-To-Earth (Vic) Cooperative Society Limited

Organising Committee

Minutes

**Date:** Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2022  
**Scheduled Start Time:** 7.30 PM  
**Venue:** Online ZOOM  
**Audio:**  
**Register on line:** <https://dte.coop/live.meeting>  
**Zoom Connect:** <https://dte.coop/to/zoom>  
**Phone Connect:** (02) 8018 2088 Meeting ID Number 2362803611  
**Status:**

#	Item	Raised by:
1	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Respect
	We gather on the land of the people of the Kulin nation. 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. I acknowledge Quandamooka Country as the country I live on. I acknowledge the Quandamooka People and their continuing connection to country and to sea and give my respects to Aboriginal Elders past present and future. Tania Morsman	
2	<b><u>Meeting Started 7.45pm DLS</u></b>	Procedural
3	<b><u>Election Of Chair</u></b>	Procedural
	<b>Chairperson: John Magor 8.12 over to Gary Lasky then back to John M and back to Gary...to John M 8.54pm and over to Kevin Taylor</b> <b>Minute Keeper: Tania Morsman</b> <b>Host: Tania Morsman, John Magor, Lindy Hunt, Kevin Taylor</b>	
4	Tonights OC Meeting Attendance List. <b>Darren Geraghty, David Cruise, Deb Moerkerken, Glen Duncan, John Magor, John Reid, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Taylor, Lance Nash, Lindy Hunt, Malcolm Matthews, Mark Helson, Martin Schwartz, Peter Tippett, Ray Higgins, Suzie Helson, Tania Morsman, Trevor Pitt, Ian Hales, Gary Lasky, Bruce Pinney, Andrew Wilkinson, Walter Padovani, Chris Wilson</b>	Procedural
5	<b><u>Confirmation of minutes</u></b>	Procedural
	To be delayed – not ready yet	
6	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	Procedural

7	<u>Correspondence / Payments</u>	<i>Procedural</i>
8	<u>Action Task List</u>	
	Minute that John Reid email Robin Macpherson, Aaron Shipperlee and Marte Kinder the OC motions that were passed by consensus on the 28th of February 2022 in regards to the Easter 2022 Working Bee (on behalf of the OC)	
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	<p>This is what Organising Committee Members discussed regarding the Easter Working Bee 2022 with Marte Kinder as the Volunteer Coordinator:</p> <p><b>Tania Morsman</b> said that the EWB2022 is rejecting Members. She says it is exclusive and discriminatory. She says that it is misleading in that it advertises, members will be able to get their 24hours up however members are being excluded.</p> <p>The bee is selective.</p> <p>The motion is mute if there are no coordinators present and there are not.</p> <p>Discrepancies in the wording.</p> <p>Glen is a heavy machinery operator and amazing volunteer and even if he wasn't, that he wants to contribute to the bee it shouldn't matter. It disturbs me.</p> <p>Mike emailed through and said that it was only for 100 people. Where did it say that?</p> <p>I have only seen EWB2022 advertised on Face Book and not through the members email lists.</p> <p>So called selection criteria.</p> <p>I don't know how we go about this, I'm in a bit of a quandary. What does this working Bee stand for? I would like to see the members included, who are the 24 hour list volunteers.</p> <p>I think we need to see the list.</p> <p>Ellen Brogan was coordinating Bees with Coral and me, it was very transparent – there was an online site register where anyone could see it. There was safety site induction. Project document to show the Bee.</p> <p><b>Marty Schwartz</b> a bit disturbing as our majoy gathering back – hamstrung by someone wanting for it to go their way. What sort of numbers – caps?</p> <p>Haven't seen anything relating to covid planning. It hasn't been handled very well. Exclusionary tactics are bullying. A real problem for our organization. Biggest problem is a transfer of information, decisions being made and hearing people out and bullying.</p> <p>Someone needs to step in and take over and run it inclusively or shut it down.</p>	

**Gary Lasky**

Meeting on Wednesday night for further information. The Board was never sent an invitation it went straight to Facebook. We never approved the 5 -6 week Bee. There are 256 members, the way he promoted it..all 256 would have the opportunity to attend the working Bee. We have requested risk management , safety and fire. We need to submit certain documents to council. Still much work to accomplish before the Board can approve. The 256 members are entitled to attend based on the request for what it was based on this working Bee.

Martin said some directors are familiar with what is going on and not every director is approving it unless the requirements are met.

**Lindy Hunt**

So, I wanted to touch on a couple things, initially Marte said all 24hour volunteers and members and a friend at which point that is 600 people and we need to keep numbers low. I asked him what numbers he was thinking of, he said 100 – 150. I had it brought down to 100 this may be why he is being selective, but in all previous motions it states that it is open to all members and 24-hour volunteers. So, for long term members who have regularly turned up to a working bee for them to be rejected seems disgusting to me.

I'm also curious about the motion by circular and I understand that the Board is responsible for all that happens on site. So if the working bee goes ahead and there is an accident with the tractor and someone gets injured the board would be responsible even though they've given the facilitators authority – I'd like some clarity on that from some of the directors if possible.

**Suzie Helson**

I'd like the organizing committee to make an action task – what is stopping the OC from compiling correspondence, whether it's the volunteers coordinator or, and the facilitators, the actual crew that are running the EWB2022. We need to see a list of attendees so we see the numbers as well as any members that may be banned from onsite. Marte Kinder in his form that he sent me the link he actually says the reason for this form is they have their covid plan their WHS and emergency evacuation as some of their systems that rely on the completion form. They obviously have a plan of some sort but, they need to communicate with the OC to show those plans.

	I got this far with the comments by members: this is a snippet of members responses to why the EWB2022 should be cancelled and recalled. You can find the rest of the comment on audio minutes.	
<b>10</b>	<b>MOTIONS</b>	
	Simple motion: That the OC cancel the current working be scheduled for Wooroomah. Tabled by John M. Seconded by Lindy H. Passed by Concensus	<i>MOVED John Magor Seconded by Lindy H PBC</i>
		<i>Moved</i>
<b>11</b>	Motion: That the OC intends to proceed with a Working Bee over the Easter 2022 weekend from Saturday the 9th of April to Monday the 25th of April 2022. Facilitators will be finalised after discussion and confirmation by the OC.	<i>MOVED by Tania M and Seconded by Lindy H PBC</i>
		<i>MOVED</i>
<b>12</b>	Agenda item ID: 13757 Date: 2022-02-28 20:00:10 Meeting: OC  Agenda item: Cancel the sale of the White Territory.  Agenda details: Motion from 2021.. Permission was given to Directors to sell the White Territory. As the cost of repairs exceeds the value it has been recommended to return to site as a runaround vehicle. Determine if viable to retain both insurance & registration costs or cancel and use as a site vehicle only.  Motion: Cancel the sale of White Territory Motion by Gary L and Seconded by Lindy H, PBC	<i>Moved by Gary Lasky Second by Lindy Hunt PBC</i>
	Agenda item ID: <b>13756</b> Date: <b>2022-02-28 19:57:41</b> Meeting: <b>OC</b>  Agenda item: <b>Return of Assets by past Board members</b>  Agenda details: Jan.2022...Once a director retires the OC needs to appoint members with the necessary authority & the appropriate means to obtain the return of All assets previously	

	<p>utilised by directors.</p> <p>Motion: That notification be sent to directors from the previous two terms (4 Years) requesting the return of all assets purchased with DTE funds or the cost of those assets reimbursed.</p> <p>Item by: Gary Lasky</p> <p>Motion Withdrawn</p>	
		moved by seconded by.
	<b><u>Carried Resolutions</u></b>	
	<b><u>Next Meeting Date &amp; Time Confirmation</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> March Wednesday. 2022	
	<b><u>Meeting Ended DLS Victoria 10.43pm</u></b>	<i>Procedural</i>