

Down-To-Earth (Vic) Cooperative Society Limited
DTE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 7th June 2022

Online: via zoom <https://dte.coop/live.meeting>
07/06/2022 7:30pm

Meeting Started 8.02 PM Election of Chair
Chairperson: Malcolm Matthews, 8.53PM John Major, 9.13PM Brian Denham, 9.17PM John Major
Minute Keeper: Suzie Helson
Host: Peter Tippett

Acknowledgement of Country – Jack Wells

We are meeting on the lands of many Aboriginal People. Ownership has never been ceded and continues. We thank the contribution of Elders, past and present. We look forward to future contribution from Elders into the present.

Attendance:

Aaron Shipperlee, Angela Neal, Brian Denham, Corinne Armstrong, Darrell Reid, Darren Geraghty, David Cruise, David Ramin McDonald, Deb Moerkerken, *Emma Bennett, Elisa Brock, *Frank Walker, Gaz Lasky, Ian Hales, Jack Wells, John Magor, John Reid, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Taylor, Lance Nash, Lindy Hunt, Malcolm Matthews, Marte Kinder, Martin Schwartz, Natalie Bull, Peter Tippett, Ray Higgins, Robin Macpherson, Tom Robinson, Skye Fitzpatrick, Suzie Helson, Trevor Pitt, Vanessa Ernst, Walter Padovani.

*No voice check confirmed

Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes 2022-03-01 SGM abanded
Moved Kathy Ernst
Seconded John Major
P.B.C.

Minutes 2021-11-30 AGM
Moved Peter Tippett
Seconded Kathy Ernst
P.B.C.

Note copied from AGM minutes

Note: Host – refused to give their name when asked multiple times by the chair At 7:53pm the 'Host' is still not responding to chair or identifying themselves

Minute taker was asked to note in these minutes that the zoom log from the AGM showed Troy Reid as the person who took the host.

Matters Arising

None

Correspondence and Reports

None

WH&S

None

Announcement was made by Daniel Tai to advise the result of the Director Election, the successful applicant was Brian Denham, congratulations were extended to Brian.

<https://secure.electionbuddy.com/results/4K85QRF2R2LL>

Agenda Items;

Agenda ID: 13879

Date: 2022-05-16 18:38:03

Meeting: SGM

Agenda item: EOFY Clearing accounts

Agenda details: 1. It will make it easier to see the expenditure for a financial year.

2. While it is true that Xero can handle account balances carried over to the next financial year, it can equally well handle clearing out accounts at the end of the financial year.

3. We should be attempting to use Xero in ways which are simpler and easier for members to understand.

4. It will stop these time-wasting arguments over whether budgets or appropriations were approved for a financial year only or whether it is proper to spend the money in the next financial year.

5. It will help to ensure money left over from a budget/project is returned and not diverted for other uses.

6. Appropriations are usually approved at the June SGM which means that the money can be transferred on 1 July.

7. Budgets requiring transfer of money to single-signatory accounts can be approved by the Standing Committees (OC and CC) or the Board prior to EOFY meaning the money can be transferred on 1 July.

8. 'Single Signatory Account' means an account which requires only one person to authorise spending or transfers i.e. the account used by an individual to make purchases when granted a budget.

Motion: That by the 30th June every financial Year, all unused funds in single signatory accounts are transferred back to the account from which they were originally disbursed and then all remaining funds in the Board and Standing Committee accounts are transferred back to the Bendigo Bank Investment Account.

Item by: Kathy Ernst, Suzie Helson, Malcolm Matthews, Lindy Hunt

Moved Kathy Ernst
Seconded Suzie Helson
P.B.M.

Agenda ID: 13880
Date: 2022-05-16 18:41:38
Meeting: SGM

Agenda item: Board Appropriation

Agenda details: Board Appropriation

Motion: That the board receive an appropriation of \$20000 for the financial year ending 30th June 2023, any previous appropriations outstanding are returned or terminated midnight 30th June 2022.

Item by: Gary Lasky, Suzie Helson, Caryn Kettle, Malcolm Matthews

Lindy's amendment: I propose an amendment to reduce the board appropriation to \$10,000

9.31PM - Quorum was lost, meeting adjourned to 14th June 2022 at 7.30PM

Next Continued SGM Meeting
Thursday 14/06/2022 at 7.30PM