

## 2023 SGM part two ZOOM CHAT

Kevin Taylor  
08:27

Hi everyone

Kathy  
08:29

financial reports

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David Cameron  
15:27

Hello Kevin Taylor and everyone ☐☐

Peter Tippet  
16:07

Number of registered attendees: 23

Tonight's Special General Meeting Attendance List.

Andrew Hosie, Andrew McLean, Andrew Wilkinson, Angela Neal, Charlie Dalton-Twist, Darrell Reid, David Cameron, David Cruise, Ellen Brogan, Ian Hales, Jack Wells, John Magor, John Reid, Kathy Ernst, Kevin Taylor, Lance Nash, Lindy Hunt, Malcolm Matthews, Mark Rasmussen, Marte Kinder, Peter Tippet, Robin Macpherson, Viv,

Peter Tippet  
17:52

30. Quorum at general meetings (1) An item of business must not be transacted at a meeting of a Co-operative unless a quorum of Active Members entitled to vote is present during the transaction of that item. (2) Subject to sub-rule (3) the quorum of the Co-operative is 9 members entitled to vote at a meeting of the Co-operative plus: (a) if the active membership of the Co-operative exceeds 50 but does not exceed 200, 1 additional member for each 10 members after the first 50 active members; and (b) if the active membership of the Co-operative exceeds 200, the additional members referred to in paragraph (a) and 1 additional member for each 50 members after the first 200 members. (3) If within 45 minutes after the appointed time for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting:

Peter Tippet  
19:08

I count 24 required.

Peter Tippet  
20:17

Actually 27 for quorum

Peter Tippet  
22:42

ok another try and I get 22

50 = 9

100 = 10

33 = 3

183 = 22

2 Replies  
John Magor  
23:31

If it's all predominately older male members that make up the numbers for this meeting, does that make it a 'pop quorum'?

...or if the numbers are correct, but all lined up, does that make it 'a quorum row'?

John Magor  
26:52

Looks like we just reached 22.

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david cruise  
36:02

Open 7.58

John Magor  
36:12

2nd night of SGM begins at 21:58

Peter Tippett  
37:04

Number of registered attendees: 26

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viv  
38:09

can you please share this acknowledgement of country ? that was beautiful

1 Reply  
John Magor  
39:25

(correction to) 2nd night of SGM begins at \*19:58\*

Ana strawberry    
40:45

Hello. I'm here :)

Peter Tippett  
41:16

Minutes -  
<https://dte.org.au/minutes/2023-06-%2013th%20June%20,%2020th%20June%20%2027th%20June%20%20SGM%20Minutes.pdf>

John Magor  
43:15

Yes please - next week gives Members a better opportunity to look at them, also allows to move as smoothly as possible into tonight's meeting.

Malcolm  
43:16

does anyone know where the menu option is to share host

david cruise

43:25

[https://dte.org.au/minutes/2023-06-13th June , 20th June%20 27th June%20 SGM Minutes.pdf](https://dte.org.au/minutes/2023-06-13th%20June%2020th%20June%2027th%20June%20SGM%20Minutes.pdf)

Peter Tippet

44:32

**Kathy** 7:32 PM

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Peter Tippet

46:40

(c) The chairperson shall interrupt any speaker talking on matters irrelevant to the motion and request that the speaker show relevance or cease talking on irrelevant matters. (d) Subsequent speakers are allowed up to 5 minutes, and after all speakers have finished, the mover of the motion or a mover of an amendment to a motion has five minutes to reply and immediately after this the question must be put by the chair. The meeting may however, by simple majority, extend in a particular instance, the time permitted by this rule.

Ana strawberry ☐☐

46:57

Proposers 5min and 2min for everyone else.

Time keeper!!

Marte Kinder

47:02

correct = follow the rules

Peter Tippet

48:16

There is also this -

At times, the productive verve in the group may allow the chairperson to let the meeting flow with a spontaneous order of contributors and even more than one talking at once, given that this remains functional and productive. This energy may spontaneously evolve into two or more parallel discussions for a time.

Mark Rasmussen

48:25

the Chair has just agreed to Proposers 5min and 2min for everyone else.

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Ana strawberry ☐☐

49:12

Thank you Chair!!

Peter Tippet

49:20

Agenda item ID: 14296

Date: 2023-09-17 19:14:19

Meeting: Special General Meeting

Agenda item: Board Appropriation

Agenda details: The Board is requesting an appropriation of \$20,000 for engaging an investigation and complaints handling organisation.

Motion: That the Board receives an appropriation of \$20,000

Item by: Sue Helson, Lance Nash, Robin Macpherson

Andrew McLean

49:40

Can we have a link?

david cruise

49:42

Motion 3: That the Board receives an appropriation of \$20,000

Motion Details: The Board is requesting an appropriation of \$20,000 for engaging an investigation and complaints handling organisation.

Proposed by: Sue Helson

Supported by: Lance Nash, Robin Macpherson

Peter Tippett

52:37

Andrew - <https://www.mapien.com.au/>

Peter Tippett

55:27

Thanks Lance

John Magor

55:42

Without pressure - it's the Chair's choice (as is provided) to allow initial speakers (to the motion on the table) 5 mins, then other speakers, 2 minutes.

-BUT- precedence has been that this has not been followed to the minute.

So - in the interest of maintaining what has happened before, it doesn't seem fair to inflict a new policy specifically for this meeting.

Yes, some people do tend to take longer to get their point(s) spoken, but maybe in the interest of inclusion, we can agree to listen to each other with respect and empathy?

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Martin 1731

01:04:22

Well said

John Magor

01:06:05

Very good question(s) Angela.

It's important to have a thorough understanding of what the Board intends to do with info coming back from the people we're outsourcing this function to.

The potential for spending a shit-load of money to just make things worse than they were/are.

Charlie DT (They/Them)

01:06:16

Peer review unless I am sorely mistaken is peer reviewed by the staff within the company, not by Confest

Peter Tippett

01:09:47

<https://dte.org.au/minutes/2023-08-03%20Board%20Minutes.pdf>

Peter Tippett

01:14:20

DTE code of conduct (that Robin says is not in place)

<https://dte.coop/online/code-of-conduct-5>

This has been edited by someone though.

Charlie DT (They/Them)

01:16:25

100% Marte

Malcolm

01:17:40

well said Marte

Peter Tippett

01:32:53

Motion: That the Board receives an appropriation of \$20,000

Martin 1731

01:37:01

That's not a definite answer, it's a hopeful one

Peter Tippett

01:37:47

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John Magor

01:38:24

Reminder - even if you're in the above list, you can still "jump about" if you want to.

Peter Tippett

01:39:05

Motion: That the Board receives an appropriation of \$20,000

This motion does not restrict what the board spends the \$20K on.

Martin 1731

01:39:38

I would have hoped the boards response would be, yes we will adopt clear guidelines and a policy before proceeding

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Peter Tippett  
01:43:22

Silent Night

Malcolm  
01:43:47

F 19 A 2 AB 5

david cruise  
01:44:04

Results:

Yes: 19

No: 2

Abstain: 5

Motion passed by majority

Peter Tippett  
01:44:19

Results:

Yes: 19

No: 2

Abstain: 5

Motion passed by majority

Agenda item ID: 14295

Date: 2023-09-17 19:14:19

Meeting: Special General Meeting

Agenda item: Food and Travel expenses to be determined by Board and Standing Committees

Agenda details: Over Covid some budget restrictions which may have made sense at the time are no longer constructive

Motion: That food and travel expenses requesting reimbursement or funding will be decided in the future by the standing committee or the board, rescinding all previous SGM motions restricting food and travel expenses.

Item by: Robin Macpherson, Mark Rasmussen, Suzi Helson

John Magor  
01:46:19

Define "most" please Robin?

Marte Kinder  
01:47:36

56. Co-operative funds (1) The funds and property of the Co-operative shall be applied solely towards the carrying out and promotion of its primary activity (Appendix 2 Part 2) and no part shall be paid, loaned or transferred directly or indirectly by way of discount, rebate or otherwise by way of profit to members of the Co-operative, individuals or other organisations. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment,

in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant or to any member of the Co-operative in return for any services actually rendered to the Co-operative nor prevent the payment for out of pocket expenses as agreed by the Board or a Committee of the Board.

John Magor

01:47:58

"I do not wish to offend" (then goes into defining dissenters as "living in a fantasy land") , sounds so very much like "I'm not a racist but"...

Peter Tippett

01:47:59

(12) The Board must not spend or commit the Cooperative to expenditure of more than \$3000 per quarter year without the approval of a general meeting. This money can only be spent on statutory requirements for the operation of the Society.

Kathy

01:49:41

examples of spending

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Peter Tippett

01:51:00

Amended motion: That food and travel expenses requesting reimbursement or funding will be decided in the future by the standing committee, rescinding all previous SGM motions restricting food and travel expenses.

John Magor

01:52:21

Anyone not yet sure how to vote on this, please take the time to have a look at the link Kathy posted.

All of it is factual, all of it is copies of invoices in which DTE funds were used - and in a few instances, from Members who have spoken in support of this motion tonight.

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Peter Tippett

01:52:35

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Andrew McLean

01:55:32

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Mark Rasmussen

01:55:34

Not fit for the former Secretary of DTE to post

John Magor

01:56:37

Incorrect Chair - those invoices -do not- link to any one Member, nor has the issue been 'dealt with'.

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David R McDonald

01:57:19

This all speaks to the people who like spending our money on their lifestyle.

John Magor

01:57:26

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John Magor

01:58:58

I'm fascinated by what motivates any Member to not be able to see the truth of these invoices?

If it's all ok, then what's wrong?

If it's not ok, maybe we need to consider it?

We only learn from areas in which we've stuffed up before.

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david cruise

01:59:25

this is wasting time

Angela Neal

02:00:55

In life history is generally considered a teacher

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Charlie DT (They/Them)

02:01:26

I'm really sorry all, but I need to step out. Something I ate has disagreed with me

Martin 1731

02:01:45

Bye charlie

Mark Rasmussen

02:02:24

this is wasting time

Mark Rasmussen

02:04:39

Good luck getting people to working bees without funding fuel and food

Second warning

david cruise

02:05:39

we have an amendment on the floor

Andrew McLean

02:06:07

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Peter Tippet  
02:06:42

Lindy can you outline the conflict you are facing regarding the amendment being in the spirit of the motion?

Mark Rasmussen  
02:07:32

What?

In the Spirit of the Motion

Angela Neal  
02:08:38

Parameters need to be around type of spending rather than who can approve requests for reimbursement

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John Magor  
02:09:52

What's 'unreasonable' about what's in the link as follows is that these are (but a few) examples of why we now have these rules.

Those (particularly those present in this meeting whose spending is reflected in the link) would do well to show some integrity.

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Kathy  
02:09:57

What is going to stop the ridiculous spending starting up again?

david cruise  
02:10:40

motions 4 5 6 still await

Mark Rasmussen  
02:10:54

Some of us have faith that volunteers will be supported as per our rules

John Magor  
02:11:34

...yep, and some of our Members Mark, have bought items for personal use (and abuse).

...as the links clearly show.

Mark Rasmussen  
02:12:50

Third warning

Malcolm  
02:13:00

Another rule (xii) The Organising Committee will develop and follow financial and reporting procedures as

agreed to by the Board and the Cooperative's Auditor.

Martin 1731  
02:13:19

Agreed Mark, but we need good policy and procedures. If we have them, unapproved spending can be handled easily behind the scenes and anonymous results reported to the relevant committees

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Mark Rasmussen  
02:13:36

yes, agreed

John Magor  
02:14:14

Agreed Ian.

shardae  
02:14:31

Oops □□ wrong button

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Andrew McLean  
02:17:30

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Martin 1731  
02:23:16

Look forward not back

John Magor  
02:25:15

Interesting, there's (apparently) no need for the SGM to talk about how we spend our money, but it's (apparently) ok for a few Directors to claim (via email to all Members) to be speaking for the Board in instructing how Members should vote???

Mark Rasmussen  
02:26:31

Give yourself an extra minute Andrew.

Peter Tippet  
02:29:30

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Andrew McLean  
02:29:42

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Ana strawberry ☐☐  
02:31:21

Are we being kind??

Mark Rasmussen  
02:31:25

The Board has also spent a lot of money on legal advice

Ana strawberry ☐☐  
02:31:43

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Kathy  
02:32:27

And on complaint investigation

Martin 1731  
02:33:03

Exactly, small words make a big difference. It's the slow erosion of member rights

Mark Rasmussen  
02:34:15

Did I just see Robin being bullied from his turn to speak

Angela Neal  
02:34:47

Motion 4 seems to conflict with this motion

Martin 1731  
02:35:05

Sorry I must have missed that

Marte Kinder  
02:36:03

Ultra Vires  
John Magor  
02:36:04

Just wondering what the limit of 2 minutes is when it applies to Robin?

Martin 1731  
02:36:30

Extraordinary times saw extraordinary motions passed. The whole world saw this

Mark Rasmussen  
02:36:43

4th warning

Ana strawberry ☐☐  
02:37:01

Can we be KIND!???? ☐☐☐☐♥☐

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david cruise  
02:37:31

if we pass this motion and amendment what harm will it do?

Mark Rasmussen  
02:37:53

Exactly David. Wise words

Malcolm  
02:39:02

This is the role of the OC to put policies in place

Elle Meoww 1710  
02:40:57

Can we copy the amendment to the chat again

Peter Tippett  
02:41:02

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Elle Meoww 1710  
02:41:16

Thx PT

Martin 1731  
02:43:30

I apologise Lindy, it was an I'll attempt to support

david cruise  
02:43:53

30 minutes to the end if this torture

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david cruise  
02:45:13

I recomend we pass both by concensus

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Angela Neal  
02:46:31

I object, I want to see an accepted policy for acceptable expenses

Mark Rasmussen  
02:48:13

Hello?

Peter Tippett  
02:48:33

There is nothing to stop the OC and CC from developing their own policies.

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Mark Rasmussen

02:48:46

very true PT

Peter Tippett

02:48:53

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Elle Meoww 1710

02:52:34

Can someone please link the current funding application document here please I cant lay my hands on it from my phone

Malcolm

02:56:16

F 14 A 10 A 1

Peter Tippett

02:56:19

Results:

Yes: 14

No: 10

Abstain: 1

Amended motion passed by majority

david cruise

02:56:23

Results:

Yes: 14

No: 10

Abstain: 1

Motion passed by majority

Peter Tippett

02:57:32

Elle - <https://dte.coop/online/fundingbudgets>

Andrew McLean

02:58:14

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Elle Meoww 1710

02:58:24

Thx again PT

Mark Rasmussen

02:59:59

This WILL be decided by the Members

1 Reply

Peter Tippet

03:01:00

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Peter Tippet

03:04:46

This is an interesting vote.

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Marte Kinder

03:05:56

12 y. 11 n . a2

Peter Tippet

03:06:00

Results:

Yes: 12

No: 11

Abstain: 2

Motion passed by majority\

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03:06:00

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david cruise

03:06:00

Results:

Yes: 12

No: 11

Abstain: 2

Motion passed by majority

Malcolm  
03:06:00

F 12 A 11 Ab 2

Mark Rasmussen  
03:06:18

well done everybody

Ana strawberry ☐☐  
03:06:37

Thank you!

Good night

John Magor  
03:06:52

Thank you Chair, thank you minute taker.

Ana strawberry ☐☐  
03:06:55

Thanks Lindy

Elle Meoww 1710  
03:07:16

The current funding application is solid. It may need a the next revision by Fin Com and be read by OC. Concerns raised about unappropriate spending get picked up after the fact not before with a 3hr discussion

David R McDonald  
03:10:17

Will this get voted on tonight?

Listening to people who've abused in many ways, including our funds;

not ideal