



**ENERGY INNOVATION CO-OPERATIVE LTD.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2016, 11 am Wonthaggi State Coal Mine**

**Minutes**

**Opened:** 11.10 am

**Members Present:** 33 active financial members plus 4 visitors (see attached list)

**Apologies:** Susan Ross, Gil Freeman, Rhys Freeman, Cr Andrew McEwen (SGSC), Sue Mitchell, Kellie Nichols, David Rasmus, Mary-Ann Bellekom, Dave Hollis, Richard Kentwell, Nola Maxfield

**1. Welcome by Chair Moragh Mackay. Acknowledgement of traditional owners.**

**1. Moragh Mackay presented via powerpoint an introduction to Old Energy New Energy Project including**

1. Funding Community Energy Enterprises (Southern CORE(Community Owned Renewable Energy) Fund.
2. First solar powered Coal Mine
3. Energy Innovation Centre
4. Training & learning in renewable energy technologies
5. Keeping up with new stuff

including details of partners (BCCF, Parks Vic, Community Power Agency, others), progress and business planning, role of ComMET. Introduced Southern CORE (Community Owned Renewable Energy) Fund. Pledges available. Discussion/ Questions/ feedback followed

**2. Launch of Southern CORE Fund: Jordan Crugnale (past Mayor Bass Coast Shire.** Jordan discussed the need for action on climate change and value of Co-op.

**3. Short presentation re State Coal Mine/ Parks Vic partnership with EICo-op: Braxton Laine.** Braxton emphasised the importance to the State Coal Mine of this project & partnership. Mine has about 12,000 people visiting pa, *cf* penguins 1mill. "History is a narrow window of appeal, hard to get younger people to buy in. This partnership will transform attraction into the new world young people live in now. Funds saved through RE will allow funds to go back into caring for the land. Explained pumping operation, laser sensors, possible use of saline water pumped. "We only have to get one site right and the model can be open to be replicated". "There is an alternative to burning coal". Discussion & questions followed.

**4. Moved: That this meeting endorses the Old Energy New Energy project as discussed.**

**5. Moved** John Coulter, **seconded** Harry Freeman **Agreed. Unanimous**

**6. Susan Davies: Report on Special business:**

A special postal ballot of members of the Co-operative has passed the following resolutions:

1. "That the Energy Innovation Co-operative Ltd apply to become a "registered environmental organisation with tax deductible gift recipient status".
2. "That the rules of the Co-operative attached to this notice of special postal ballot be approved and adopted as the rules of the Energy Innovation Co-operative Ltd "\*\*

\*The only changes are to the "Principle Purpose" (p 33-34) plus new rule 59 (page 28-30). These amendments enable the Co-operative to meet the requirements of applying for DGR including the establishment of a public fund. All other rules remain the same.

**Votes by eligible active financial members:** 78 yes received from 81 financial members, providing a 96% approval vote, 3 didn't vote. There were no negative votes.

**Appreciated additional votes:** 45 yes votes were received from non-financial members. No negative votes.

**Total yes votes received:** 123. Current shareholder members (excluding non-contactable or asked to be removed from list) = 314.

**This meeting is asked to ratify that vote and support the following:**

1. "That the Energy Innovation Co-operative Ltd apply to become a "registered environmental organisation with tax deductible gift recipient status".

**Moved:** George Fairlie      **Seconded:** Maddy Harford      **Agreed:** No negative votes

2. "This Annual General Meeting of the Energy Innovation Co-operative Ltd agrees that the rules of the Energy Innovation Co-operative attached to this notice be approved and adopted as the rules of the Energy Innovation Co-operative Ltd"\*

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**Moved:** Maddy Harford      **Seconded:** Neil Rankine      **Agreed:** No negative votes.

**This vote now has to be registered with the Vic DOJ, before a further application goes to the Federal government. It will take time.**

**7. Jordan Crugnale took over as Chair for the AGM.**

**8. Minutes of 2015 AGM (tabled)**

Discussion/ Questions:

**Move to accept 2015 AGM minutes:** Dave Sutton      **Sec:** Moragh Mackay      **Agreed**

**9. Business arising from 2015 AGM :**

None

10. **Chair's report 2015-16.** Includes progress made against Co-op's 2013-2016 strategic plan, and activity plan 2016 which has guided activities this year. Noted Business plan development underway, completed MOU with Mirboo North CEH, pending auspice and TOR from ComMET, funding received from BCCF, SthGippsSC, BassCoastSC, ETU, donations.. Future. Offered thanks and acknowledgement of Maddy Harford's efforts during time as

Director and 2015 Chair, plus to Peter Maclean and Melinda Glew who resigned for family reasons. Moragh also summarised past activities/ achievements of Co-op.

Discussion/ Questions. Report was tabled and noted.

Jordan Crugnale thanked the Co-op for all its work, particularly Moragh for her chairing of the round table discussions with State Government Ministers, plus the partnership and support the Co-op is providing the small town Waterline project.

**11. Presentation of financial statements for year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016: Bruce Hydon.** As at end June 2016 Co-op has assets of \$26,922 including unexpended grants of \$19,000, with an operating loss for the financial year of \$2,608. Expenses included a \$1000 donation to the Sustainability Hub at Korumburra (Grow Lightly) towards solar pv & battery system now installed.

**Motion:** to accept the financial statement as tabled

**Moved:** Dave Sutton                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Joan Woods    **Agreed.**

**12. Election of directors. [Rule 38 (1): Minimum of 5 directors but no more than 9]**

**Three directors [½ of board] to retire (annual occurrence as per Co-op rule 40);**

- **Peter Wonfor, Susan Davies, Bruce Hydon** Those retiring directors may offer themselves for re-election. Rule 40 [1&2]
- **Mel Glew** has retired as a Director due to growing family commitments
- **Peter, Susan and Bruce** have re-nominated for Board membership

**Other nominations received prior to this AGM:**

- **Sarah Van Stokrom (appointed mid 2016)**
- **New Director George Fairlie**

**Move:** to re-elect Peter Wonfor to the board

**Moved:** Maddy Harford                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Daryl Hook    **Vote: Agreed**

**Moved:** to re-elect Bruce Hydon to the board

**Moved:** Neil Rankine                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Susan Davies    **Vote: Agreed**

**Motion:** to re-elect Susan Davies to the board

**Moved:** Laurie Gregg                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Sarah Van Stokrom    **Vote: Agreed**

**Motion:** to elect Sarah Van Stokrom to the board

**Moved:** Aileen Vening                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Daryl Hook    **Vote: Agreed**

**Motion:** to elect George Fairlie to the board

**Moved:** Peter Wonfor                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Harry Freeman    **Vote: Agreed**

**Any further directors will be appointed by the board, to nominate for election in 2015.**

**13. Appointment of auditor.**

**Motion:** to reappoint Lindsay Coster of Coster Galgut Pty Ltd to audit the Co-op's 2016-17 financials

**Moved:** Bruce Hydon     **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Susan Davies

**Vote: Agreed.**

14. **Any other business:** Harry Freeman congratulated the Co-op on the amount of work done this year but said he'd felt passive as a member and expressed a wish to do more. Moragh responded referring to the business plan which proposes small committees to assist with each part of the project and asked for funding "pledges" as part of our demonstration of community support towards the NEJF application.

**Meeting Closed:** 12.15 pm

All members and friends invited to a short tour to see potential placement of solar PV & other elements of Old Energy New Energy Project and then to share bbq lunch (provided) and chat. Please ensure you have filled in attendance list.