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## Minutes of GFW Board Meeting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Meeting held at 6.15 McPhabbs Bar Function Room, Glasgow

Present: Virginia Anderson  
Tom Lamb  
Craig Macdonald (Coordinator)  
Karen McGavock (Administrator)

Ken Irvine  
Ronnie Melrose  
Doreen Semple  
Cliff Uney (Secretary)

Apologies: Finlay Allison (Senior Tutor)  
Ann Pidgeon (Treasurer)

Christine Clark  
Mike Turner

At the opening of the meeting Cliff intimated that the Chair would need to be appointed. Cliff proposed Virginia and this was seconded by Fenella.

Virginia made clear that her role should continue for a maximum 6 months. This would lend considerable experience as we navigate through the transition from Stow College.

1. Minutes of Previous meeting. – notes of the previous meeting were circulated and approved.
2. Matters arising from previous meeting:
  - a) Summer Ceilidh: This event ran on 20<sup>th</sup> June and was well attended, largely by the Junior Section and Parents. Receipts were good, at £866. (Ticket sales were £770, and the Raffle raised £96). Reconciliation of the account will show it to be subsidised a little, however it is seen as an important investment in the Junior section. Thanks to Tom and Fenella who helped on the door and running the raffle.
  - b) West End Festival Open Air Ceilidh: This was a successful event run at the Kelvingrove Galleries. A Tutor led ceilidh encouraged around 200 dancers to participate. Sets were also performed by Juniors, Strumelele, and Scratchy noises. Thanks to Roy and Fenella who coordinated the handing out of GFW flyers.
  - c) Board member introduction and roles. All present gave a brief account of their background and any specialist knowledge areas. It was hoped that each could use their expertise to help develop GFW. We should look at areas such as Performance, Membership growth and young student development.
  - d) The need to find a successor to Ann as treasurer was raised again. Kai (former treasurer) was to be approached by Virginia following her meeting with Ann. Virginia could assess the relative costs of carrying out preparatory work in house rather than leave all to the Accountant.

e) Virginia noted the importance of Karen support during the last year.

3. Senior Tutor Report. There was no senior tutor report submitted.

4. Future Accommodation Tom gave a comprehensive overview of the options which he and John have checked out. Many were unsuitable due to either costs or number of rooms available. In essence it came down to 2 clear options.

a) **John Wheatley Campus in Duke St.**

In many ways this was the cleanest move as there would be an ongoing relationship as part of Glasgow Kelvin College. We could keep the same nights and classes with similar access to office, storage, printing and meeting area for slow session and Teas. The exact cost is to be confirmed but he expected a small increase in line with normal review. Although it is further out from city centre it is well served by road bus and train.

b) **Anniesland College**

The facilities were similar to Stow and John Wheatley in the number of rooms available. The current costs were around £3700 per annum more than Stow, however, as their aim was mainly to cover costs they were going to review and get back to Tom. There were some synergies in that there is a class for stringed instrument making and repair. Situated near Anniesland Cross, road rail and bus services are good.

On the down side, they could not offer Monday or Wednesday nights which would require classes to be moved to Tuesday or Thursday. Additionally this was likely to have an impact for Nigel Gatherer senior tutor on Mondays. It was noted that such a move may permit a further 4 nights tuition in the year as we would avoid holiday Mondays.

In the first instance, contact should be made with senior tutors to advise them of the options and the potential for a change of nights. Also advise them that we will email all tutors for their views.

Craig should advise all tutors of the potential move of Monday classes into Tuesday should Anniesland become the preferred option.

A meeting is to be arranged by Ken for all tutors to attend and discuss the options as proposed by the Board. Craig to send Tutor mailing list to Ken.

Cliff to Draft a Survey Monkey file, to canvass views of Membership regarding the move. Craig will forward an estimate of the breakdown of members by postcode.

An anomaly had arisen where Lynsey Tait, as senior tutor for Wednesday night, had taken more to do with juniors, and Finlay Allison as ST for juniors undertaking significant work with adult activities such as the prepare for the pub session. As Lynsey has now resigned, we should discuss roles with Finlay and Nigel Gatherer to assess ongoing need and preference.

A copy of the Articles of association relating to the Company GFW, should be distributed to board members. Craig should also send out relevant information such as Tutor names and classes.

STV Glasgow. Craig to liaise with STV Glasgow regarding involvement in possible live show. Contact tutor to participate. The initial request was for fiddle tuition and playing. There should be a potential to feature mixed instruments and Children's activities as part of the broader GFW offering.

GFW Website. Ronnie to make contact with Mike and Lesley to broaden the scope on the website.

Board Profile. There is a need for the Board to raise their profile within the organization. Need for photographs on website and Notice board.

Pattern Of Meetings Proposed to reduce frequency of meetings once on going venue has been settled.

Date of next Meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm in McPhabbs Pub