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BOARD MEETING

Minutes of GFW Board Meeting Monday 20th June 2016

Meeting held at 6:00 p.m., John Wheatley Building, Kevin College Glasgow

Present:

Fenella Rennie (Chair)	Craig MacDonald (Co-ordinator)
Cliff Uney (Secretary)	Mike Turner
Rita Warrilow	Lorraine Campbell
Finlay Allison	Caroline Watson (Administrator) – Minutes

Apologies: Ronnie Melrose, John Hill, Linda Caren, Nigel Gatherer

1. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Electronic Communication - Board discussed briefly the needs of GFW and options presented at the last meeting.

Creative Scotland Grant - the financial report needs to be resubmitted but there is an understanding that the money is owed to GFW and will be handed over in due course. Craig continues with follow-up.

Large stickers have been printed and distributed to members. They are visually effective on the music cases.

2. Senior Tutors' Report – Finlay (Report Attached)

Finlay has videos of members' playing their instruments and suggested that a short compilation video could be created for use on the website and to promote GFW, eg. at Celtic Connections where a video on a loop would attract attention. Finlay has a contact who could do this.

Finlay and Dan have noted that some members do want to come along to the slow sessions/end of term event. There is a need to encourage more experienced players to join Slow Sessions by way of sending out a positive message through tutors teaching advanced classes.

There was also a suggestion that too many tunes were being introduced during the term. It is important to revisit older material and limit the number of tunes to allow for

repetition so members can fully learn a repertoire of tunes. It was suggested that training and a prescribed curriculum be added to the tutors' contract.

It was agreed that the Board and Senior Tutors need more information about how the classes are doing.

There has been no communication with Nigel about his health or if he will manage his responsibilities to GFW.

Jamie Laval will be visiting GFW in September for a performance and masterclass. It will take place in the John Wheatley Building Atrium. Board agreed to provide refreshments and nibbles. A PA system may be required. Finlay taking forward.

3. Co-ordinator's Report - Craig

Term Dates for 2016/17 - Craig has distributed to Board for proofreading. Mike to add to website once any corrections are added.

New Administrator - Interviews have been held and a new administrator, Katrina MacLeod, appointed.

Enrolment Forms - Board agreed Gift Aid request is to be moved to the front of the form as suggested at the AGM by a member. Dates are to be updated.

4. Finance Report – Ronnie has reported that finances are in a good state though balance will drop as remaining invoices from tutors are paid and GFW have no income in June/July.

5. Change of Name – Cliff

Cliff advised that permission from the membership is required to change the name. Suggestions for 'Glasgow Folk-Music Workshop' and 'Glasgow Folk Workshop' remain as potential names and which retain GFW logo. The suggested names were discussed at the AGM with general approval with a couple of dissenting voices. Suggestion that a wider consultation with membership is carried out and should include both Monday and Wednesday night members.

6. 25th Anniversary Celebrations

Big Bash – 126 tickets have been sold to date. Rita, John and Jeremy will attend a tasting session on 30th June to agree final menu. Paperwork will need to be prepared for members' return in August for balance of payments on tickets and menu selections. Finlay clarified that all tutors should contact him regarding participation in the Big Bash! entertainment.

Merchandise – T-shirts are now sold out but there are still badges for sale. New merchandising ideas can be discussed at the start of the new learning year.

Celtic Connections – Finlay advised that Dan has been in touch with the Royal Concert Hall. They are offering potential programming for GFW at the Bandstand in Kelvingrove Park - showcase event in August. This is an opportunity to promote GFW classes.

Marketing - Cliff has approached BBC regarding coverage of GFW 25th Anniversary and is awaiting a response.

7. Enrolment Night - Craig MacDonald
Enrolment night will take place on Wednesday 31st August.
8. Date of next meeting - Monday 8th August 2016, 7pm, John Wheatley College.