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## **BOARD MEETING**

### **Minutes of GFW Board Meeting Monday 23 October 2017**

**Meeting held at 6pm, John Wheatley Building, Kevin College Glasgow**

Present:

Mike Dick	Ronnie Melrose
Cliff Uney	Finlay Allison
Nigel Gatherer	Mike Turner
Marie Therese Allison	John Hill
Susie Johnson	Fenella Rennie
Katrina MacLeod (Administrator)	

Apologies: Frank Reid, Janice Ross

Mike Dick chaired the meeting until Fenella arrived

#### 1. **Thanks**

The Board expressed their thanks to Finlay and Marie Therese for all their months of hard work in ensuring the success of the Jamie Laval Musical Extravaganza. The Board also thanked all Senior Tutors for their support and tutoring at the event

#### 2. **Matters Arising**

The Coop funding application is still awaiting a decision.

The supply of teas on class nights is working well.

Photocopy charges will not be known until the end of term.

The ukulele lessons (given as a prize at a fund-raising event) have not yet been claimed.

3. Senior Tutor Liaison

Finlay reported that classes are generally running smoothly.

There has been a slight issue with ensuring students attend the correct level of fiddle class and attempts will be made in term 2 to address this. There is also work to do to make sure all fiddle students attend the warm-up session rather than go to class early.

The need to record tutor attendance each evening would be made easier for Senior Tutors if all tutors have to sign in when collecting the folders. The Board agreed this would help keep track of tutors and if there are dep tutors. It was AGREED that Katrina will provide a folder of attendance sheets for tutors to sign.

Further advice has been informally taken about funding applications. Finlay has a contact with funding expertise that will check the last GFW Creative Scotland application and then give advice on how things could be done differently and more successfully in future.

As there can be up to 15 sessions a month where members can have a chance to play with others, the website needs to provide more information about the range of things on offer.

4. Jamie Laval Extravaganza

The event had gone well with lots of last minute walk-ins. The accommodation was fine and the catering adequate for the cost. The accordion numbers were low while Nigel's new tunes for the event had been very well received.

Ronnie reported that the original planned expenses had been reduced and the decision to cancel the concert helped. Having Jamie in college the week before had also helped to encourage last minute bookings. Although there are still invoices to come, it looks likely that the event came very close to breakeven point.

5. Finance Report

Ronnie reported that the finances are in a healthy position. With tutor invoices due, the balance should be around £50000, about the same as this time last year. Class registers have been checked and any non-payers queried. Student numbers are steady, with 350 adults and 39 juniors. An email will be sent to the membership with a reminder to pay

fees for term 2.

6. Big Tartan Ceilidh

Rita reported that tickets are now on sale. At £18 per person, costs will be covered if there are over 100 tickets sold. Fundraising activities are planned and with this Rita has the help of Mary Land, John Hill and Cliff Uney. Board members will need to help with selling tickets at class nights and at the event help will be needed in heating pies and laying out food. The band is organised and Nigel will again do a quiz. This is planned to be the final event of a series of activities which have marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GFW.

Fenella noted the amount of work needed to organise this and other events. It was suggested that capacity to run events needs to be taken into account before deciding what events to run. It may also help to ask members to get involved in small ways.

7. Christmas Dinner

The dinner on the 14 December will have limited numbers, so care needs to be taken to ensure fairness and that tickets are sold rather than provisional bookings taken. Fenella and Mike D volunteered to sell tickets and Mike T agreed to put information on the website. Rita volunteered to organise the raffle.

8. Celtic Connections

Mike T volunteered to coordinate this event and have his mobile phone number available to those involved with staffing the stall at the Concert Hall and the Mitchell Library. Finlay had been trying to find out about advertising in the brochure.

9. Instrument Inventory

A list of instruments was circulated. It was agreed that 30 more ukuleles should be bought. It was also agreed that excess instruments or unusual ones unlikely to be needed should be sold or donated as prizes.

10. AOCB

Nigel suggested that tutors have a table available in weeks 5 and 6 of term 2. They could sell their CDs and make students aware of what they do outside GFW. The Board agreed this is helpful for tutors and would be interesting for students.

Nigel is this week being inducted into the Traditional Music Hall of Fame. This is a great

honour and GFW could advertise the long standing connection with Nigel. It was agreed this will go onto the website and Facebook.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at 6pm.