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## **Minutes of GFW Board Meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

Meeting held at 6.15 McPhabbs Bar Function Room, Glasgow

Present:	Virginia Anderson	Ken Irvine
	Mike Turner	Ronnie Melrose
	Craig Macdonald (Coordinator)	Doreen Semple
	Karen McGavock (Administrator)	Cliff Uney (Secretary)
		Fenella Rennie

Apologies: None

Virginia proposed that we spend what time was available to consider the Options for our New Venue, in precedence over other matters.

Craig gave the Top line results of the poll of members, around 170 respondents, which showed a split in favour of the Anniesland College site. The split largely mirrored the geographical split of our membership, with a majority living to the west of the city centre. Within the respondents, only 7 noted that they would be unable or unwilling to travel to either venue. 4 for John Wheatley, and 3 for Anniesland.

Ronnie then discussed, in depth, the breakdown by class which again broadly reflected the overall result.

Virginia and Ken had met with Nigel and Finlay to discuss Tutor availability. In the event of a change of nights required at Anniesland, we would lose Nigel (Mandolin) as senior tutor and John Malcolm (Guitar). Although it was accepted that no one individual should shape the outcome, the loss of Nigel with his experience on managing Monday night was seen as a considerable risk.

The change of nights for all members, in a move to Anniesland was seen as a major concern.

Views were taken from all in attendance in summary of discussions. After careful consideration of all factors, a vote was then taken, on the 'best, least risk, option'.

The vote was 4 to 2 in favour of the John Wheatley option.

Virginia will compile email to all members and liaise with Tom regarding lead times. The email, to all members, should be sent by end of week.

The number of classes on a Monday, currently 18, was seen to be too high and John Wheatley offered the opportunity to spread some classes into Tuesday and perhaps develop others.

The move to the east end may encourage a more diverse membership, and this was seen as beneficial overall.

STV Glasgow. We have been unable to arrange an event. Craig had last emailed the STV contact 3 weeks ago. The Commonwealth Games will have taken precedence over our involvement. In the event, once the holidays are over and we are settled in our new venue, we will be better placed to best reflect the many instruments which make up GFW.

GFW Website. Ronnie shared his thoughts on changes to website. He will email out rough proposals.

Bookkeeping. Virginia has spoken to Kai to take over roll from Ann who wishes to stand down. A follow up meeting will be arranged with Accountants to discuss best way forward.

Treasurer. Cliff noted that a Treasurer should be appointed from within the board.

Senior Tutor Juniors. Dan Thorpe had expressed an interest in the position of Senior Tutor.

Date of next Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6.15pm at John Wheatley campus. Room to be advised.

Craig Macdonald