



Registered Charity N No: SC029502
Company No: 343670

BOARD MEETING

Monday 27th June 2015, 6 pm

Islay Pub, Argyle Street, Glasgow

Present: Fenella Rennie Doreen Semple
Ronnie Melrose, Treasurer John Hill
Cliff Uney, Secretary Rita Warrilow
Caroline Watson (Administrator) – Minutes

Apologies: Craig Macdonald (Coordinator)

1. Appointment of Office Bearers
Ronnie Melrose proposed Fenella Rennie as Chair. Seconded by Cliff Uney.
Ronnie Melrose re-elected to position as Treasurer. Proposed by Fenella Rennie.
Seconded by Rita Warrilow
Cliff re-elected to position of Secretary. Proposed by Doreen Semple, seconded by John Hill.
2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - Creative Scotland Grant - Though no longer a Board member, Virginia will pursue this to completion.
3. GCVS - Cliff advised the board that after investigation, a decision was taken to not renew membership.
4. Tutor Training - Doreen updated the Board about the training session. Craig also attended and Caroline took notes for distribution after approval from the Senior Tutors. There was a lower than expected turn out with mainly Monday night tutors and not many Wednesday tutors. The training emphasised 'learning by ear'. Nigel and Finlay promoted planning and provided hand-outs for examples emphasising the benefits of planning particularly for depts. Martin McLaughlin agreed to set up a drop box for tunes that would be accessed only by tutors using a password. Senior Tutors were paid for their time: preparation and leading the session, but attending tutors would not be paid as the training is part of their professional development within GFW.

Agreed by board that another session should be held on a Wednesday evening with the expectation more tutors will attend and any who missed the previous session.

5. Fees for 2015/16 - Ronnie presented his figures and proposals for membership fees and tutor fees for the new year. Discussion by the Board, taking into account dates of last increase for tutors/members and recommendations for tutor fees by the music union.

Agreed that fees would be set at £29/hr for Tutors and £32/hr for Senior Tutors with a review in December 2015 to discuss proposal of a further increase of £30/hr for Tutors and £33/hr for Senior Tutors bringing GFW in line with recommended payment levels. Effective from Session 1 of the 2015/16 year.

Agreed that the Junior fee would remain the same at £37 and Membership fee at £7; Adult Fees would be increased to £70 and £63 for a second instrument; and Concession fees increased to £55 and £48 for a second instrument effective from Session 1 of the 2015/16 year.

Fees for tutors performing for both GFW Ceilidh in June were discussed. Historically, tutors have not been paid for the Open Air Ceilidh and tutors received their usual rate for performing at the Family Ceilidh.

Agreed that performing in the Open Air Ceilidh remains voluntary however due to GFW's positive financial situation this year, a monetary gift of £40 would be made to all tutors who participated. This is a one off payment and not a change of policy. Clarification about who was involved is needed.

Board discussed the great success of both the Open Air Ceilidh and the Family Ceilidh this year. Approximately 178 people attended the Family Ceilidh and over £1000 was raised before expenses. Photographs and videos of the Open Air Ceilidh show the hundreds that participated and the fun atmosphere. These images should be collected and downloaded on to the web site.

Suggestions for fund raising:

- Volunteers could circulate crowds with buckets at the Open Air Ceilidh for potential donations.
- Children could be charged £1 entry fee to Family Ceilidh and set up a tuck shop. Permission from the venue would be required to avoid competing with food and drink offered by the bar or leasing restrictions.
- 50/50 whereby people buy tickets for £1 and winning ticket gets half the money collected and half the money goes to GFW.

Discussed potential marketing avenues:

- Advertising within the college itself- speaking with their Community Liaison person.
- Katherine could go back into the local schools accompanied by volunteer musicians to hold a session with children and generate interest.
- Come and Play should be held at a more public venue next year where there is abundant passing traffic.

6. 25th Anniversary Celebrations: - Board discussed ideas to celebrate the anniversary.
 - GFW could put together a band to perform as an act at Celtic Connections.
 - GFW members/tutors could play at the Airport taking along buckets for collecting donations.
 - A performance and demo session at The Forge, local shopping centre to Dennistoun.
 - Members could be asked for their ideas about celebrating the anniversary.

7. Date of next meeting: Monday 17th August 2015, 6:30 pm at John Wheatley Building.