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## **BOARD MEETING**

### **Minutes of GFW Board Meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

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

Present: Fenella Rennie (Chair)                      Cliff Uney (Secretary)  
Ronnie Melrose (Treasurer)                      Mike Turner  
John Hill    Craig MacDonald (Co-ordinator)  
Rita Warrilaw    Finlay Allison  
Nigel Gatherer    Caroline Watson (Administrator) – Minutes  
Jo Webster (Invited guest)

Apologies: Daniel Thorpe, Doreen Semple

1. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

Creative Scotland Grant - Craig has emailed Virginia to check progress.

Accordion Showcase on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**Carried forward:** The showcase could give tickets to GFW at a cost of £5 to be sold on at £10/£8.

Flash Mob event: Rita has been in touch with management at the Forge. They no longer allow live events or FlashMobs due to customer complaints. It is possible to set up a stand in ASDA on a Monday or Tuesday during the day. It would need to be attended by Board members or volunteers. Rita has emailed Jeremy Raison, GFW member, who has background in media/marketing. He is happy to assist with organising events.

**25th Anniversary Celebrations**

GFW Souvenir Book – Nigel has been in touch with Jo about writing the Forward. Jo discussed her research project and explained that she has compiled a lot of information on the history of GFW and this could be included to create an extended Forward. Jo suggested applying for funding for this one off event and the creation of a 25th logo to highlight the year and create a Press Pack. Suggestion for past tutors to be included in proposed Royal Concert Hall concert.

Other suggestions:

- t-shirts/hoodies to be created and sold for celebration and fundraising.
- stand alone page on the website with history and what's on.
- Celtic Connections stand to be expanded to include photographs, etc. on the history of GFW.
- set up sub-committee for 25th celebrations.

2. Senior Tutor Update - Finlay

Finlay provided an update of class changes.

**Mandolin BEG** – only 1 person. Class has been cancelled. (Jenn Butterworth tutor)

**Junior Guitar – 10 children enrolled.** Finlay Napier leaving so a new tutor, Pablo, has been hired.

**Fiddle ABS** has been split due to large class. Marianne Fraser hired. She can also teach ukulele if required.

**Junior Classes** – 46 children enrolled.

**MI class**, Wednesday, has 14 people – too big but some could be encouraged to attend Ceilidh Band.

**Song** cancelled – only 1 participant.

**Cello Class** has 5 members now but has not been stable. Suggestion to shift class to a Wednesday night since cello fits better with Fiddle than other instruments.

**Ukulele** has 40 people so the class will need to be split. Martin McL teaching IMP and will need to raise level of difficulty, causing some members to drop down a level thereby naturally splitting the class. Overall, a tighter curriculum is required which should spread the numbers for better sized classes.

Graham McKenzie not re-employed as yet. Waiting for numbers.

Katherine has visited schools promoting junior classes.

3. Co-ordinator's Report - Craig

Craig presented current figures for membership Term 1 still to be updated and confirmed. Enrolment forms and monies are still coming in with some members starting late. Overall membership numbers are up for Term 1 compared to previous years. Work is still needed to increase numbers on returning members and a survey will be sent out to establish reasons for not returning to GFW.

New members 102

Returning – 247

Total – 349

Craig is still following up with Glasgow Kelvin College (GKC) regarding future of City Campus and office space for GFW. He will request rental fees for 2015/16, to be invoiced quarterly.

4. Finance Report - Ronnie

GFW in good financial position with intake of fees for August surpassing all previous years at £21,000 owing to a number of factors; an increase in numbers, the small increase in fees for Adult Membership and on-line payments which tend to arrive early rather than payments on the night.

5. Any other Business

John Cooper community Website GKC: GFW can post information to the East End Campus 'Things To Do' page to promote GFW classes/events.

GFW Website

***Changes and additional pages were discussed and agreed with following actions:***

Discounts for members should be put in a new section and will need to be updated.

A page will be added for monthly events. Events will be added only 1 month in advance. There could also be a simple listing with all events and dates.

Gordon has written a hill walking book and £1 of each sale is donated to GFW. Since the organisation can benefit, book should be advertised with information on where to buy it on the GFW website.

Suggestion: A page with instruments for sale to include tutor and member sales.

Discussed difficulty of keeping page updated; knowing when items have been sold and removing the information.

6. It was proposed to change the meeting to a later time to accommodate Doreen who has to travel a distance after work at rush hour to get to the meeting. It was decided that a later start of 6:30 would be too late given members and tutors begin arriving at 7pm. The meetings often require more than 1 hour which would delay Board members getting to classes/being present for the membership/tutors. Where meetings are held outside class nights, the time could be adjusted to a later time as is the case during the summer months.

Date of next meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 6:00pm