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Company No: 343670

BOARD MEETING

Minutes of GFW Board Meeting Monday 8th February 2016

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

Present: Fenella Rennie (Chair) **Ronnie Melrose (Treasurer**
 Mike Turner Craig MacDonald (Co-ordinator)
 John Hill Caroline Watson (Administrator) – Minutes
 Rita Warrilaw Finlay Allison (Senior Tutor)

Apologies: Cliff Uney, Linda Caren

1. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

No matters outstanding from previous minutes.

2. Finance Report - Ronnie

Ronnie advised that recent income levels for January and February were the highest ever received with a current bank balance of over £47,000; healthy finances will cover upcoming tutor fees and college hire. College hire is a major cost and is expected to cover January until June as previous invoice was for Term 1 and Term 2.

3. Co-ordinator Report - Craig

Burns Supper – The Board was appreciative and thanked Jack Westwood for organising the event again this year.

Creative Scotland Grant - The application has been submitted and expectation that monies will be received in due course.

Glasgow Life Creative Fund - Grants available up to £5k. Suggestion for grant to be used towards GFW 25th Anniversary Away Day/Performance Weekend. Craig has completed draft copy of application with estimated costs.

Juniors' Trip to Edinburgh - Finlay will speak with Dan about the organisation of the event and the Board will oversee fundraising as happened last year. After the success of 2015, suggestion to hold a bake sale again.

25th Anniversary Merchandise - Craig advised that sale of merchandise to Junior members was low.

Action: Dan to remind Junior members and parents about T-shirts and badges for sale. Order forms are in tutors' folders.

Celtic Connections – GFW activities and events at C.C. were successful bringing 64 new members to GFW. The procedures for GFW trade stand are now recorded and someone will need to take it forward for 2017; Board member or GFW member. Feedback from volunteers raised issues around volunteers not showing up for their turn on the rota without notification of absence. Suggestion for next year: Live music might attract more visitors to the stand. Tutors or Members could be invited to play at the stand on weekends.

Enrolment – To date there are 361 members enrolled though payments and registrations are still coming in.

New members - 141, Returning Members - 220. All non- returning members will be sent a Non Returners Survey.

4. Senior Tutors' Report - Finlay

Finlay reported back on Celtic Connections Workshops. Learn to Play Day was oversubscribed and so ran out of instruments for people. Box Office seemed confused about number restrictions so sent everyone to the event.

Senior Tutors expressed thanks to the volunteers and staff at the Royal Concert Hall for their assistance.

Owen Sinclair will be taking the Mandolin Absolute Beginners Class. Finlay Dunsmore will take Bodhran Beginners class.

Finlay advised that communication is often difficult with tutors since many do not access email on a regular basis, and email is the main form of GFW communication. Finlay advises using texting for messages or for advising that important emails have been sent and require a response.

Full Senior Tutors' Report is attached.

5. 25th Anniversary Celebrations – Rita

Merchandise – Craig confirmed that to date: £465 raised through merchandise and £270 from sale of GFW Music Book.

Big Bash - Rita has investigated venues and costs for holding a dinner and ceilidh to celebrate GFW 25th. Suggestion for a buffet rather than table service to lower costs. Oran Mhor in October or Trades Hall in November. For both venues a minimum of 100 people must attend in order to have a hall free of charge and discounted menu. Board agreed that if event was opened up to include partners, 100 tickets plus was feasible.

Board agreed the event would be held at Trade Halls.

6. Hands Up for Trad - Cliff

Moved to next Board meeting. Board to visit website for more information.

<https://projects.handsupportrad.scot/handsupportrad/>

7. Non Returners Survey - Caroline
Board was given feedback from previous non returning members in Term 2. Of the 157 surveys sent only 17 were returned. Generally the feedback is positive and some comments require further discussion. Meeting came to an end due to time constraints. Survey feedback report is attached.
8. Date of next meeting - Monday 7th March 2016, 6pm, John Wheatley College.