

FOLK FEDERATION OF NSW – COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 12th September 2007 at 22 Grafton Street Balmain
Commencing at 7.00pm

AGENDA

1. Attendance : James Baxter, Dallas Baxter, Peter Miller-Robinson, Christina Mimmocchi, Pam Davis, Terry Clinton, Kate Delaney

Apologies – Mary-Jane Field, Bruce Cameron, Carol Hirt, Andy Busuttill

2. Minutes of the meeting held 8th August 2007 – accepted with one amendment (Dave O'Neill to be asked to comment on National proposal, NOT to join subcommittee). Pam will redistribute Minutes to Committee.

3. Financial Report – no formal report provided. Bruce advised no significant changes to financial position.

4. Update on Goals & Action Items

4.1 Credit card authority

Now in place. Wayne to include cc payment information in Cornstalk. Cttee feels that credit card transactions should be accepted by telephone (for subscription renewals, CD sales etc). Christina to discuss with Bruce.

4.2 Committee membership

Andy Busuttill accepted invitation to join Committee

4.3 Cornstalk

Wayne discussed design issues with Coral. Christina met with Coral & discussed Committee's ideas etc. More people needed to write articles, reviews etc. Committee Reviews – Spooky Men (Pam); Tony Eardley (Mike Davis); Wheelers & Dealers (Julius); Wheeze & Suck Band (Jim Baxter); Mothers of Intention (Sandra?); M Camembert (Christina); Waiting for Guinness (Peter)
Information about Committee to be included in Cornstalk. Each Cttee member to provide Christina with a photo & brief bio.

4.4 Membership – Survey

Pam tabled 1st draft of a proposed survey of lapsed members. All Committee members to review questions & return comments by end-September. Pam undertook to ring a small sample (6?) & send them a copy of the survey via email.

4.5 National Folk Festival

- Christina has submitted application for FF NSW Showcase concert (criteria = reside in NSW, have performed at folk club/s in last 2 years).
- List has been circulated for proposed CD; shortlist to be created. Christina will ask Andy to master CD.
- Danny Watson is developing on a recreation of the Port Jackson Festival.
- Rob Willis will organize separate folkloric concerts auspiced by the National Library. This project is separate from the FF Showcase concert but Rob has offered us the opportunity of putting FF name to the concerts.

4.6 Library

Christina has attempted to contact Mechanics Institute, without response. Prue Cancion is a librarian & would be prepared to help with this project.

5. New Business

5.1 Folk Activity, 3 November, Lane Cove

Proposal is to hold a gig in Lane Cove Plaza, with support of Lane Cove Council. Performers by invitation only. Outreach activity. Email suggestions to Christina. Suggested time : 10 – 1. (Committee choir – “Quorum”).

5.2 Eastside Arts ...

Christina outlined management changes at Paddington Uniting Church/Eastside Arts, which are likely to adversely affect the future of the music venue. The Committee expressed outrage at the way in which this matter has been handled and confirmed their support for Carol & Christina. Further action to be determined once a firm decision has been communicated to Carol & Christina regarding the future of Eastside Arts and its staff.

6. Next Meeting / Future Meetings

10th October – 46 Heighway Ave, Croydon

14th November – 33 Pine St, Cammeray

12th December, Randwick

January – NO MEETING

17th February – Katoomba (venue t.b.a.)

Thanks to Dallas & Jim for their hospitality.

Action	Person Responsible	When
Distribute August FF Minutes to Committee	PD	asap
Include credit card payment details in Cornstalk	Wayne	By next issue
Discuss telephone cc transactions with Bruce	Christina	Report to next meeting
Write CD reviews for Cornstalk & submit via Christina	Spooky Men (Pam); Tony Eardley (Mike Davis); Wheelers & Dealers (Julius); Wheeze & Suck Band (Jim Baxter); Mothers of Intention (Sandra?); M Camembert (Christina); Waiting for Guinness (Peter)	asap
Submit photo + brief bio to Christina for inclusion in Cornstalk	All Committee	asap
Review membership survey & forward comments to Pam	All Committee	By end September
Ring & distribute survey to approx 6 members	Pam	By next meeting
Continue attempts to contact Mechanics Institute re Library	Christina	By next meeting
Email suggestions for artists for 3 Nov event to Christina	All committee	asap