

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FOLK FEDERATION OF NSW INC
HELD IN THE GAELIC CLUB, 1/64 DEVONSHIRE STREET,
SURRY HILLS, 13TH JULY 2012**

1. Attendance

Present : Nikki & Patrick Kelso, Jim & Dallas Baxter, Sandra Nixon, Bruce Cameron, Anthony Woolcott (President), Wayne Richmond, Pam Davis

Apologies : Christina Mimmocchi, Margaret Walters, Terry Clinton, Mary-Jane Field

President Anthony Walker welcomed Nikki & Patrick Kelso to their first meeting. Nikki & Patrick's membership was approved.

2. Minutes of the AGM held 23 July 2011 - Approved

3. Reports

a) President's Report

Anthony gave a verbal report, noting some of the year's highlights, including :

- The Folk Fed is in a sound financial position at year end
- Attaining Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status, which enables donations to the Folk Fed to be tax deductible
- Support given to several member activities, including the Northern Beaches Music Festival, Sing Dubbo, Chris Wheeler's Henry Lawson CD and auspicing a recent *Unaccompanied Baggage* concert.
- Growth of the MoFo (Modern Folkie) concerts, with an enthusiastic team of 5 now running the gigs.

b) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bruce Cameron tabled the audited financial report, which shows a net operating surplus for the year of \$2152 and net assets of \$8,429, an increase of over \$2000 on the previous year.

c) Membership Report

Membership Secretary Wayne Richmond tabled his report, which showed a total membership of 230, being a decrease of 11 members on the previous year. Wayne advised that he was prepared to continue to undertake the administrative activities associated with Membership, but was unable to undertake membership promotion, which is required if the Folk Federation is to attract new members and thus remain viable in the longer term.

All reports were accepted.

4. Elections

a) Election of Committee

The following were elected unopposed :

President – Anthony Woolcott
Vice-President – Dallas Baxter

Treasurer – Bruce Cameron
Secretary – Pam Davis
Committee – Jim Baxter, Terry Clinton, Patrick Kelso, Sandra Nixon,
Margaret Walters.

The following ex-officio appointments were confirmed :

Membership secretary – Wayne Richmond
Folkmail – Julie Bishop
Cornstalk editor – Coral Vorbach
Wrap team – Jim & Dallas Baxter

It was noted that Julie Bishop had indicated her wish to resign from the production of Folkmail. It was agreed that a successor be sought via Cornstalk & other media.

b) Appointment of bank signatories

It was agreed that the President, Treasurer and Secretary continue to be the bank signatories.

c) Appointment of auditor

David Weekes & Co were confirmed as auditors for 2012/13

5. Folk Federation Award

The following nominations were received :

- “Trains of Treasure” Railway Folklore Project
- Mark Gregory
- Brian Dunnett
- Tom Bridges
- Miguel Heatwole
- Rob Willis
- Dave de Santi

A subcommittee consisting of Dallas and Pam would review the nominations against the established criteria & make a recommendation to a future Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.00pm.