

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FOLK FEDERATION OF NSW INC  
HELD IN THE GAELIC CLUB, 1/64 DEVONSHIRE STREET,  
SURRY HILLS.**

**6.30pm, FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2013**

**MINUTES**

**1. Attendance, Apologies**

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

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

Guest : Clifford Atkinson

**2. Minutes of the AGM held 13 July 2012 - approved**

**3. Reports**

a) President's Report

Anthony presented his report, in which he particularly noted the work of the dedicated volunteers who keep the Folk Fed running – Wayne Richmond (website & membership), Julie Bishop (Folkmail), Coral Vorbach (Cornstalk Gazette) and Dallas & Jim (wrap team) – as well as the Committee members (Bruce, Dallas, Jim, Margaret, Pam, Patrick, Sandra & Terry) who have supported him during his Presidency.

Anthony congratulated the MoFo – Modern Folkie team on their achievements during the year, with the invaluable support of the Gaelic Club. He also noted the Lifetime Achievement award presented to Dave DeSanti and the Highly Commended Award to Mark Gregory & Brian Dunnett for the Trains of Treasure project.

Finally, Anthony expressed feelings of pleasure and privilege at having led the Folk Federation over the past several years.

The President's report was accepted by acclamation.

In the discussion which followed, Anthony advised that no further progress had been made on the development of the website. It was agreed that this matter would be progressed by the new Committee.

b) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bruce Cameron tabled the audited financial report, which shows a net operating surplus for the year of \$819 and net assets of \$9,245. It was noted that we are holding a significant number of Songs of Henry Lawson books, which Christine Wheeler is gradually selling. Committee to consider mechanisms for distributing the remaining books.

It was agreed that the Kempster CD would no longer be advertised via Cornstalk.

c) Membership Report

Membership Secretary Wayne Richmond tabled his report, which showed a total membership of 214, being a decrease of 16 members on the previous year. Wayne again noted the need to address declining member numbers.

It was agreed that the EFT payment option be promoted via Cornstalk.

All reports were accepted.

#### **4. Elections** – Wayne Richmond took the Chair for the election of the Committee.

The following were elected unopposed :

President – Pam Davis

Treasurer – Bruce Cameron

Vice-President – Anthony Woolcott

Secretary – Dallas Baxter

Committee – Jim Baxter, 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

Appointment of bank signatories – the following were approved as bank signatories : Dallas Baxter, Bruce Cameron, Pam Davis, Anthony Woolcott.

Appointment of auditor - David Weekes & Co were confirmed as auditors for 2013/14

#### **5. Folk Federation Award**

Brian Freeman nominated Barry Parkes (Hornsby Folk Club) for the Folk Federation Award for 2014. No other formal nominations were received. It was noted that it had been agreed to carry forward the unsuccessful nominations for the 2013 Award (Tom Bridges, Miguel Heatwole, Rob Willis) for consideration for the 2014 Award. It was agreed to refer this matter to the next Committee meeting for further consideration.

#### **6. General Business**

- Wayne presented his proposal regarding the preparation of articles for Cornstalk and/or JAM, using Committee members as Facilitators. Committee members undertook to facilitate monthly articles, as follows :
  - Dallas – Folk Clubs
  - Anthony – Festivals
  - Bruce – Artist Profiles
  - Pam – Choirs
  
- Clifford Atkinson advised that, as an organizer of folk concerts & the PACT folk club in the 70s, he had been approached by the Opera House to stage a folk concert for the Opera House's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, featuring artists from that period. He was seeking the assistance of the Folk Fed in that regard & undertook to provide Anthony with a written proposal, which would be circulated to the Committee for further consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

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