

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Folk Federation NSW

Thursday 11 June 2015 at 22 Grafton St., Balmain.

1. Attendance; Pam Davis, Bruce Cameron, Dallas n& Jim Baxter, Sandra Nixon, Andy Busuttill, Christine Wheeler via skype.

Apologies; Anthony Woolcott, Margaret Walters, Terry Clinton.

2. Minutes of previous meeting 18 February 2015 read and accepted.

3. Matters arising from the minutes; The demise of the SA Federation was discussed, and Chris questioned the reason for their closing . Pam had talked to Vic & Tas at the National reception but they are both dance oriented and do not share the same concerns as NSW. QLD is centred around Woodford, not folk clubs. Andy put forward the question are we a community and what age group is most relevant to the Fed, and Pam asked what is our relevance, and this was discussed at length.

Chris suggested our presence needs to be updated especially our website, and a survey of folk people is needed to ascertain their support for and purpose of the Fed. An e-mail survey of other Federations was decided; Chris to contact the states; Jim for o/seas U&K and USA; Pam to do NZ. Bruce to speak to one of the lecturers at Charles Sturt University about the possibility of using the Folk Fed as a case study in one of his units.

4. Financial report; Account balances; Operation A/c \$5,510.99

Term deposit 1 \$7,278.87

Term deposit 2 \$5,000.00

Folk Fed Fund \$355.14

2014/5 financial records are with auditor. No income from Cornstalk advertising for 12 months. Inventory of stock on hand at 30 April. The Term deposit 1 has been reinvested for 6 months @ 2.55% but \$1,000 transferred to operating A/c. Financial report endorsed by committee.

5. MoFo report. Advised not currently active.

6. AGM date and concert; Sunday 16 August subject to availability of Friend in Hand pub or Gaelic Club, Pam to check. Theme for concert is Ronnie Gilbert and the Weavers.

7. Workshop; the proposed workshop for young performers was discussed. Andy suggested bringing in multicultural and indigenous performers. Pam has spoken to Maurie Mulheron re use of Teachers Fed premises, and how to approach potential participants.

8. May Day weekend with Morris group; as Margaret absent this was adjourned but supported.

9. National Folk Festival 50th; Andy proposed a bonus CD compilation looking back on Folk Fed members to be sold at National, Chris, Bruce and Andy to liaise. National is chasing donations which was discussed but not actioned.

10. St Albans Festival rescue plan; Anthony absent from meeting, deferred.

11. Communications/Social media; refer to item 3.

12. Folk Fed Award; deferred.

13. General business; New cards not necessary yet as supply found.

14. Next meeting; Sunday 26 July at 33 Pine St., Cammeray at 5.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.