

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
FOLK FEDERATION OF NSW INC
HELD AT ILLAWARRA FOLK FESTIVAL
12 noon, Saturday 16 January 2010**

1. Attendance : Anthony Woolcott (Chairman), Dallas Baxter, Terry Clinton, Pam Davis (Minute Secretary), Sandra Nixon, Coral Vorbach, Marg Walters

Apologies : Jim Baxter, Bruce Cameron

2. Minutes of the meeting held 17th November 2009 - Approved

3. Financial Report

The following Motion was moved by Pam Davis, seconded by Margaret Walters and approved unanimously : *"That Anthony Woolcott, Pam Davis and Bruce Cameron are authorised to operate the Folk Federation accounts on a 'one-to-sign' basis and that all transactions are to be ratified by the committee as soon as practicable."*

4. Matters arising / Action Items

- 4.1 40th Anniversary Concert (Illawarra) – final plans for the Concert on the following day were confirmed.
- 4.2 Life Membership – Pam advised that Life Membership can only be granted if approved at a general meeting of members. The Committee reviewed the list of those whose life membership had been proposed, noting that all but one are currently serving members of the Committee or hold other active roles within the Federation. It was agreed that the list of proposed life members be reviewed with a view to including this matter on the agenda for the next AGM. Pam undertook to circulate the list of proposed life members to the Committee.
- 4.3 National Folk Festival
 - 4.3.1 Concert – plans in progress (report to next Committee meeting)
 - 4.3.2 Planning Meeting – agreed that planning for a Folk Festival at Cockatoo Island would give the Folk Fed an exciting new direction and that therefore the proposed Planning Meeting was no longer required.
- 4.4 Declan Affley Youth Encouragement Award (DAYEA)
 - Marg Walters advised that the amount raised at the pre-Christmas concert was \$1168 of which (according to the revenue split agreed prior to the concert) \$989 would go to the DAYEA and \$179 to the Folk Federation. Additionally, the Folk Federation is holding approximately \$830 in trust for the DAYEA, being proceeds of a concert held a few years ago. It was agreed that the Folk Federation round up the amount to be paid to the DAYEA to \$2000, subject to the availability of funds.
 - Pam to advise Coral of the name of the winners of the tickets to the Cobargo Festival; also follow-up Ironfest for tickets
 - Colleen Burke is organizing a concert to coincide with the 25th Anniversary of Declan's death (June), at which the Folk Fed's support would be publicly acknowledged.
- 4.5 Songs of Henry Lawson

- Pam to report to the next meeting on the status of the contract with Gary Allen, at which time the Committee would decide whether to renew the contract.
- Henry Lawson concert to be held at the Stockman's Camp during the National
- Chris Wheeler will hold a singing workshop during the National on the songs of Henry Lawson
- Pam will contact the organizer of the Henry Lawson birthday event at the Lawson Cave (Willoughby).

4.6 Cornstalk

- Pam confessed that she has not written to the (former) printer to thank them for their assistance over the past several years. Coral undertook to contact the printer on our behalf.

5. Other Matters / General Business

5.1 Singing Session at the Gaelic Club – Marg Walters advised that a trial run of the proposed singing session will be held on Friday 5 February from 8pm, following Politics in the Pub. Negotiations are underway with the Gaelic Club to hold a regular session.

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th February at Pam's place (33 Pine Street, Cammeray).
Dinner from 6pm; Meeting @ 7pm.