

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Folk Federation of NSW

Wednesday 18 February, 2015 at 33 Pine Street, Cammeray.

1. Attendance; Pam Davis, Margaret Walters, Dallas & Jim Baxter, Terry Clinton, Anthony Woolcott, Bruce Cameron, Sandra Nixon, Christina Mimmocchi (Visitor). Apologies; Andy Busuttil. Chris Wheeler.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held 7 October 2014 read and accepted.

3. Matters arising from the minutes (not dealt with elsewhere). No further contact from Norm Merrigan re Folk Industry award. Christmas Party judged a great success with \$200 deposited in our account from door takings after paying sound man \$100 and purchases of food. Bruce to forward \$100 to Gaelic Club as contribution to venue hire as fee was waived.

4. Financial report. Operating a/c \$10,594

Term deposit \$7,000

Fund \$355

Bruce to transfer \$5000 from Operating A/c to Term deposit. Accepted. Pam to write article re Fund for Cornstalk.

5. MoFo. Core group have moved on but plenty of musicians wishing to perform. Pam to investigate a conference/working session convened by Andy, in June. Application to be made to FAA for \$5000 grant, however we agree to go ahead regardless. No venue settled however Teachers Federation are usually supportive through Maurie Mulheron. Suggested to involve the Dock Hotel shanty singers. Purpose is to locate younger folk musicians and followers and see what would encourage them to join/support the Folk Fed.

6. Website etc. Suggested a communication group of Pam, Chris Maltby, Terry, Julie, Coral & others to work on a communications strategy for the Folk Fed, to include our Facebook page and possibly other social media. Wayne's expertise to be requested.

7. Cornstalk; Bi-Monthly starts April. Wayne is doing March as Coral has Cobargo Festival on.

8. National; Christina presented a report of the main 2 1/2 hour concert. She has had some 17 responses to perform and is putting together a running order. Danny Watson to be approached to MC (as early president). Anthony has MoFo concert in hand with 4 acts.

Pam to confirm meeting with other State Federations at National. Pam & Anthony to attend Thursday opening reception on our behalf and liaise with other delegates. Dallas to approach other states federations by email.

9. General business; Ex committee member Carrl Myriad died 5 Feb. (ex Ragged Band) Margaret to do obituary for Cornstalk.

A concert for 1915/2015 centenary (Don't mention the War) to be organised later in this year, in conjunction with the AGM.

Rob Willis and Maurie to be involved. Also centenary of Ewan MaColl, can be incorporated in above. Suggestions invited.

\$10 E-Membership special to be offered at St.Alban's Festival to encourage newcomers. Pam to develop "value proposition" (ie benefits of membership, such as 10% discount to members at Blue Mtns Sound)

10. Next meeting; TBA