

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING, FOLK FEDERATION OF NSW INC HELD AT 33 PINE STREET, CAMMERAY TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2010

1. Attendance, Apologies

Present : Anthony Woolcott, Bruce Cameron, Terry Clinton, Christine Wheeler, Jim & Dallas Baxter, Kate Delaney, Marg Walters, Pam Davis.

Apologies : Sandra Nixon, Peter Miller-Robinson

Mary-Jane Field's resignation from the Committee was accepted with regret.

2. Minutes of the meeting held 16 January 2010

Chris Wheeler noted that her apologies for the last meeting had not been recorded. With that amendment, the Minutes were approved.

3. Financial Report

Treasurer Bruce advised that the current operating surplus is approximately \$1.5k, which does not include the money which we are holding in trust for the Declan Affley Award. He noted that the new printer costs around ½ of the previous one.

A list of expenses was tabled. Moved Bruce, seconded Anthony and agreed unanimously that the Financial Report be approved and payments as listed be authorized.

It was also agreed that the price of the State of Play CD would be reduced to \$15 (\$10 for members). Chris undertook to advise Cec, Wayne & Coral.

Bruce advised that he will lodge an application for the FF to become a Deductible Gift Recipient, which will enable donations to attract a tax deduction. It was also suggested that information about bequests should be included on Jam and/or in Cornstalk.

4. Matters arising / Action Items

4.1 Life Membership (Report to be tabled – collation of email responses)

Dallas, Kate & Pam agreed to form a subcommittee to define the criteria for life membership & to develop a list of proposed life members for presentation to the next meeting. It was noted that a key issue is to determine whether a nominee's contribution has been to the Folk Federation or to folk music generally (or to the development of the individual's career). Kate suggested that a life member should be able to meet several criteria eg run a folk club, contributed to free concerts to promote the Folk Fed, been a member for a defined period. It was suggested that members should not be eligible for life membership while they are serving on the committee.

4.2 National Folk Festival

Anthony advised the Committee of arrangements for the 40th Anniversary Concert, 8pm Friday at the Flute & Fiddle; Bernard Boland to be MC (hopefully). Everyone on stage to be asked to acknowledge the role of the FF in promoting folk music for the last 40 years.

Other FF activities :

Henry Lawson Concert at the Stockman's Camp, 5.30pm Sunday.

Henry Lawson Workshops (Marg, Chris, Mary-Jane) 9.30am Saturday & Sunday.

Anthony advised that all Committee members were invited to attend a VIP event on Saturday; details to be advised. 4 complementary tickets have been received; to be shared among those Committee members who have not received performers' tickets.

4.3 Declan Affley Youth Award

Marg to contact Colleen Burke for clarification of the amount and method of payment of the Award. Kate to write article for Cornstalk.

4.4 Songs of Henry Lawson

Need access to an address list in order to promote HL book to school librarians. Terry to investigate.

Agreed to give notice of termination to Gary Allen & take over distribution ourselves.

4.5 Cornstalk

New printing arrangements working well. Anthony is waiting on information from Coral before writing to the previous printer.

Chris noted that while ideas for a series of articles on various topics emerge from time to time, we need a volunteer who can follow up these ideas & produce articles as required. Chris to followup avenues for obtaining a suitable volunteer.

5. Other matters / general business

5.1 Lapsed members

Wayne produced a list of lapsed members. Committee members to call people who are known to them.

5.2 Radio program

It was noted that all presenters should be reminded to promote FF. It was suggested that new promos be recorded (? At National?). Bruce to follow-up.

5.3 Folk in Broke

Pam to obtain information about Folk in Broke to promote via Cornstalk etc.

5.4 Facebook

Chris Maltby has started a FF Group on Facebook which is linked to JAM. – linked to JAM etc. Need to add info to keep it current.

5.5 Cockatoo Island

Terry, Chris, Anthony & Pam visited Cockatoo Island & were impressed by its potential as a site for a Festival. Anthony has spoken to Warren Fahey who has developed some ideas for a Festival around Sydney Harbour and has received expressions of interest from several organizations including the State Government and the Foreshore Authority. Warren would like to hand his ideas to a group such as FF who would be interested in running such an event. Anthony, Chris, Pam & Christina Mimmocchi to meet with Warren Fahey on 10 March & report back to next meeting.

6. Next Meeting – to be held approx 2 weeks post-Festival (?Tuesday 20 April?)