

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FOLK FEDERATION OF NSW
@ MARY-JANE FIELD'S HOME, 46 HEIGHWAY AVE., ASHFIELD**

6th September 2006

1. Attendance

Present : Chris Wheeler (President), Wayne Richmond, Sandra Nixon, Pam Davis, Rosemary ?, Francis Liu, Jennifer Lees, Dallas & Jim Baxter, Kate Delaney.
Apologies : Pam Merrigan, Bruce Cameron, Carol Hirt, Christina Mimmocchi

2. Welcome

Chris Wheeler welcomed new Committee members to their first meeting.

3. Meeting Dates for 2006/07

Thursday 5th October 2006 (teleconference)
Thursday 16th November 2006
Thursday 14th December 2006 (teleconference) (tbc)
Thursday 8th February 2007
Thursday 12th April 2007
Thursday 14th June 2007
Sunday 24th June 2007 - AGM

Agreed to meet face-to-face every second month & via teleconference on alternate months (Rosemary to organize) (via Skype?).

4. Portfolios for 2006/07

Chris outlined her concept for assigning portfolios to Committee members, so that individuals assume ownership of key areas of FF development.

Admin & monthly work :

1. **Membership** – Wayne
2. **Cornstalk Editing** – Coral
3. **Cornstalk Wrap** – Julie, Jim & Dallas
4. **Treasurer** – Bruce
5. **Secretary** – Pam
6. **Folkmail** - Julie

Portfolio development :

1. **Concerts** – Carol, Christina, Chris, Margaret
2. **Radio** - Bruce
3. **Magazine** – Mary-Jane
4. **Website** – Wayne, Rosemary
5. **Folk clubs** – Sandra, Kathleen, Trevor, Chris
6. **Outreach** – Pam, Jennifer, Kate, Dallas
 - a. Social Event – Pam M, Kate, Mary-Jane

7. **Lobbying and networking** – (Rosemary & Francis – 2007?). Add to agenda for discussion/brainstorming in November.

Discussion on membership/outreach :

- What is the advantage of membership?
- Do we need to rely on individual membership? Alternatives = sponsorship
- Need to give a feeling of belonging to a vibrant organization.
- Want to value add for the appreciation of folk music
- Need to find out what people want from the organization
- Build membership of clubs, performers

Radio

- Need to move away from Focus on Folk as the only radio program of the FF – ideally, all folk radio should be identified as a FF program.
- Need to move to another station (Kate to address this issue)
- Bruce has a proposal re segments to offer to radio stations; podcasts
- Francis suggests having segments available via the website

Cornstalk (Chris)

- Folk Alliance made an offer to FF to combine newsletters, resources etc
- Trad & Now is now bi-monthly, sub price dropped substantially
- Post AGM, Chris emailed publisher re possibility of combining print resources
- Note that 80% of articles are from people in NSW (who are not offering articles to Cornstalk).
- Issues of Trad & Now would be offered to members for \$1.50 (we pay for mailing). We could reduce Cornstalk publication to 5 or 6 per year, or could look at not producing Cornstalk any more and combining with Trad & Now.
- Publisher of T&N wants to produce our contact list; would like to produce a gig guide.
- Given cost of Cornstalk & struggle to fill the issue with meaningful materials.
- Cttee to think about ramifications, talk to others, survey members?
- Comment – sub to T&N is \$15pa. If Cornstalk is amalgamated with T&N, why would people pay \$25 to belong to FF?
- If we went that route, would need to ensure that there would always be provision for local info.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.