

**FOLK FEDERATION OF NSW
COMMITTEE MEETING, 2 OCTOBER 2008
7pm, 22 Grafton Street Balmain**

MINUTES

Present : Anthony Woolcott (Chairman), James Baxter, Dallas Baxter, Bruce Cameron, Terry Clinton, Wayne Richmond, Pam Davis.

Apologies : Kate Delaney, Mary-Jane Field, Peter Miller-Robinson, Sandra Nixon,

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1. Minutes of the previous meeting (held 28 August 2008)

A summary was distributed in lieu of Minutes and was accepted.

2. Financial Report

The Treasurer advised that the current balance is \$3900. It was noted that there is potential to advertising revenue for Cornstalk; suggestions included analyzing the advertising content of like publications (eg Trad & Now).

Approval was given for the purchase of 5,000 envelopes (approx 1½ years' supply).

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes / Action Items**

- a. **Henry Lawson project (Wayne, Dallas)**

- I. **Meeting of Henry Lawson Subcommittee (Wayne)**

Minutes of the Subcommittee meeting were tabled. Issues discussed included :

- Price to be raised to \$49
- Members' price to remain as at present
- Subcommittee exploring other distributorship possibilities. No contracts to be entered into without referral to the Committee
- Anthony to determine whether contract with Gary Allen covers distribution to schools

- II. **Proposed press release (Terry)**

- Draft press release was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting
- Wheelers & Dealers have agreed to make themselves available for interviews & performances as required
- Ted Egan suggested as possible interview subject; however it was noted that he is not close to this project & would need to be well briefed. Interviewers are more likely to be interested in asking him questions about his own career, rather than focusing on the Lawson project.
- Suggestions for distribution of press release – Australia All Over, Music Show, Spectrum, Teachers' Federation, Music Teachers' Association.
- Suggested contacting Warren Fahey for ideas (Terry to followup)
- Anthony to contact Music Teachers' Association

On behalf of the Committee, Anthony thanked the Subcommittee for their extensive work on the project.

b. Review of Constitution (Bruce, Pam)

Bruce outlined the work he has done to date on reviewing the Objects & Rules. His proposal is that the (Associations Incorporation Act) Model Rules be adopted with a few minor modifications to reflect our requirements, such as the inclusion of family memberships.

c. Train Project (Anthony)

Held over for discussion at the next meeting.

d. Membership / Costing (Anthony)

It was noted that membership fees currently cover the cost of producing Cornstalk. If a significant proportion of members agrees to take Cornstalk in electronic format, it may eventually be feasible to reduce the print run (possibly utilizing alternative means of reproduction).

Dallas has been investigating eligibility for bulk mail rates; however, it requires significant additional time to prepare the letters for post, while attracting only a modest cost savings. It was therefore agreed that bulk mail not be adopted at this time. Dallas will speak to the editor of Mulga Wire to obtain information on how they handle their mailing to attract discounted mail rates..

e. General Business

- Lachlan & Elizabeth Macquarie Bicentenary Committee 2010 – suggested that FF become involved in planning for events centred around the Macquarie Towns bicentenary, possibly via the Towns Folk Club. Bruce to follow up.
- Wayne advised that several folk clubs & festivals are starting their own websites. He suggested that FF could become an IT resource for folk organizations by providing templates for setting up online ticket sales, credit card payments etc. Wayne to develop concept & email to Anthony prior to submitting it to the Committee. Committee members to send Wayne links to interesting sites with these facilities.
- Peter is looking for performers & volunteers for Lane Cove gig on 18/9.
- All committee to note that Coral is seeking articles for Cornstalk.

f. Next Meeting

Meetings to be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month (to be confirmed after consultation with absent Committee members).

The schedule would thus be :

13 November; 11 December; (no January meeting); 12 February, 12 March, 2 April (brought forward 1 week to avoid Easter), 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August