

AGM MINUTES

Date and Time	22 nd November 2016 at 7.00pm		
Location	Coul House Hotel, Contin, Ross-shire, IV14 9ES		
Purpose	Annual General Meeting		
Present	Staff:	Fiona Dalgetty, Rachael Duff,	
	Board:	Harriet Dempster (Chair), Colin Sandilands, Calum MacAulay, Mark Sheridan, Conal McDonagh, Malina MacDonald-Dawson, Colin Delmonte	
	Organisations:	Siobhan Anderson (CS), Helen Lavery (HIE), Karen Oakley (FnG)	
	Accountant:	Coll Murchison-MacDonald (Saffery Champness)	
	Public:	Tor Justad, Kate MacDonald, George Baillie	
Apologies	Shannon Cowie, Lisa Buchanan, Catriona Ramsay, Stacey Toner, Morag-Anna Macleod-Mitchell, Calum-Alex MacMillan, Arthur Cormack		

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

Action			
Ref. Number	Action	Responsibility	Time line

No action points to summarise.

Agenda Item

2016.01 Preliminaries

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted. The minutes of the previous AGM on 10th November 2015 were agreed as a correct record. The minute was moved by Colin Sandilands and seconded by Colin Delmonte.

There were no outstanding matters arising from the previous minutes.

2016.02

(a) Chair's Report

The Chair highlighted another year of tremendous growth and achievement for Fèis Rois with some 9,345 people taking part in activities and 19,267 attending performances.

She commented on the success of the Fèis Rois 30th anniversary concert at Celtic Connections and the 25th anniversary of the Kiltearn Fiddlers.

On behalf of the Board the Chair congratulated Alpha Munro on being awarded a MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

She highlighted Rachael Duff's able stewardship of the education programme and commended her for the successful launch of the new "Fun Folk" app bringing folk music to children and young people using digital media.

The Chair also commented on the wide reaching impact of the Fèis Rois Ceilidh Trail which was held up as an example of excellence at the Creative Scotland RFO day held in Glasgow.

On behalf of the Board the Chair expressed sympathies on the sad loss of Maggie MacDonald and Caroline Hewat.

She welcomed Conal McDonagh, Shannon Cowie, Malina MacDonald-Dawson and Lisa Buchanan to the Board.

She offered her thanks to the staff for all their work during the year.

Siobhan Anderson from Creative Scotland echoed that it has been a very successful year in lots of ways.

Fiona Dalgetty thanked Colin Sandilands, Marion Mackay and Rachael Duff for their help with the office move.

(b) Annual Accounts

The Annual Accounts were presented by Coll Murchison-MacDonald of Saffery Champness. The accounts were approved by the Directors.

In his report Coll advised:

- that Fèis Rois had appropriate reserves at the end of the financial year with just short of 3 months funding held in reserve.
- An unqualified clean audit report will be issued as all systems in place are appropriate.
- The accounts give a true and fair view of accounts at end of March 2016.
- There are a small number of recommendations in the Audit Report for consideration.
- There is to be a period of transition with UK accounting from today by SORP and FRISY. There will be a new accounting standard FRS102 brought in in the UK next year.

Coll commented that he found Marion Mackay and Fiona Dalgetty very easy to deal with and co-operative.

The Chair offered her thanks to Marion Mackay for producing comprehensive finance reports throughout the year.

2016.03 Rotation and Appointment of Directors

The following advised they were happy to continue with their appointments:

Chair – Harriet Dempster

Vice Chair – Mark Sheridan

Secretary – Colin Sandilands

Conal McDonagh

Shannon Cowie

Malina MacDonald-Dawson

Lisa Buchanan

Calum MacAulay's appointment to the Board was approved.

2016.04 Notified AOCB

Presentations were made to George Baillie for his continued support of the organisation and to Colin Delmonte on his retiral from the Board.

A screening took place of the 30x30 film where 30 people each talk about what Fèis Rois has meant to them over the past 30 years. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GP4mamLHP4>