

BOARD MINUTES

Date and Time	Wed 17th May 2017
Location	Fèis Rois Office, Dingwall
Purpose	Quarterly Meeting
Present	Harriet Dempster (Chair), Fiona Dalgetty (CEO) Shannon Cowie, Colin Sandilands, Mark Sheridan, Alison Lewis, Malina MacDonald-Dawson
Apologies	Conal McDonagh

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

Action Ref. Number	Action	Responsibility	Time line
Item 1	Prioritise Fèis Rois policies and contact Board Members to update individually.	Harriet Dempster, Alison Lewis.	ASAP
Item 2	Prospective Board Members to be approached.	Harriet Dempster	ASAP
Item 3	Apply for HIE funding to produce a new Fèis Rois record label.	Alison Lewis	ASAP
Item 4	Invite alumni of musicians to make a small monthly donation of £5 to Fèis Rois.	Fiona Dalgetty	May 31 st
Item 5	Produce calendar from Fèis Rois t-shirt	Alison Lewis	Oct 1st

Agenda Item

2017.01.01 Preliminaries and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Mark Sheridan and seconded by Shannon Cowie. No declarations of other interests were made.

2017.01.02 Reports and Updates

(a) Financial Report

Fiona Dalgetty advised the Board that we would most likely hear in Dec 2017 whether Fèis Rois was successful in retaining RFO funding status with Creative Scotland. Stage 1 of the application is complete. The first quarter of this year's RFO funding (£220,000) has already been received.

There has been no reduction in service delivery funding from the Highland Council with 50% (£15,167) expected into the accounts by the end of May 2017 as they will be invoiced.

HIE have invited Fèis Rois to apply for funding for a new record label.

Over £10,000 of merchandise was sold last year with instrument hire fees at over £2,750, both of which can shore up other work. Core costs were a bit lower than anticipated for staffing and slightly more for overheads so the budget for this financial year has been re-profiled to allow for that.

Fiona explained that there was no specific budget for Music Box but we took advantage of it as the opportunity came along. The Premier League Football clubs asked Fèis Rois to partner and Fiona charged a management fee.

Both the 2015 and 2016 Junior Fèis are in last year's accounts as they both fell in the one financial year.

The only project with a small deficit was the weekly adult programme therefore the mixed melody class is being wound down. Following a survey, participants for Bob's Wed night session are being asked to block book and pay £5 per session to cover the cost of tutors and to keep the class sustainable.

Fiona led a discussion regarding asking a special alumni of musicians to make a small monthly donation to Fèis Rois. The amount of £5 per month was agreed.

(b) Staff Reports

Fiona informed the group that she and Alison, the Acting Chief Executive, are doing three cross-over days.

Fiona intimated that both the Junior and Adult Fèisean went well, with the programme for next year's Adult Fèis already in place.

A discussion was had regarding increasing tutor's fees to the Musician's Union recommended rates. An increase in Junior Fèis attendance fees was also agreed, with information on the reasons for the increase to be included in the FAQ's on the website. This already gives the costs of what the cost covers.

Lochcarron classes are ending after several years of very low numbers and new Gairloch classes are beginning after significant interest.

Mark suggested that the other Fèis Rois t-shirt entries be acknowledged in a calendar and be produced for sale by October 2017.

2017.04.03 Press & Publicity

Mark described his trip to Los Angeles and brought along an article from the XpoNorth Supplement of the Times newspaper describing his time there.

2017.04.04 AOCB

Harriet thanked Fiona for her hard work and welcomed Alison to the role of Acting Chief Executive.

2017.04.05 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wed Aug 30th at Colin Sandilands Office from 5-7pm.