

AGM MINUTES

Date and Time	21 st November 2018 at 7.00pm	
Location	Tulloch Castle Hotel, Dingwall, Ross-shire	
Purpose	Annual General Meeting	
Present	Staff:	Fiona Dalgetty (Chief Executive) Marion Mackay (Office Manager), Julia McGhee (Classes Co-ordinator)
	Board:	Mark Sheridan (Chair), Malina MacDonald-Dawson, Shona Henderson, Ruairidh Gollan, Duncan Chisholm
	Organisations:	Siobhan Anderson (CS), Morag MacDonald (CS), Arthur Cormack (FnG),
	Accountant:	Coll Murchison-MacDonald (Saffery Champness)
	Members of Public:	Andrena Ballantyne
	Apologies	Fiona Callum, Norman MacArthur, Shannon Cowie, Stewart Wardlaw (HIE).

Agenda Item

2018.01 Preliminaries

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted. The minutes of the previous AGM on 22nd November 2017 were agreed as a correct record. The minute was moved by Malina MacDonald-Dawson and seconded by Mark Sheridan.

There were no outstanding matters arising from the previous minutes.

2018.02

(a) Chair's Report

The Chair commended Fiona and the Fèis Rois team, its musicians, artists and volunteers for their hard work across this year.

The organisation continues to offer opportunities to people of all ages to engage with the traditional arts. The Chair highlighted the organisation's growing national impact, whilst maintaining its grassroots importance in Ross-shire. Fèis Rois have provided 425 artists with paid employment in 2017/18 and, across all our programmes, nearly 9,000 people took part in learning and outreach sessions. International students from Romania and Ukraine participated in Fèisean. The organisation is enriching people's lives, building community and empowering people.

The Chair highlighted the numbers of people benefiting from music-making classes each week in communities across Ross-shire and thanked Catriona Ramsay for her hard work in developing this important strand of work. The Chair wished Catriona well for her future studies and welcomed Julia McGhee, the new Community Classes Co-ordinator.

The Ceilidh Trail continues to be important in the professional development of artists. Thank you to Christian Gamauf for his contribution to this project.

The Chair thanked Rachael Duff, Education Manager, for her work nationally, on the education website, and with Fèisean nan Gàidheal. Thanks also to Arthur Cormack for coming to the AGM and for Fèisean nan Gàidheal's continued collaboration and support.

Stacey Toner's exceptional work with young people through the development of the Highland Youth Arts Hub was recognised by the Chair.

The Kin and the Community Project has been an exceptional piece of good practice which is to be extended into 2018/19 with national and international strands.

Lauren MacColl's album, The Brahan Seer, was launched in September 2017 and was very well-received at two sold-out Blàs Festival performances.

The Chair thanked Alison Lewis, Acting Chief Executive, for her excellent stewardship and for the development of the new website, whilst Fiona Dalgetty was on maternity leave.

In recognition of her work in supporting the organisation to work efficiently, the Chair thanked Marion Mackay, Office Manager.

The organisation is grateful to have the support of Creative Scotland, Highland Council, HIE and Fèisean nan Gàidheal. We will continue to deliver our services with due diligence.

(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:

- Highlighted the reserves policy. At the end of the financial year we have more than the 3 months required by the policy;
- Noted that there were no significant findings or findings of note in the audit report;
- Explained that the audit report is substantially complete and will be signed when the Directors approve the accounts;
- Noted that the level of materiality was set at £6000.

Coll thanked Fiona and Marion for their co-operation and for being easy to work with. The Chair thanked Coll.

2018.03 Rotation and Appointment of Directors

The following appointments and continued appointments were agreed:

Chair – Mark Sheridan

Vice Chair – Malina MacDonald-Dawson

Secretary/Treasurer – Fiona Callum

Director - Shannon Cowie

Director - Norman MacArthur

Director – Shona Henderson

Director – Ruairidh Gollan

Director – Duncan Chisholm – elected as a new Director

The Chair highlighted the gender balance and skill set in this Board, noting also the three Gaelic speakers and two young people.

2018.04 Notified AOCB: There were no further matters raised.