

Minutes for Arco Iris Committee Meeting - 24th March 2014

Host: Hester

Present: Hannah Jones, Hester Carter, Nicholas Bailey, Adam Jenkins, Asnat Doza, Tom Bennett, Celine Giry, Stuart Bell, Josefina Gil Moya, Peter Gyring

Apologies: None

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Minutes from the February meeting were approved

Actions to be completed by committee members

(actions agreed prior to meeting bulleted, notes from meeting in blue)

Chair (Asnat):

- Asnat to communicate positive communication to the band including asking for input into usability of the website. *This is ready to send*
- Celine wants to run a make-up and t-shirt customisation work shop. *Celine and Asnat to agree a date with the Bathhouse.*
- Contact the organisers of Lodestar festival and find out if we will be playing this year
- Talk to the council about our options for busking locations to raise money for Capella foundation.

Treasurer (Tom):

- At present we owe rent for sixth months at the bath house and the costs for Bremen. Given the state of finances it was decided to offer free transport of costumes for Bremen, with charges applying for carrying luggage. *Money from Queen Edith's gig is in, and money from Bremen. Bathhouse rent has been paid.*
- Chasing the bank for changes to signatures. *Done*

Webmaster (Josefina)

- New members section for the band on the website with for example instructional videos ongoing action for Stu/Josefina. *17 responses to band member survey, website updates to follow (this will be a long-term project)*
- Josefina has found that we are delaying urgent emails from the committee and gig managers, Hester to be added as a second checking person for the mail moderation to replace Adam. *Hester will be given moderator role, to dep for Josefina when she is not available gig managers need to send a text to either Hester or Josefina if they*

have an urgent band email.

- Recently people booking gigs have cited our youtube videos as something that has interested them. Josefina to ensure we have more up to date videos to promote us. ***This will be an ongoing project***

Instruments Officer (Adam Jenkins):

- We voted to renew the high Surdu and Adam will try get a price to replace the mid of the same make. We will investigate selling the old ones. ***Got a price in Euros (c. 240 - around £200) for a new mid/low (can be tuned either way). Plan is to replace the heads on a broken mid to give us an extra mid and replace one of the highs, taking our surdo stock to lows, mids and highs. We need to look into new surdo beaters, whippy hep sticks and caixa sticks.***
- Borrowed drums need to be returned in time for band practice at 7:30 sharp. Adam to check the sign out procedure and circulate it to the band list. ***Adam to send an email to the band to remind them of the need to return borrowed drums in time for practice.***
- Copy the “scope of band activities” from the code of conduct to the front page of the policies and make sure any references to the scope of band activities are changed appropriately. ***Ongoing***

New action: Add named persons to each policy

New action: Make enquiries about Barefoot festival

Costumes Officer (Celine Giry):

- Celine wants to run a make-up and t-shirt customisation work shop. ***Celine and Asnat to agree a date with the Bathhouse.***

Events Officers (Hester):

New action: get contact details of Bandanobra Sambacinco from Asnat, to contact regarding a possible visit to the netherlands

New action: make enquiries about Glade and Wilderness festivals

New action: consider our options for dates for busking locations to raise money for Capella foundation.

Instruments Officer (Stu):

New action: investigate potential venues (with step free access and suitable toilets).

Recent Events / Gigs:

- Bremen - w/e of 21st February *Thanks to the Bremen Gig organisers for a fantastic time this year. Next year is Bremen's 30th Anniversary, and we'd love to take part. However, we have been told that we cannot rely on our involvement being subsidised.*
- Brazilian Society *Good gig - enjoyed by all. We made almost no money from it, but it was very fun.*
- Stu's 8th March Workshop *Everyone loved this. Thanks to Stu for organising.*
- Hughes Hall pre-party party gig *This was a good gig, but we had to leave very quickly at the end because the porters wanted to lock up.*

Upcoming Events / Gigs:

- Strawberry Fair (40th Anniversary) - 7th of June *Ruby wedding masquerade theme (organisers have asked for paraders to wear red if possible). They will be using the "old" parade route (not the cycling route) and would like arco to play the parade.*
- 25th May - Strawberry Sundae - Portland Arms *Live music and barbecue party - stuff happening day and night until 2am. The plan will be for us to lead a parade through town and then play a static set.*
- Drogheda 28th to 30th June *We have started to organise this. Charlie is the gig manager.*
- Fund Raising for Lusaka 19th of April
- Surprise party 30th March La Raza
- Picnic weekend in Linton 21st June
- Liverpool Carnival: 11-19 July
- Big Weekend in Sandy 22nd June *Asnat would like to organise a busk to raise money for Capella foundation. Asnat will talk to the council about our options for busking locations. Hester will consider our options for dates.*
- Wells-next-the-Sea *We need to look into booking the campsite for this, and finding out whether they want us to play this year.*
- Lodestar *Asnat will contact the organiser of Lodestar to find out whether we can play that festival this year.*
- Glade/barefoot/wilderness festivals *These need to be looked into too - action on Adam to find out about Barefoot, Hester will find out about the other two.*
- Berlin Festival *We have been invited by Drum Kitchen to play at this festival. As we may not be able to attend Drogheda this year, we may consider doing this instead if it is subsidised.*

Agenda Items

1. Reviewing vulnerable adults policy (Peter);

Policy is agreed fit for purpose.

2. Putting down named persons for each policy (Peter);

Adam will do this (new action).

3. Getting in touch with Bandanobra sambasinco Re a possible visit to the netherlands (Asnat);

Hester will get contact details from Asnat and find out more about this opportunity.

4. Is it time for a leaders meeting?

Asnat has been receiving feedback for leaders. In future this will be passed to Stu, who is in regular contact with our leaders and can pass the feedback on.

5. Replacing some Surdo Beaters (Adam);

See above (Adam's actions)

6. New Surdo's update (Adam);

See above (Adam's Actions)

7. Summer festival progress update (Hester/Asnat);

See above (Upcoming gigs section and Hester and Adam's actions)

8. Drogheda 2014 update (Asnat);

Coca-Cola are no longer sponsoring the festival, and so it seems as though we will not be subsidised to attend (neither money nor accommodation provided). If we are not subsidised, it seems like it wouldn't be worth the cost to attend. We'll look into this further before coming to a final decision.

9. Step-free venue access;

At the recent workshop, the room we used did not have step-free access or disabled toilets. This was a problem for a wheelchair-using member of the band. We will make ease of access a more significant consideration when planning gigs and events where band members with accessibility requirements will be present, and will weigh these against other considerations. If there will be no step-free access at an event, we will try to make members aware in advance if this may affect them. Action on Stu to investigate potential venues (with step free access and suitable toilets).

10. Review of josefina's website survey/updates

[See above](#)

A.O.B.

- None.

Meeting concluded at: 22:00