

## Minutes of Arco Iris Committee Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Host: Kate

Present: Hester, Duncan, Martin, Chris, Jon, Katie, Axel, Bertha, Celine, Kate  
Apologies: Hannah

1) ROMP - Minutes of October meeting ratified by email.

### 2) Matters Arising from AGM: New membership fees and changes to weekly subs as agreed at AGM as follows

1. Pay for 2 hours even if you only stay for 1 hour
2. Subs up to £3.00
3. Membership up to £10

Hester suggested email to be sent saying that new rates will apply from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2016  
All 3 changes were agreed by vote at the AGM. **Action Hester**

At the AGM several people made some interesting suggestions in their speeches to the AGM when applying for posts. It was suggested that we should we make notes of points made by nominees to posts at AGM to be discussed at a later date. Jon to provide notes from his speech. Simon to be asked for notes of his speech. **Action Jon?**

### 3) Allocation of responsibilities:

**signatories for the bank account:** Katie (as Treasurer), Charlie, Hester and Chris (**Action Katie:** check that Aznat is still happy to do this)

**key holders:** Charlie, Duncan, Chris and Martin, Celine (to take over from Asnat)

**point of contact for the Bath House:** Duncan (**Action:Duncan** obtain details from Aznat)

**policies 'people':** Policies: Health and Safety – Hannah and Celine, Vulnerable adults – Chris happy to continue, Child Protection -Hannah happy to remain in charge, Code of Conduct – Hester happy to remain

### 4) Recent Events / Gigs:

❓ Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Addenbrookes Fireworks

*Better for being a longer parade (Chris). Always a lovely gig, we get well paid. Definitely do again!*

❓ 14<sup>th</sup> November Mill Road lights

*No audience, lights minimal, poorly organized. Would do it again as it is a local community gig but check organisation and venue. Would prefer Ditchburn Place again, not a car park. Make sure there is publicity for it.*

❓ Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Mill Road Winter Fair

*Excellent gig. Only problem:Stewards did not know that we were parading to the end of Mill Rd. Might be good to have a break between the static set and the parade. The parade worked well as a way of signalling the end of the Fair. Celine said we sounded great and the audience loved it.*

### 5) Upcoming Events

❓ 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Bremen

*We have been given 200 Euros by the organizers. This year our only cost is van and van hire and drivers' accommodation. People attending could make a £5.00 (members), £10.00 (non-members) contribution to these costs. Committee*

agreed to ask for these contributions. **Action: Hester** to email band re contribution and Ahu.

- ☐ Costumes: first gig – arco outfits with rainbow accessories, uniform black trousers.
  - Sunday parade – costume on theme of Noah's Ark, People to be paired as animals. Could use onesies (also useful for warmth). People to contact Celine if they need a partner. **Action:Celine** to send email
  - Accommodation: Gym in old people's home. Air beds needed.
  - Pre-Bremen workshops? **Chris and Hester:**will look into the possibility of doing a workshop pre Bremen.
- ☐ 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Norwich Samba Rio Extravaganza – **Action events team-** check with band to assess numbers as this is the weekend after Bremen.
- ☐ 18<sup>th</sup> June Melbourn Village Fete
- ☐ 17<sup>th</sup> July Race for Life
- ☐ 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July Barefoot
- ☐ Discussion about finding new gigs eg Folk Festival, but to avoid clashing with established gigs. Berlin samba festival, Coburg festival were suggested though there are problems with getting drums abroad. **Action: Jon** to contact Ahu re Secret Garden party. Axel asked when we have to apply for new gigs. **Action:Jon and Duncan** to liaise about this.

## 6) Christmas Party

Donations for guests discussed.– Agreed that a voluntary donation requested.

**Action: Axel** to write email to band asap

Cakes can be taken, but no other food.

Tech sorted, apart from table for mixing desks. Because of lack of space and tables – it was suggested that we use mp3s or work with the furniture in the room. Hester suggested that people bring play lists. **Action: Axel** to see what will work in the space

Help needed with transport of equipment. Jon can transport equipment back at end of party. Bertha happy to transport equipment to the pub.

Small prizes to be bought for competition prizes (**Action: Axel**)

## 7) Spending Money on Instruments and instrument repairs.

Martin listed items needed for repairs, and will buy what is needed

s. **Action: Instruments Officers.**

Jon suggested adding new instruments **Action: Martin and Chris** to discuss

New dividers needed to separate drums in boxes. **Action: Martin to ask Hannah** to make some new ones.

## 8) Publicity: attracting more members and more leaders. Membership benefits?

### Publicity

Open web page for public has been very successful. Jon suggested adding meta-tags to the page.

Leaflets have been handed out at gigs

Fina suggested making A4 posters for venues eg University (music dept) local cafes etc. **Action:Chris** to design and make.

Duncan suggested contacting Cambridge Evening News before events.

Busking a good way publicize the band.

### **Getting more leaders**

Chris – leader workshops have not been very successful but a few people have started leading as a result. Hester suggested putting leader info on facebook page. People felt games have been successful.

### **Extra benefits for members**

Eg Preferential tarrifs for gigs. Free ear-plugs. (**Action:Martin** to research and buy some more ear plugs). Discounted membership for people going to some gigs?

### **9) Music and instrument videos**

Chris has started making these again on some instruments.

Celine mentioned that some people do not feel comfortable being video-ed during practice, and questioned the legality of recording people during practice. Celine recommended that we stop recording until the legal status has been clarified. Hester suggested doing audio recordings. **Action: Celine** to clarify legal status of videos.

Duncan suggested making recordings for publicity purposes – possibly using recording facilities

### **10) AOB: Workshops?**

**Workshops: Action: Chris and Martin** will think about running workshops before Wednesday practices early next year – not every week.

**Bodily Hygiene in the Bathhouse** People have found this a problem during practice. Hester has received a complaint. Celine also felt that the band could look smarter at gigs. **Action:Celine and Hester** to word an email for the band. Straps and accessories are washed regularly but need to be washed again soon – **Action: Celine**

**Subs Rota needed. Action: Katie** to set up a rota for the committee. Katie to purchase a safe box to keep float. Arco code: 2726

**Getting new leaders: Chris to send** out email asking people if they want to lead at practise

**Packing up the Bath-house** – ask leader for volunteers at the end of each session to speed up the process of tidying-up.

**Musical collaboration with a choir? Action: Jon** to find out more for next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at: 10:40**

**Date of next meeting?** Mid-Jan – will send out doodle poll. **Action: Kate**