

Agenda for Arco Iris Committee Meeting 20 July 2015

Host: Asnat

Present: Asnat, Fina, Matt, Hester, Celine, Chris, Charlie, Ahu (via skype)
Apologies: Mark, Hannah

1) ROMP - Minutes have been ratified for June

2) Actions completed by committee members

Events (Ahu and Mark):

- See past and future gig section

Secretary (Hester):

Musical Co-ordinator (MC) tasks (Matt):

- New Wednesday sessions *See point 7 below.*

Treasurer (Charlie):

- Scrapbook update *Adam still has it!*

Chair (Asnat):

- Email response to emails to committee re: introduction of new pieces / communication between leaders *Asnat has spoken to both emailers explaining our discussed answers from last month's meeting. Some of the points may be followed up in discussions with leaders at a later date.*

Instruments Officer (Chris / Hannah):

- Hannah to send email to band reminding people of the policy on borrowing instruments (and bringing them back!) *Matt has sent an email out reminding people of the policy regarding this*
- Buy new kneepads *Old ones have been thrown away and the good old ones have been changed to a new box. We will wait on buying new kneepads at the moment as there isn't an immediate need for them*
- Look into surdo stands again, for static gigs
- Chris / Celine to start looking into getting rid of some of the old boxes in the storage room as they are mostly empty!

Costumes Officer (Celine):

- Organise summer picnic *To create a facebook event. Soon!*

Webmaster (Josefina):

- Organise 2016 calendar photo shoot *See point 9 below.*

General Members:

3) Recent Events / Gigs:

- Addendum to Beyond the Icehouse – we got £100 for this gig, but it was organised by a band member and was also a fundraiser, so we are not planning on keeping the money – the money will be returned to the band member, possibly for donation to Camfed. Charlie to email.
- Sun 21st June – Rosie & Addenbrookes Fundraiser *(managed by Edna and Fina). A nice gig to do, but sets were very short. Good feedback, and they have already asked us to play again next year.*
- Fri 3rd July - Asnat's 50th – *(Steve managed). Very much enjoyed by all, so thank you Asnat!*
- Sat 4th July - Newmarket Carnival – **cancelled** (due to lack of leaders / players). *Should chase up next year if we can do, as would be a nice one normally and we cancelled very late.*

- 18-19 July – Liverpool Brasilica Carnival. (Managed by *Laura G*). *Awesome, very tiring but still a big favourite, though more crowd control would be good in places – maybe we get in touch with Laura seeing if she wants to email the organisers mentioning this, as a steward helping control the crowds would be appreciated. People were in the way and stole a shaker at one point, which had to be retrieved. But generally there is much love for this event. MASSIVE thanks to Laura and Colin who were wonderful organising and transporting in turn. Cost-wise, the weekend only cost the band £150, after the fees from the Carnival and the money towards bus fees from the band.*

4) Upcoming Events

- 24-26 July – Barefoot Festival. (*Asnat managing*). *Currently 26 sign-ups – Chris and Jon leading. Fire-show performance moved to Friday, so there will be a small band only as some people can only get there Saturday morning. No official gigs at the moment after Friday, but after 1pm on both days then Arco can play when/wherever. Workshop proposed, but can't do anything official due to under-18 policy – will do something unofficial perhaps and let accompanied kids play with the drums if required. Drivers need to transport two additional passengers and/or drums to get paid for mileage – which will be approximately £30 per car. Being paid £200.*
- 8-9th August – Wells Carnival. (*Chris and Hester managing*). *Send Charlie email address to send invoice. Will pay £25 per car. Being organised.*
- Sat 15th August – Arco summer picnic. *Celine to send out email / facebook invite*
- 4-6th September – Lodestar (*Simon to manage with help from Asnat*). *Doug has been contacted with regards performance times – we have currently been offered 2 performance slots, on Friday afternoon and Sunday morning. Friday won't work as we can't get a band there in time – should try and get a Friday evening or Saturday slot to replace it. Need to try and get approximate set times to play, and limit the number of times we play a day, as last time people got tired of us as we played too often, which isn't good for the band's image, and playing at short notice was frustrating as there was often only 5 minutes notice to round up players.. Free tickets for the band and 50% discount for family and friends have been offered for this gig, but it was pointed out that we need to make sure that we are going to this gig for the right reasons, i.e. we're playing at times and in places that we're appreciated, and that we're not going just for the free tickets and festival. Last year we got bad publicity as a consequence of the high frequency of sets in strange places and we want to avoid this if possible this year, so getting the right playing times and not just being a last minute "filler" is important.*

Ahu is to email the organisers to ask about re-arranging the Friday slot, making sure we are asked to play between 4 and 6 pre-arranged times at most, and confirming whether or not we will get a stage slot again this year.

5) Moderation of Committee List emails *Committee emails are going to continue to be moderated so we can filter spam (thanks Fina!). On a separate note, it was pointed out that the person emailing the committee shouldn't be included in the committee email exchanges discussing the point raised - but that one person (normally the chair) should reply to them when we've come to a decision.*

6) Recommending Other Bands for Gigs we Turn Down *This works both ways, as we're not currently being recommended gigs by other bands when they can't do them! Could possibly pass across non-recurring gigs, but don't want to pass gigs across to specific named bands as we a) don't want to limit our recommendations to "rival" samba bands(!) which could lead to b) our missing out on future gigs.*

7) Wednesday (pre-practice) Workshops *These are going to take place from 6:30 to 7:30 before practice in the Bathhouse on Wednesdays. The plan is to do a couple of weeks of leaders' workshops, and then possibly mix in technique workshops too, depending on how things are going. It is understood that training new leaders is the priority, but we don't just want to limit these rehearsal times to being just for this purpose.*

Matt is going to start the early sessions on Wednesday, and get in touch with others (leaders / band members) to help with these too.

8) October Events *Several October gigs (Oxjam / Halloween party) not happening as such this year (we're busking for Oxjam in September). Ahu to look into a venue for a possible Halloween party and also for the Christmas event too, as this was left 'til quite late last year.*

9) Arco Calendar *Asnat to organise. This is to be silly, but not naked as such, so people who don't want to strip off aren't put off from taking part! Photo shoot is booked provisionally for Sunday 30th August. Asnat will email the band to get the date in the diary and will start organising – we have the bathhouse booked for three hours.*

10) Email responses to band / committee members individually should not be sent to the everyone, but to individuals – i.e. don't reply all!

11) Secret Garden Party emailed back and are considering us for next year (yay!)

Meeting adjourned at: 22:10