

Minutes for Arco Iris Committee Meeting 01 October 2015

Host: Charlie

Present: Chris, Celine, Hannah, Hester, Asnat, Josefina, Charlie

Apologies: Matt, Ahu, Mark

1) ROMP - Minutes have been ratified for August

2) Actions completed by committee members

Events (Ahu and Mark):

- See past and future gig section

Secretary (Hester):

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

- Continuing Wednesday sessions

Treasurer (Charlie):

Chair (Asnat):

Instruments Officer (Chris / Hannah):

Costumes Officer (Celine):

Webmaster (Josefina):

- Scrapbook update Fina is meeting Adam this Sunday to get the paper copy of the old scrapbook, and the anniversary scrap book (in its current digital form)

General Members:

All: Update committee role sheets (where / if required)

3) Recent Events / Gigs:

- 4-6th September – Lodestar (*Simon*) It was good, though because we played so infrequently it meant that people were less together as a band, which was possibly in part because less people therefore camped overnight. Parading at night was difficult in the dark and on rough ground, though some people enjoyed it. Good feedback from the crowd this year. We would definitely like to play again if possible!
- 12 September - Relay for Life – (*Chris*) – **CANCELLED**. We only had 8 players for this one this year. Possibly we should try not to book two gigs in a weekend, but it's stressful trying to make a last minute decision regarding whether or not to go ahead. As per point 14 below, we need to make the decision about whether to cancel the gig or not at the end of the Wednesday practise, to avoid telling whoever we're playing for last minute, and avoiding unnecessary stress for the gig manager.
- 13 September – Bridge the Gap – (*Mark B*). This was good as always, though we weren't asked to play the gig until quite late – it is assumed we will play this one, so we need to make sure it's in the calendar and we get in touch with them early.
- 19 September – Great Dunmow Carnival – (*Mark B*). There were problems getting drums to this due to the M11 closing, which meant the drums didn't arrive til after the start of the parade. Thanks to the heroics of our drivers, Ian and Duncan, we managed to find the drums mid parade and join the back of the parade. This raised the problem that there should possibly be a passenger so that someone can answer phones in this situation. There was a difficult situation where we ended up parading through the carnival when we arrived, which was planned, but as we arrived late we ended up playing over other acts – though traffic permitting this could be avoided another year. The parade was quite long.
- 26 September – Oxjam Busk – (*Hester*) A nice busk. They were very appreciative, though we need to teach them how to collect money!
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4) **Upcoming Events**

- 24 October – Busking in Cambridge
- 31 October – Halloween Party – *see below point - cancelled*
- 07 November – Addenbrookes Fireworks (*Josefina*)
- 05 December – Mill Road Winter Fair

5) **AGM**

Date: We are going to hold the next AGM on the 11th November. Hester to send an email out soon with job descriptions etc. and get people involved. In recent years the secretary has started chairing the meeting, and it will be difficult to do this and take minutes. Hannah is going to help Hester with one or the other! (thanks...)

Recruiting new committee: We need to speak to people in the band and start recruiting people and get people to consider standing. Email out will say who is doing what currently so that people can speak to current committee members and understand what's involved. People are to update the member descriptions.

Treasurer's report: (Including clarification of Wednesday fees). We had a surplus of £522.98 this year, but we didn't go to Drogheda, which is usually an expense to the band, and we spent not much on drums or costumes this year. Income from both gigs and Wednesday subs are down this year, and rent for the Bath House is increased, this year by £0.5 an hour, and we're now paying for storage space on top of this. We still have a float in the bank account. We don't currently feel that there's a need to increase subs, but we may need to review this next year. The website currently states that mileage is paid to drivers for gigs outside Cambridge at the rate of £0.45 per mile. However we have not done this for the past two years; instead the committee has decided on a mileage payment for these gigs on a case by case basis. Therefore we will change the statement on the website to reflect this. Membership fees have been the same for the last 19-odd years, so we propose to increase this to £10/£5. This will be raised for approval at the AGM. It may be worth also discussing whether to continue to allow a 'half time half price' fee for Wednesdays.

8) Wednesday Early Workshops These have been going well, but we need to make sure that people are still going and make sure that it's managed by multiple people. We need to make sure that normal practise starts at 7:30 sharp, though, so that people aren't left waiting outside. The extra hour booking has expired, and is going to be stopped for the winter. When we restart doing these (currently proposed in the new year) we need to book them further in advance so people can decide in advance if they want to attend, and possibly pick a piece to break down each week for people to learn properly.

9) Uncle Ernie We need to make sure we don't take too long on Wednesdays, as we want to keep playing a number of pieces and not dedicate a lot of time every week to one piece. We are worried about playing the piece at Mill Road if there are loads of people who haven't been for ages who won't know the piece. We may try and organise a busk so we can play the piece in public before the Winter Fair. It was raised that we could possibly play the piece at the Addenbrookes gig, but it must be ready if this is done, as it is a big paid gig for us.

10) Halloween Party The 31st is the rugby world cup final, so we're not going to be able to book anywhere for this. Cancelled for this year.

11) Christmas Party The upstairs room at the Hop and Grain Store is available on the 19th for £50. Alternatives are a school hall, which Hannah and Charlie are going to look into, but we need to try and book this soon.

12) Calendar Sale This is going to be advance order. Asnat is going to email round a link to the pictures again so that people can say which photos they don't want to

be included in the calendar, so that the final decisions as regards what is included can be made.

13) Spending Money on Instruments Hannah is going to buy new shakers and rep sticks and bells, as well as whatever skins are needed for repairs. Chris has done a stick inventory and is going to update the stock spreadsheet, and has emailed the band – sticks are being colour coded with tape to try and stop nice sticks being destroyed on the wrong drums.

14) Gig management Following the issues this month, we are going to decide whether we can do gigs or not on the Wednesday before a gig, rather than cancelling last minute which can be very stressful for the gig manager as well as not giving much notice to whoever has asked us to play.

10) AOB:

- We need to recruit more members! Possibly we need to target people at ARU, student teachers etc. as a lot of people are coming into Cambridge and we need more members! We can also promote ourselves by busking, one date in October possibly.
- The lightbulbs in the cupboard have blown, these need replacing! We need to look on Wednesday to see what bulbs are needed
- We need to complete the set of instructional videos for instruments – Chris and Josefina are planning on meeting to do some more of these in the next month.
- If there isn't an instant candidate for a committee role then we need to move on and then go back to it later. Events will be moved up the order so it can be decided earlier, and we need to promote it as a team role.

Meeting adjourned at: 22:00