

Minutes for Arco Committee 30/08/16

Present: Hester, Duncan, Kate, Axel, Celine, Chris, Hannah.
Apologies: Katie, Martin, Berta

1. ROMP

Minutes of last meeting approved

2. Matters Arising

T-shirts have not been counted and new ones have not been ordered. Celine to organise a T-shirt workshop. (Action: Celine)

Poster not progressed. Chris to email design to committee (Action: Chris).

New caixa skins have been bought, but don't fit our drums and the new surdo skins rip very easily. (Action Hannah to look for skins from a different supplier).

High surdo needed. Stock check needed (Chris, Hester, Hannah volunteered for this). Duncan to check when Bathhouse is free (Saturday).

Old surdos not advertised for sale yet.

Recent Events

Liverpool – brilliant. Well organised. Thanks to Colin for transport. Additional stage gig at the end of the parade which was fun, but it was very short notice! The crowd gave money to the band on Sunday while they were playing (query over where the money went. Action Katie?).

EACH colour run – a good gig, for a good cause.

Secret Garden Party – brilliantly organisation from Fina and Duncan. SGP organisers tried altering timings, but in the end it worked fine. Wake up calls were really well received. We got very good feed back from organisers who have asked us to do next year. Next year we will ask to be in the artist's camping area. The crew camp site where the band were put this year was very noisy.

Barefoot enjoyed by all those who went. There was a problem with transport and the band had to pay £170.04 + drivers towards a van, though all together we only lost £120 on the gig. Arco drums were used for a non-Arco workshop. In future it was agreed that Arco should not offer workshops as drums can get damaged and we do not have insurance or the necessary child protection.

Wells – greatly enjoyed by all those who went. Hester booked the campsite for next year while she was there as they are hard to get hold of by phone.

Potton - parade was good. The atmosphere was great, and the band got free drinks.

4)Upcoming Events.

Lodestar – has been cancelled. Email to be sent out to suggest a last minute picnic on Saturday 3rd September (Action: Axel).

Bridge the Gap – have not asked us, so Duncan to email leaders to see if anyone is available to lead the EACH colour run in Bury St Edmunds on Sunday 11th of September.

17th September - Relay For Life (Nell to manage)

24th September – Murray Edwards alumni party. Laura to organise.

November 5th Addenbrookes Fireworks gig clashes with the town Fireworks (this gig has now been cancelled).

Mill Rd Winter Fair – 3rd December.

5) Charlie has asked if we can do a busk for a school in Brazil. We can try and get some publicity with the Cambridge Evening News.

Chris to contact Lolos to get a gig.

6) David Mackay memorial money. £200 given to us, to be spent on a new highs. Drums to be decorated in a theme that is relevant to David Mackay's work (eg rainbow hot air balloons – 'without the hot air'. Duncan will photograph and send to his widow. Action Chris and Hannah to buy, Celine to paint.

7) Lodestar replacement. Ask Martin to look into festival in Nijmegen in the Netherlands on the same weekend. Action Hester to email Martin.

8) There are still problems with the band emails. Google groups put emails into spam even if they are sent by people in the group. Axel considering trying mailchimp.

9) Website update. Axel has been concentrating on an interface that allows us to update people for subs list and members list. He has also been changing server to speed up the process. Pictures still need to be updated, and should be group photos, not individuals. A selection of publicity photos need to be available on the public area of the website, but photos of the band at recent gigs etc (via a link to Flickr) should only be available in the passport protected area of the site. Hester asked if the site could be made more user-friendly. Axel to investigate. Chris to email leaders to make sure music scores are up to date.

10) Early workshops

To start in mid September, every Wednesday for different instruments, starting at 6:30. From 14th September to 12 October. Duncan to check with Malcolm about availability of the Bath House. Chris to organise workshop leaders and email band.

AOB

Chris to email leaders to inform of new breaks and pieces and to encourage them to come to practices especially prior to gigs that they are going to lead. Also to remind leaders to help newish members who are not sure of patterns – especially during a gig.

Chris to email band to links to the website to encourage people to read the scores and listen to the demos so that they can learn the pieces.

Recent problems with gig organisation were discussed. It was suggested that it might be an idea to have an Events Organiser and an Assistant particularly to help gig managers to manage gigs.

Hannah and Chris to check skin stock and to make a list of what is broken.

Day of the Dead gig not happening this year.

Fresher's week. Arco to leaflet freshers to encourage new members. ARU last week in September.

University, first week in October. Chris to find volunteers to help raise awareness of Arco.

Charlie brought a copy of a Mill Rd newsletter to Hester. It has information about music on Mill Rd, but Arco not mentioned. Hannah to contact editor.

Date for AGM: 19th October to be announced to the band (Action: Hester)

Meeting adjourned: 22:10