Registered Charity N No: SC029502
Company No: 343670

BOARD MEETING

Minutes of GFW Board Meeting Tuesday 08 October 2024
Meeting held at 6pm using Zoom Meeting App

Item	Minute	Action
1	**Present** K Lane (Chair); H Merriman (Vice Chair); R Melrose (Treasurer); K Muirhead; MT Allison; R Warrilow; J Retson; N McPhee; and G Connelly. **In Attendance** F Allison (Senior Tutor). K Lane welcomed all to the meeting and thanked H Merriman for chairing last month's meeting. **Apologies** Apologies were received from E Malloy and J Smith (Senior Tutor),	
2	**Minutes of the Meeting held on 03 September 2024** Members approved the minutes from the meeting held on 03 September 2024.	
3	**Matters Arising from the Meeting Held on 03 September 2024** • **Item 4iv – GFW Merchandise (Hoodies)** H Merriman provided an update and advised that sample hoodies were expected imminently. H Merriman informed members that MT Allison had provided a design for t-shirts and she had liaised with Bar One Clothing in relation to a possible order. Discussion followed in relation to the file type for the GFW logo. H Merriman and K Muirhead agreed to discuss this further offline. • **Item 4v – Events Checklist** R Melrose requested this item be carried forward to the next meeting.	**HM/KM** **RM/DHD**
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	I. Senior Tutors Report F Allison provided members with an update confirming that there were no issues with classes and a noticeable improvement in the delivery of junior classes, being led by Celine and Katherine. F Allison reported that Whatsapp groups had been set up with tutors for the easy sharing of information etc and these were working well. He reported that the pre-warmup sessions were being well attended and there had been better attendance at breaks, which was contributing to the community feeling of GFW. F Allison continued to report that the Scottish Folk Day event went extremely well in terms of format, involvement of attendees. He highlighted that it was a successful event, however, GFW did not make money from the event which would need to be considered for any future events. He proposed a similar event being run in December with money from ticket sales being taken in advance. K Lane commented on how successful the Clydebuilt event was. F Allison responded positively, informing members that he was currently in conversation with organisers over payment. F Allison confirmed that the event was successful in terms of recruitment, with R Melrose adding that an additional beginner's fiddle class will be required in term 2. Discussion took place in relation to participating in the Lenzie Fair. Members agreed that GFW would not participate this year.	
	ii. Finance Update R Melrose shared the Finance report on screen and drew members attention to the current years tracking line (black). He reported that finances were following a similar trend as to previous years, however, the bank balance dropped in September due to high expenses, mostly attributed to the Clydebuilt Ceilidh and Scottish Folk Day events. He advised members that consideration was needed in covering expenses/ expected profit prior to future events being run. He continued to report that the balance should increase with the incoming membership fees from enrolments in term 2.	
	iii. **Events** Members discussed a Central Station Event and agreed that this would not be before the October break holiday. R Warrilow agreed to liaise with F Allison on potential dates and take forward with Central Station contact accordingly.	**RW/FA**

5	**AOCB** Tutor Rates F Allison informed members that the current rate advised by the Musicians Union was £42 per hour and highlighted the disparity between the GFW rates. Members briefly discussed a potential increase and agreed that this be added as an agenda item at the November meeting for further discussion. It was noted that an increase in tutor rates of payment would inevitably require an increase to membership fees to cover costs. Enquiry from C Howison – Strathclyde University. H Merriman informed members of the enquiry received from Strathclyde University for potential sessions. F Allison advised that he had responded to the email with the requirements and had yet to hear back.	**DHD**
6	**Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 05 November 2024	

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