

Minutes MFS Committee Meeting

Date: 12 November 2020 **Time:** 6:00 pm

Location: Polish Club Turner, and oom (Note: all Committee members who attended did so in person, so Zoom was not used).

Email distribution to committee

Present

David Ball, Ian Bull, Rebecca Tarrant; Peter Stringfellow, Rodney Peters, Colin Towns

Apologies

Antonella Salpietro, Linda Aunela, John Hewat

Meeting opened 6:08 pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Confirmation of the 20 October Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes.

Moved Rod Peters, seconded Peter Stringfellow. Carried.

3. Matters Arising Previous Minutes

Signage list completed by Peter Stringfellow.

Template for COVID-19 plan to be completed by Peter and placed on the website with COVID-19 signage.

No more budgets presented following email to organisers. Another mailout is required. Secretary to follow up.

Rebecca will update website as required, and has been undertaking on-line learning.

Dancing in the Park will update website information as program announced

New Rules of Association to be published following formatting changes.

4. Confirmation of the record of out of session decisions

Nil

5. Treasurer's Report

There is a minor problem with the accuracy of the spreadsheet used to compile the treasurer's report. Rod is in the process of sorting out a solution.

Report for October 2020 to be distributed once corrected.

Discussion of invoicing for halls. The Committee considered that it would be preferable to have a single consistent process for invoicing for all MFS sub-groups that use the same venue.

Contra club musicians meeting with each attendee paying \$6. Still proceeding at small loss over costs as agreed.

The Committee has no definitive advice regarding the status of the NYE dance

The approximate balance of the Society's business account is \$9,400.

6. Correspondence

Barbara and Lance Court correspondence regarding dancing. See 8.1 below.

7. President's Report

Covered below

8. New Business

8.1 Barbara and Lance Court correspondence

Immediate resumption activities discussed (see item 8.2 below). Broader longer term activities discussed (see item 8.3 below). Suggestions from Barbara and Lance for how to improve and develop the society's dance activities forwarded to the Bush Dance Group for further consideration.

8.2 Restoring activities and new opportunities post COVID-19

Dancing in the Park. ACT Government has allowed the resumption of Stage 88 DITP. The rate \$40 for two hours will continue to apply. To commence 7 December 2020.

The Bush Dance Group is reviewing DITP content to set bush dancing at (at least) 50% of content.

Sanitiser to be available at DITP. Masks to be optional.

Colin summarised resumption activities of other groups in Australia and overseas. For example, the London Barn dance club, and Toronto Contra Dance. Colin to circulate to the committee.

Paul and Christine to send out a resumption survey to Irish Set Dancing group.

Ian asked about Merry Muse. Merry Muse resumption plans are unclear at this stage.

TNMG continues Tuesday Night.

8.3 Longer term activities

Bruce Taplin has been contacted and will meet up with Peter Stringfellow regarding U3A resumption. Peter will also follow up Bruce Taplin and Christine Briton report and ask that it be completed. Colin discussed this also in the context of the Barbara and Lance Court correspondence.

Committee needs to encourage groups to engage in more deliberate planning and coordination with others. Encourage groups to develop core dance repertoire. Callers are a key in recognising that they are also part of a wider strategy.

9. Next Meeting

Awaiting confirmation from Polish Club as to whether we can use it for future Committee meetings. Meetings may need to be via Zoom in the interim. David to follow up North Canberra Baptist Church as a possible alternative.

Meeting Closed 7:23 pm

Meetings for 2020-2021

10 December 2020

14 January 2021

11 February 2021

11 March 2021

8 April 2021,

13 May 2021

10 June 2021

8 July 2021

12 August 2021

9 September 2021