

**MINUTES OF THE IVFDF REPS MEETING
DINING ROOM, TEVIOT BUILDING, EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY
SUNDAY 3 MARCH - 11.00 am.**

Meeting Chaired by Sandy Small

IVFDF Committee representatives attending:-

IVFDF 96	Sandy Small Alisa Richardson Ian Brockbank
IVFDF 95	Richard Mason Julie Spiller (Secretary to Reps Meeting)
IVFDF 97	Gina Millard Jonathan Coxhead

Members attending:-

Society	Name
Cambridge Round	Anthony Beera Rachel Few
Cambridge University Strathspey & Reel	Graham Veitch Katherine Addison
Exeter University Folk Dance Society	Jennifer Hill Jamie Curly
Knighton Morris	Rhona Kingett Pete Humble
Leeds Scottish	Laura Stansfield Alan Smith
Manchester	Rhodri Davies Carolyn Davies
Medlock Morris	Elmo Eldridge
New Scotland (Edinburgh)	Ian Brockbank Sandy Small
Newcastle University Scottish	Peter Cross Ginette Reynolds
Nottingham Folk Dance Society	Ann-Marie Say
Oxford Old Members	Ann Parker Mandy Moss
Red Stags Morris	Andy Anderson
Sheffield Ceilidh Society	Robert Say Rachel Dowrick

Others attending:-

Brian Kingett	Information Point
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Derek Conway	Cambridge University Strathspey & Reel
James Williams	
Helen Reynolds	Sheffield Ceilidh Society
Ian Thompson	
Graham Moss	
Matthew Moss	

Appologies

Yare Valley Morris (UEA) - being towed back to Norwich after van had been broken into.

1. Report from IVFDF 95 - Richard Mason, Exeter.

Richard apologised for the late distribution of information from IVFDF 95. This was mainly due to most of the committee going straight into finals.

Money has still not been forthcoming from one of the sponsors but this is being chased.

IVFDF 95 made about £500 more than can be directly accounted for. This was probably due to the chaos when people were buying tickets on the door on Saturday night.

Attendance was as follows:-

Budget	450
Actual	811

The number of weekend tickets sold was very close to the number budgeted for. The profit made by the festival came almost entirely from the sale of day and evening tickets (some locals paid for Friday night tickets and Saturday tickets which came to more money than a weekend ticket).

Total Profit from IVFDF 95 £1,348.36

2. Report from IVFDF 96 - Sandy Small, Edinburgh

The committee had to contend with various problems just before Christmas including a confirmed lack of sponsorship.

In the end the only sponsorship was from the University Enterprise Trust who donated £350. Due to the lack of sponsorship the committee held a fund-raising dance. This was a lot of fun, good publicity and even made some money!

The major problem with the festival this year was the sleeping arrangements. On 1 January the University relinquished on the understood agreement that

4. Report from Cambridge on IVFDF 97

Cambridge was nominated to host IVFDF 97 by James Williams. The nomination was seconded by Rhodri Davies and was passed unanimously.

Cambridge hope that they have already encountered all of their accommodation problems. They have already started booking halls in and around Cambridge but currently have no halls to sleep people in.

5. Nominations and Voting for IVFDF 98

Ann Marie Say proposed Sheffield. This was seconded by Rhona Davies. Sheffield have a large number of people around this year who will still be around next year to help in organising the festival. People will be able to sleep in the Union building. The University is happy with Sheffield hosting IVFDF and the Building will be available.

No other nominations were received.

Sheffield was approved unanimously with the comment that it was useful for IVFDF to be moved back to the centre.

IVFDF 1998 will commence on 27 February.

Who hosts IVFDF

Rhodri commented that Sheffield were rehosting IVFDF a little ahead of schedule and that we must ensure that more Universities were kept in as hosts.

Problems to this were outlined as follows:-

Leicester - no longer any rooms available for hosting the festival

Edinburgh - couldn't be held here again

Newcastle - having supreme problems with the Union unless Northumbria can host it with them.

Nottingham - cannot host any longer

Manchester - can manage

Southampton - have problems

Publicity has gone out to all of the new Universities but nothing has come of this at present.

6. Matters arising from IVFDF 96

Accommodation (Alternatives)

We may need to consider moving to school halls or out of town venues. Marquees were considered but thought to be too expensive.

Different ticket prices

Edinburgh thought that with various sleeping problems it would be good to offer a cheaper ticket price for those not sleeping in halls to act as an incentive to book outside accommodation.

The problem with this is that it then looks as though we are charging people for sleeping and most Universities will, at most, turn a blind eye to sleeping and will never directly approve it. Also, most Students sleep on the floor and it seems unfair to charge Students more than Employed Ex-Students.

Pre-sales indicated that 1/3 of the tickets sold were for Waged.

Late Night Sessions

Some people view the late night sessions at IVFDF as one of the most important aspects of the festival and space must always be made available for the late night session.

There is a problem with late night sessions when people are sleeping away from the main venues. Cambridge are proposing to ship everyone out to a sleeping location where there is room both to sleep and to dance.

Bristol only brought 9 people to IVFDF 96 but this might have been a reflection of their concern that there may not be any late night sessions.

7. Any other business

Craft Fair

The regular Craft Fair attendees are feeling that they haven't been treated very well recently and that they have been placed in areas where there has not been much "passing traffic". There is also a problem that certain stall holders refuse to attend if other stall holders are attending.

Morris Tours

The (Scottish) people did not know much about Morris tours and there was a great problem in that IVFDF was clashing with the Rugby Final. There was not enough space to dance at all of the locations but the timing was brilliant (only had to miss one workshop).

I was felt that the Morris Displays should be organised in such a way that non-Morris groups could see some Morris displayed.

Thanks were expressed to Edinburgh for arranging the Morris Tours.

Edinburgh had difficulty in organising the Morris Tours due to their lack of experience in that particular dance style. They realise that other University groups may have similar problems when trying to arrange Scottish Dances etc. Edinburgh would be delighted to help anyone who needed help in organising Scottish.

Afternoon displays

These were put together to ensure a high standard of performance. Sending out the size and layout of the room prior to the festival was very useful.

Appreciation was expressed that the Sound Engineers were at the Display Practices. A special word of thanks was made to the Sound Engineers for a job well done.

Thanks

The Reps Meeting requested that the IVFDF 96 Committee give a big Thank you to the caterers who had been superb including staying open for many more hours than scheduled.

Finally thanks were expressed to Edinburgh for organising IVFDF 96. Thanks were also expressed to Sandy and he was wished success in his exams.

8. Date of Next meeting.

The date of the next meeting will be Sunday 2 March 1997.