

IVFDF 2000 Representatives Meeting

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1100 Sunday 27 February 2000, John Macintyre Room, Glasgow University

Chair: Rose McIlwhan (Glasgow)

Present:

Name	Club / Society	Email	Voting
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Christina Prtichard	Red Stags Morris, Southampton		Yes
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1. Adoption of Minutes of the last meeting

Approved with no amendments (proposed Brian Kingett (Information Point), seconded Jonathan Buchan (Manchester)).

2. Report from Information Point

Money in central funds account: £2,391.

Website with IVFDF domain name coming along well.

Brian now on email (brian@kingett.freemove.co.uk)

3. Report from IVFDF 1999 – Exeter

In region of £1000 to come back to central funds – still waiting for a bill from the University (damage charges). If bill not received by end of year then will send money to Information Point (on condition that they can have it back if the bill subsequently appears).

4. Discussion of IVFDF 2000 - Glasgow

• Chairman's Overview

Tracey Scothern thanked everyone who had come along, the hard work of committee, stewards etc. Special thanks to University and sponsors. Although there had been some issues and problems in getting to this point, overall the festival had worked.

Comments made in discussion included:

- Many thanks for the Morris tour – one of the best for years.
- Many Morris / Rapper sides had perceived Glasgow as being further away than Edinburgh. This will have contributed to the low attendance.
- Minor problems with musicians for workshops – probably a communication issue (expectation on workshop leader to check arrangements for provision of music).
- Amplification for workshop leaders as well as music would be helpful.
- Some Ghetto-blasters were not loud enough in some rooms – solved by changing which used & raising them so that the sound propagated rather than being absorbed by peoples' legs.
- Siting of reception was not ideal (a bit off in a corner).
- Publicity could have been better – for example Exeter spent £1,200+ (a fifth of their budget) on publicity – hitting festivals with leaflets, sending leaflets to older members, and leaflets in Christmas cards would all help.
- Cost of travel to IVFDF seen as a significant issue for student members of clubs.

• Treasurer's Report

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Budgeted for 400-450 people attending. Raised £581 sponsorship through various means. Last year's Reps Meeting agreed a loan of £1,250, of which Glasgow was told they could lose £750, and £500 would be expected back. Attendance has in fact been about 380 (includes weekend tickets, Saturday only etc). Deficit therefore; of about £500. This includes the allowed £750 loss, but not the £500 which was expected to be returned to Information Point.

Glasgow made it clear that they felt it would be possible to raise £500 over the next year, and would not be happy to take the responsibility for losing money which had been promised back to central funds.

The Reps Meeting applauded this sentiment, and congratulated Glasgow for raising a significant amount of sponsorship. However, given that the deficit is equivalent to the extra part of the loan advanced to Glasgow and the attitude of the Glasgow Committee, it was proposed that the Reps Meeting agree to write off a further £500. Proposed Julie Spiller (Exeter), seconded Andrew Swaine (Cambridge). On the understanding that this does not create a precedent in any way, voting on this proposal was 24 in favour with one abstention and none against; the motion was duly carried..

[Subsequent note: An appeal for help at the DIY dance raised £472!; Glasgow have subsequently raised a further £X.]

- **Lessons from working as a limited company and as a dispersed committee**

A paper on this was made available to the meeting. The idea of becoming a limited company was to protect the Committee against personal liability if there were losses (however the moral debt is great). Becoming a company made it easier to become a Scottish Charity. Being a charity has enabled cheaper hall hire and enhanced the opportunities for getting sponsorship. There is a downside; being a charity means that any money raised must go to another charity with similar aims.

Overall it has been a somewhat worrying exercise and the committee would not be happy to use the excuse of being a limited company to avoid debts.

It would be possible to use the company and charity again the next time IVFDF comes north of the border (subject to it being kept going and appropriate changes of Directors).

Being a dispersed committee had led to problems on the ground. Most communication had to be by 'phone or email - these don't promote ready discussion, and the opportunity for constant running over issues is reduced; the organisation had suffered as a result. The Committee didn't all know each other beforehand, so some development of a team ethic within the group has had to occur. Whilst the result overall has been quite good, it has been a worrying exercise, and the lack of people on the ground in Glasgow has caused some problems. However, Glasgow didn't have enough people or experience to run the festival on their own; without a dispersed committee IVFDF wouldn't have been here this year.

5. IVFDF 2001 - Cambridge

Cambridge reported that they had two options for venues. The first (where the main ceilidh was last time) requires about £3,000 to be raised in sponsorship. The second is a school on the edge of town, but on a main bus route; this site will allow IVFDF to be all on one site (though the ceilidh will be on a concrete floor). Both options have promised sleeping.

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The budget assumes an out-of-town event, with 450 attendees to break even. Prices will need to be put up to £15 (student / unwaged) & £20 (waged). The school will cost about £3,700.

The Reps meeting agreed that the majority of waged attendees would be able to afford £20, but suggested Cambridge should try to keep the student / unwaged ticket price down (e.g. £12).

Cambridge were formally proposed by Rhona Kingett (Knighton Morris, Leicester) & seconded by Elmo (Manchester). The motion was passed unopposed.

The school has requested a deposit of £1,000. The Reps Meeting suggested a float of £1,500 – proposed Jonathan Buchan (Manchester), seconded Andy Anderson (Red Stags Morris, Southampton). This motion was passed unanimously.

Cambridge were wished good luck.

6. **IVFDF 2002**

Discussions centred around Leeds and Manchester.

Leeds – have a problem with continuity of people (many of their students are on exchanges, and are therefore only present for one year). Leeds felt they could not make an offer to host IVFDF.

Manchester – the University will not allow sleeping, but have brilliant halls. Concerns were expressed about there being only one person at Manchester really going for IVFDF. Offers of help from Sheffield and Leeds with stewarding were made. A group of Scottish dancers are about to go down to Manchester – this may help.

The Reps meeting agreed to accept Manchester for 2002, but accepted that it may be necessary to look at venues again in about 6 months when more is known about whether Manchester is a runner.

It was agreed that ALL member societies should investigate the possibility of holding IVFDF at one year's notice. St Andrews expressed interest in holding the festival, and will look into possibilities.

7. **Whither IVFDF ? (paper available from Reception)**

A paper describing some of IVFDF's problems and making suggestions of areas for discussion had been available at Reception during the festival. A number of issues about the future of IVFDF have come up during the Reps meeting – this is the point of the paper. It was agreed that these issues should be further discussed by email or on a web site, and that the meeting proposed in the paper should take place. This meeting will be a gathering of those interested in IVFDF to discuss issues in more depth and bring back recommendation to the Reps meeting in Cambridge. After discussion a date of 28 October at James Williams' house (10 Main Street, Braceborough, Stamford, Lincolnshire) was agreed.

8. **AOCB**

Official vote of thanks to Glasgow for an excellent festival.