

## Australasian Bluegrass & Old Time Music Association Inc.

DATE: 24 September 2013	TIME: 8:00-9.35pm	LOCATION: Teleconference – Australia
ATTENDANCE:	(WM) Will Manovel – Chair, (LD) Lachlan Davidson – Deputy Chair, (GM) Gregory McGrath – Secretary, (BW) (GB) Geoff Bridgeland, (HL) Helen Ludellen,	
APOLOGIES:	Blair Webb – Treasurer, (RB) Rebecca Bradbury	
PROTOCOLS:	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2013 were confirmed.	

### 1. Funds Status

WM:

- Currently over \$12,000 in ABOTMA account
- Expecting \$5000 Alpine Shire grant to be paid this Friday
- Approved \$5000 RDV grant to be paid next month
- If approved, \$3000 RAV grant to be paid by next month
- With ticket sales, that should fund MountainGrass 2013
- Owed another \$2,500 promised in in-kind support by Harrietville businesses

### 2. Don Rigsby

LD:

- Flight tickets from USA paid for in full by Don at about \$1650, due to arrive 17 Nov 2013.
- LD has organized a number of appearances in Melbourne and potentially one in Bendigo. Another in Wangaratta suggested. Yinnar will be played out by then.
- Don has availability for a Sydney appearance on 25 Nov 2013 if anyone can organize it, but would have to get back to Melb by 26 Nov for return flight to USA.

ACTION:

1. WM requested and Committee unanimously agreed to refund these travel expenses asap when invoice and receipt confirmed.
2. WM to email LD an Invoice confirmation to send to Don, and LD to request email receipt from Don, including his bank details, so we can organize electronic funds transfer.
3. WM to send Don formal email to thank and confirm the same with Don.
4. LD to further advertise Don Rigsby through Jamgrass and radio.

### 3. Operations

HL:

- Instrument makers sorted
- 150 Dawsons Rural chairs booked @\$3 each - \$150 for whole weekend
- Karita & Phil Horner volunteered to run Registration/Information/Merchandise desk
- Spare merchandise and instrument lockup to be kept in Manager's flat
- Venue managers organized and task lists being drawn up for distribution to volunteers
- 3 RMIT sound students agreed @ \$150 each + Feathertop accommodation (not meals) – total under \$1000 cost – Committee agreed to this expenditure
- Organisation of raffle unlikely to provide >\$800 return required this year – agreed to postpone raffle until next year, but will thank John Copley and ask him to retain instrument for next year.

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- HL has agreed with Tex that he will provide printed clothing merchandise but we will be selling it at profit ourselves from Registration desk

### ACTION:

- MountainGrass & ABOTMA stickers to be sold at \$4 each
- Wrist bands ordered at \$144 for 3 years – shipped to Laurie Grundy who will be bringing them.
- WM or LD to book room for Don Rigsby at Snowline Hotel for Fri, Sat, and Sun night
- LD to book Feathertop band room for spare young musos
- HL to book Feathertop bunk room for RMIT students
- Agreed to pay Mark Woods \$1500 (smaller PA) for whole weekend + accommodation up to total value of \$500 + total \$2000. He will do the conference room and look after RMIT students.
- WM to call every accommodation site for unbooked beds – let Greg know to advertise these on our website
- HL to give address details for AMG house to Greg to also advertise on the website
- Stalls daily fee yet to be decided – HL suggested split 50/50 with Feathertop. HL to ask Emma and Neene for contact details of monthly Harrierville market holders
- Committee agreed no more than 15 volunteers to be allowed a free ticket, if work a minimum of 6 hours each. HL will try to keep this to a minimum, and some volunteers have already paid to attend.
- LD offered to design and get a quote for a Festival Program to be handed out with ticket sales and to be kept as a souvenir. LD will also obtain quote and WM as well, in order to print it.

## 4. Marketing

WM commented we still need to do more given low ticket sales. Suggested it was time to pursue 'radio' especially.

### ACTION:

1. HL to contact Lucky Oceans
2. WM to contact Jan Dale & Mike Kear
3. LD to send out a Bluegrass Media list & a Bluegrass compilation of tracks for radio stations to play
4. GB to contact Bill Lawson
5. LD to contact Jason Taylor
6. Tasmania has not been targeted – New Holland Honeyeaters – LD will contact people to come; HL will speak to Julie Barnes about her contacts in Tasmania
7. WM will touch base with Bec Bradbury and Emma about local marketing, and John Werner about Gippsland marketing.

## 5. Ticket Sales

Memberships up to 100. Ticket sales up to 30, 15 members and 15 non-members

GM commented Paypal, Post, and Direct Bank Transfers is too much for him to chase. Suggested next year it should be the 'Treasurer's' role to manage and account for on-line ticket sales and receipts.

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### 6. Roles of Committee at Festival

- HL suggested all committee should be free to play in bands and assist in contingencies only during the festival, rather than have formal roles. Tasks should be primarily left to Venue Managers and appointed Volunteers.
- All committee members are available to answer queries and provide support information to volunteers, particularly at the Registration/Merchandise desk.
- WM mentioned committee members need to be present at AGM, in order to be thanked, and to assist in member voting, and transition to 2014 Exec Steering Committee. In accordance with the ABOTMA's incorporation rules, WM will issue a Notice of the Annual General Meeting 30 days prior to 23 November, with a reminder that only members are entitled to vote. Notice to be placed on ABOTMA and MountainGrass websites, and emailed to all members and all ABOTMA email list.

### 7. Other business

- It was decided a single concert ticket for an afternoon would be priced at \$20. It would be another \$20 for an evening ticket. These tickets would still apply across varied venues.
- Contingency bands suggested were Taylor Pfeiffer, Wires & Wood, Redlands Bluegrass Boys, Pete Denahy

**The next meeting of the Association's Executive shall be on a Tue night in late October 2013 at 8:00pm AEST. WM to advise.**

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### END OF MEETING MINUTES

I declare these minutes an accurate record of the matters discussed at this meeting, attended by me, and which may be confirmed at the next interim steering committee meeting.



24/9/2013

Will Manovel  
President  
Interim Steering Committee  
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