



ABOTMA Executive - Special Meeting Agenda.

DATE:	8th April 2014	TIME:	7:30pm AEST Teleconf.
INVITEES:	Lachlan Davidson - President; Gregory McGrath - Secretary; Sue Hudson - Admin Secretary; Helen Ludellen - Operations;; Geoff Bridgland - Programming; George Jackson - Artistic Director; Mick O'Neill - Programming. Not attending- Karita Brokensire - Treasurer;		
NOTED APOLOGIES:	Rob Lewis - Vice President; Will Manovill.		

1. Previous Minutes:

Special meeting - no minutes

2. Budget Report:

Budget discussed-with 2014 having the additional cost of a marquee, expected increase in expenditure 36%.

Though there is some money from 2013. This should only be used as a last resort. Exec to continue to explore options.

ACTION: ALL - continue to explore options for fundraising

3. Programming Overview:

Discussion on position of Artistic Director. – it was agreed this position is difficult if not given the autonomy to make decisions and negotiate.

Greg compiled a brief for Artistic director which has been emailed to George and exec.

George to begin discussions with artists who have applied through the website. Update Report to be given to monthly ABOTMA meeting. Starting next meeting 22nd April.

ACTION: Ongoing. George to report progress of artist booking.

Venues- discussion about venues from last year. Main concert venue was overflowing and people couldn't get to see headline artists. Marquee beside the Conference Room at Feathertop is necessary. Helen has been getting prices for both Marquee and erecting. Looking at approx. \$11,000 for Marquee from Alpine Shire Council.

ACTION: Helen to book Marquee.

4. Old Time Act International vs Local - financial support. Program Acts:

Artist applications received to-date - At least 25 acts have applied so far, and because we've had such a good response we have decided to close performer applications on May 30, instead of in June as previously stated.

International Act - Special Consensus – Exec. Agreed to go ahead with negotiations.

Lachlan will be negotiating with Greg Cahill, for Special Consensus band to be 2014 headline act. Marketing people really need details as soon as we have them locked in.

ACTION: Lachlan to book Special Consensus Band

Old Time Act International vs Local - financial support.

We have the promise of Donation from IA for Old timey act \$2000. Discussed- US act vs Local old timey act. Decision – for this year we don't have funds to bring another US band over. Discussed payment of artists. Greg explained process of performance fees used last year. Greg proposed we use this method of payment again. All agreed.

ACTION: George to look at booking local Old timey Band

5. Other business / other agenda items:

Helen has ordered 500 business cards. The phone numbers on it are, Greg McGrath's and mine (Helen's). (this is in response to feedback that there was no phone number in our previous flyers for those who do not use the internet and who needed information). If any committee member wants some cards please let Helen know.

6. Next Meeting Date and Time: Normal ABOTMA exec meeting, 22 April 7.30pm EST

Meeting closed ...8.32pm

Action items from this meeting

ACTION: ALL - continue to explore options for fundraising

ACTION: Ongoing. George to report progress of artist booking.

ACTION: Helen to book Marquee.

ACTION: Lachlan to book Special Consensus Band

ACTION: George to look at booking local Old timey Band