



Mearns Fm Monthly Meeting

Present – Steve Holt, Alan Sanderson, Stewart Campbell, Mikey Smith, Carolyn Venters, Ian Hunter, Peter Greig, Andy Mead.

Apologies – Chris Ann Holt, Greg Hanson

Minutes – proposed and accepted and signed.

Finance

Bank balance is £2042, March debits £250. Stream Guys paid in full for 12 months \$216 approximately £140. Mearns FM credit card account can now be closed.

IH –Farmers are due payment in June for electricity supply to the transmitters, Ian will give Chris Ann a note of the charge for payment.

Round table have donated £200 towards cost of Bogarty aerial.

Grants are available to help disabled people. Ken to speak to Forest View to see if they would be interested in getting involved with MFM.

Events

Skateraw Fri 21st June, DJ 7 pm start.

Sat 29th June Indoor/outdoor event 1-4pm. People needed for sound, they are having live bands.

Volunteers needed.

Possible shows from the Outdoor Pool, negotiations still ongoing.

Scheduling

Show proposal's from John Macalister, Rachel Garden, Mikey Smith and Greg Hanson.

New presenters, Chris Holden- initial meeting, Rachel Garden- needs slot, John Macalister- on air.

Mackie Radio looking at getting started back up after the school Easter holidays, depending on pupils volunteering to help and present.

Schedule is to be finished this week few minor changes need to be made and awaiting confirmation from the new presenters when they will be going on air, I will edit the hard

copy for the studio and circulate to the board via email, in addition to this I will get the MFM Live schedule back up to date with these changes.

Computers; Autoplay computer is being tampered with, I don't need to know who it is but whoever it is and if you know who it is please stop doing so or stop them. The only people who should be doing anything on the Autoplay computer is Steve, Myself, Alan, Peter And George. If anyone sees anyone else playing or doing anything to this computer please inform us immediately as this is now a serious problem and will be taken very seriously. If you think it has been tampered with please let us know don't just leave it to hope somebody else will do something about it!

No Show, you MUST email us in the first instance writing in the diary is optional, we go on about this at every meeting and it is covered and emphasised in policies and procedures training, yet it appears that it has still not sunk in with some people not turning up and not emailing just writing it in the diary is not acceptable. I am looking at a way to make available another way to contact with last minute no shows, but in the meantime I am going to be clamping down on it, as it says in the policy repeated failure to notify us can be taken as misconduct and I don't want to go down that road but if I have to I will.

AOCB, photo's has been mentioned before, and I personally think it is a great idea especially of the board. I think it would also be beneficial to take photos of presenters or if a show is done by two or more people then a group photo. This would be good for in the studio on a board which we could take places with us but also for the online schedule and the facebook page as well, it helps people relate to their hosts. Thoughts on this topic appreciated?

HR

Currently there are six new presenters in training awaiting board approval.

Kirsty training with Mikey on the Wed drive time show.

Gregor Ironside training with Mikey on the Wed drive time show. Will present a political show called Mearns Matters Friday evening. Show proposal form completed.

Emily Esson training with KV wishes to co present Mearns Matters with Gregor. Show proposal form completed.

John Mcallister currently training with KV wishes to present a wide ranging musical show called Musicology commencing Monday 8th April in the slot vacated by Alan Craig. Show proposal form completed.

Rachel Garden training with Mikey on the Wed drive time show. Has experience with Grampian Hospital Radio. Show proposal form completed.

Chris Holden wishes to present a hardcore dance show and would like the vacant 8 to 10 slot on a Friday evening. Show proposal form completed.

Jonny Penman training with Greg. Currently mentored until he is 18. Training Checklist completed?

Membership fees currently are requested prior to new presenters going live on their own shows. CV suggested fees are paid prior to commencing training. Board view.

Due to the volume of new presenters the Presenters Passport document is not complete. Will be presented at the April board meeting.

The application for funding by Billy Styles to the PRS Music Foundation was unsuccessful on this occasion. He is investigating new funding streams.

After discussion it was decided that fees should be paid when completing the forms for membership and agreement.

Transmitters

Fader 1 light not working.

Transmitter on hill needing some work, waiting for better weather.

Telephones – password still needed.

Barix and router not working with one switch remote booting and costing 24p to reboot each time. Ian and Tony working on landline version.

AOB

AS – Advertising rate card put together to be emailed to all members.

MS-Autoplay lists being done.

SC – Still to get back on air, hopefully soon. Offering his soldering services where needed.

IH – New youth worker wants to be presenter and be involved in a youth project. May need PVG for this.

IH – MFM needs to meet the community, an opportunity to do this via the Youth Forum in Laurencekirk would be good. Ian to make enquiries.

AM – doing a one off joint show with Billy Styles.

A band called Black Orchid Empire may be touring Scotland and if so will do an acoustic performance on MFM.

PG – community radio stations being given large awards. These seem to be largely to employ staff and it is felt that MFM is not yet in a position to do this.

MS – photos of all presenters and the Board are needed. This may take a while to capture everyone.

SH – proposed a joint quiz night with THT.

CV – will put all members contact details on Dropbox for emergency use by Board members only.

A new treasurer is needed for next year and we need to get someone to work with present treasurer now. PG to make an advert for this.

Accounts due end of April to Companies House, Carolyn to inform treasurer.

No dates for future meetings set yet, to arrange with Chairman.

SH – please keep under the stage tidy.

Studio mobile phone not sending texts to email, will pursue this.

Keys to lock on outside door remain in circulation which may pose a security risk.

Requested money for coded lock, £80 – agreed. Code will be circulated to members

AS – Carolyn to circulate a newsletter with various items from the meeting to keep members updated and informed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 30th April at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall