



April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 monthly meeting

**Present** – Greg Hanson, Mikey Smith, Ken Venters, Peter Greig, Steve Holt, Louisa Greenwell, Carolyn Venters, Andy Mead

**Apologies** – Alan Sanderson, Chris Ann Holt

Chairman unable to attend so meeting chaired by vice chairman Peter Greig.

### **Chairmans report**

Ofcom papers have been completed, more presenters and more music being played are the only changes from last year. Form can be viewed on the Ofcom website.

### **Finance**

The bank balance for end of April is £942.

We have received the annual invoice for the news going out, it is £326, I'd like to know whether or not we are going to pay it.

Also a reminder to all that the Ofcom Licence will be due in June - I think this will be approx. £650. We need money.....

### **Secretary**

We currently have 40 paid up members of MFM.

### **Louisa Greenwell**

Church service not coming on automatically. They are in the system but something is preventing them playing automatically. Board are aware and assured Louisa that they are continuing to look for the problem but it may take some time. LG also asked if pre recorded shows have the same problem, MS assured her that they work in a different way so they are not a problem.

### **Events**

This is the events diary as it currently looks for the Summer. It's looking quite good.

Note there are THREE gigs for the 29th June. Two during the day for sound techs and one at night for a DJ. This is the day when most help will be needed as it's one of the days I will not be around to help.

Could we please send a mass email out to the membership requesting help at any of these events.

Date : 25th May  
Place : Stonehaven Open Air Pool  
Event : Grand Re-Opening

Duties : Play background music for the guests at the open air pool for the day.

Staff Required : Greg going. At least one more experienced tech plus any number of newbies.

Date : 8th June  
Place : Catterline  
Event : Catterline Gala  
Staff Required : Greg going. At least one more experienced tech plus any number of newbies

Date : 21st June  
Place : Bettridge Centre Newtonhill  
Event : Skateraw Fair Family Party  
Staff Required : 1x DJ to play cheesy party music. Plus maximum of one newbie.

Date : 29th June  
Place : Bettridge Centre Newtonhill  
Event : Skateraw Fair Day  
Staff Required : 2x Experienced techs plus newbies. All sound equipment necessary will be provided so this is suitable to anyone who wants to help but does not have a large car to haul stuff to St Cyrus.

Date : 29th June  
Place : Bettridge Centre Newtonhill  
Event : Skateraw Fair Evening Dance  
Staff Required : 1x DJ to support the evening's entertainment. Plus maximum of one newbie.

Date : 29th June  
Place : St Cyrus  
Event : St Cyrus Gala  
Staff Required : 2x Experienced techs, plus newbies Need people with big cars / vans capable of moving the equipment from the station.

Date : 31st August  
Place : Portlethen Academy / Park  
Event : Portlethen Gala  
Staff Required : Greg going. At least one more experienced tech plus newbies.

Exact times of these events will be confirmed once I've got replies back from people.

## **HR**

3 new shows on Friday, 2 new presenters to come on board, one previously trained.  
Still working on Passport.

## **Technical**

Soldering on multi core snake completed.

Sky news, ongoing problems with box therefore do we carry on with it and if so we need a new box.  
£326 due shortly to obtain Sky news for the next year.

Lengthy discussions around this issue. Voted on by board members present (6 present) and unanimously voted to stop using Sky news. It was then decided to take to next meeting so that those absent could have a say.

New advert made for Mill O Forest School May fair.

## **Schedule**

Schedule has been updated.

MFM live schedule also updated.

Autoplay has not been tampered with recently.

Andy Mead has a new show proposal and sponsor for Sunday.

There will be drop in sessions for photos of presenters shortly.

Propose training sessions for more advanced in depth training of systems and for using social media.

Number of new presenters means that free evening slots are becoming scarce. This may mean that in the near future some presenters may be asked to lose a show or reduce the length of their show.

Much discussion followed on this on how to do it fairly. Will have to be done on an individual basis as and when required in order to be fair to everyone.

## **AOB**

Any sales enquiries are being dealt with by Steve, [sales@mfm.org.uk](mailto:sales@mfm.org.uk).

Fire extinguisher suitable for electrical fires needed, Steve to deal with.

Andy asked for paperwork for show sponsors.

Next meeting is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm