

Minutes of Directors' meeting of 4th January 2023

Present: Jess, Rob G, Rob H, Samantha; Jackie Apologies: Lynn

Single agenda item: Stone Skimming 2023

WSSC	In the light of the fact that the previous WSSC committee have all stepped down or moved away and the current economic climate, which means that the sponsorship support it enjoyed is unlikely to be replicated in the future, directors expressed concern that the event as it was in 2019 may no longer be viable.	
	None of the directors felt they had the time to be able to commit to running the event this year.	
	Jackie referred to her analysis of the Stone Skimming figures and pointed out that taking into account costs not directly allocated to WSSC which show elsewhere in the account, the overall income is generally around £4,000.	
	Sam brought a suggestion from Bev Schofield that Glasgow City College, where she works, may be interested in incorporating the running of the event in their Tourism and Hospitality modules.	
	It was agreed to put the idea to them. If they are interested, we need to meet them, ideally on Easdale, in w/c 16 th January with a view to deciding whether or not to go ahead with them by 20 th January.	Sam
	It was agreed to await the outcome of the proposal to Glasgow City College.	Sam
	<i>[Subsequently GCC forwarded our enquiry to the Glasgow Students' Association who offered to publicise the event for us.]</i>	
Alternative event	Rob suggested as a back up that an alternative event could be held on the same weekend – a Food and Music festival. Local musicians could be asked to play for nothing, food producers could be charged per pitch for having stalls here.	
	Possible issues – Sam felt musicians should be paid. It was pointed out the Feigenbaum owns virtually all of the suitable land and his permission would have to be sought.	
EE Income and expenditure	There followed a brief look at general EE income and expenditure to see what could be reduced. Thanks due to Jackie for bringing together the figures for this.	
	Harbour income is around £7,000	
	The Museum is the biggest loss-maker. It was agreed that museums are rarely profitable, and Rob G pointed out that a commitment had been made to keep it open in perpetuity. Jackie pointed out that if EE went bankrupt that would not be possible.	
	No need for telephone line in hall, saving £638 p.a. Cancelling Worldpay contract saves £634 p.a. though there are some costs in going with an alternative system.	
	Insurance costs £500 a month. This seems very high. Sam to look into this and see if it can be brought down.	Sam
	Bev had sent a message that due to health issues she would need a back-up pair of eyes on the accounts for a number of months later this year, and Jackie agreed to take this on.	Jackie
	It was noted that if we want to generate income from the Hall the electrical items will all need PAT testing. Rob H offered and it was agreed that he should train to do PAT testing both for the Hall and, possible, for Island homeowners who rent out their property, if the liability insurance issue is address.	Rob H
	A clean up of the Hall kitchen was arranged for 10am, Friday 6 th January.	
	Meeting closed.	

