

BOS STEERING GROUP MINUTES -Friday 17th April 2015

PRESENT: Carol (Chair), Cathy, Anna, Renate, Penny (minutes)

APOLOGIES: Deena, Kate, (Gill belatedly, - did not get notice)

1) Kate's remuneration and contract.

Kate's pay is £100 per BOS session and £20 per hour for preparation and other tasks such as writing and arranging.

Kate's pay to be reviewed and to include preparation for Wednesdays.

Any additional prep, including making sound-files still to be £20/hour up to 15 hours/term=£300. Kate to be consulted if this is about right and written into contract.

Carol is to talk to Kate about pay and the writing of songs and ask if she will make a charge for the writing of original work for BOS? It is known that other song-writers such as Ali Burns have devised their own formulas.

NVPN could be consulted about usual and accepted practice about all of this.

2) Retainers and membership.

There is only a question of paying retainers (half fee) if we are full and have a waiting list and a member needs to take a break for a term for a specific reason, and wants to hold their place.

If someone decides not to come for a term and we have not got a waiting list then they will be deemed to have left and can rejoin the next term if they wish and if we still have a place. If anyone wants to come back into BOS after a break they should let us know before the end of the previous term as they may be competing for a place with potential new members.

The SG is still open to negotiating special arrangements for members who have any difficulties with paying the fees.

3) AGM

The AGM will be held this year on Wednesday 1st July.

Kate's fees and contract to be amended before that.

Most of the SG is willing to stand again.

Penny is standing down so we need nominations for a member without portfolio.

Anna is happy to remain Membership Secretary, but would like an understudy to get to know the ropes and help with the IT, Yahoo and drop-box etc.

4) AOB

a) Kate and Lesley are suggesting a day or half-day at the Barn on June 28th. All agreed it was a good idea. Carol to follow up with both and decide how and when to announce it.

b) There have been grumbles about the number of non-BOS emails. People to be more selective in what they send round and just be more conscious before clicking the whole group. Members to be encouraged to use Anna's invitations to join an event group when we have one and Carol to say something at BOS.

c) Deena raised the fact that it is getting noisier again while Kate is trying to teach and she will be asked if she wants to say something on a Wed.

Date of next meeting.--Perhaps need to consult with Gill and meet before AGM to get papers ready?

Penny Allen 20.04.15