

BOS Steering Group Meeting - Wednesday 6 April 2016

Present: Anna, Gill D, Carol, Kate, Gill M, Renate

Apologies: Gill U, Cathy, Deena

Laurieston

Discussion took place about what was agreed about the Laurieston funding as it was not clear in the minutes. After a lengthy debate the following was suggested by the Steering Group:

- For the 2016 trip to Laurieston we would speak to Cathy to see what she has agreed with Lisa to spend and honour that figure. There should be no more changes to the figure that Lisa has now told women would be the cost of the trip.
- We will look at future events and work out a structure based on the whole group. Kate's fees also need to be taken into account for each event.
- It was agreed that the week before the AGM we will put a proposal to BOS about the principles governing how costs are set for Laurieston (and similar events) and ask women to take away a ballot paper (emailed to anyone who isn't able to attend) to complete and return to BOS the evening of the AGM and then we will look at what women think about funding of future events and a way forward.
- An accessibility budget (max £500) has been set up to support women who have difficulty funding themselves. Criteria for the funding would be looked at and how the fund can be accessed; this is to be looked at once the ballot has been done.

Taking Care of our Ageing Voices

We suggested referring to this as 'taking care of our ageing voices' as this may be relevant for all, irrespective of age. Kate is looking into this and the possibility of having a workshop for half a day which will probably happen in autumn 2016.

20th Anniversary of BOS

We are to celebrate our 20 years in January. It was agreed Kate would email around and ask for any thoughts and ideas of how women would like to do this. A sub-group would then be set up to work on an event.

Membership

We currently have 43 women who are regular attenders. It was agreed by the Steering group that we should not open up again in September but keep a waiting list – confirmation of this by the whole group at the AGM.

Dates for the Diary

15 June – Steering Group Meeting before BOS starts at the school

29 June - AGM