

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of Home Education Festivals

Held in the Cedric Ford Pavilion, Newark Showground, NG24 2NY
1st September 2018

The meeting commenced at 16:00 with Ian Anderson chairing. He introduced the other board members Ed Bowden, Bramble Gee, Chloe Newby, Samia Tossio.

Ian explained that there would be two meetings, a formal part which is legal necessity for the company, and an informal Community meeting at which feedback on a full range of topics would be welcome.

Directors report

Ian Anderson presented an oral directors report.

The company would definitely break even for the year to September 30th 2018 and a modest surplus is expected. The company operated 2 events during the period, HEFF 2017 at Stonham Barns, and WinterHEFF 2017 at Cefn Lea conference centre. Both events had received excellent feedback from attendees. A new team has agreed to take on the running of WinterHEFF 2019, as the team organizing both events this year found that they were really overloaded. Tickets for Winterheff 2019 are already on sale.

The directors judged that a move to a new site was needed, and there have been positive reactions to the Newark Showground site.

During the period the company paid one of the directors for part-time administrative and organizational work on a modest hourly rate, as the workload proved too high to do solely with volunteers.

HE Festivals is committed to maintaining diversity and access to the festival. For the first time we have been able to provide accessible showers and continue to offer discounts for low income families and carers. The headline price for tickets was maintained the same as previous years.

A brief presentation of financial figures was shown. Questions were asked as to what the contingency item represented (a reserve for unpredictable items, e.g. damages to the site we have to pay for), which workshops were paid for and why, and a breakdown was requested and given for miscellaneous expenses.

Election of directors

There were 3 vacant director positions and 3 candidates. The candidates spoke briefly about what they would bring to the role.

Caelan Ayre-Lynch was elected unanimously by show of hands to serve for 3 years from 1st October 2018

Michel Drescher was elected unanimously by show of hands to serve for 3 years from 1st October 2018

Bramble Gee was elected by show of hands (with one objection) to serve for 3 years from 1st October 2018

There being no other business the meeting closed at 16:24