

*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Feis Ceoil Association,
Wednesday 6th December 2023.
Buswells Hotel, Dublin 2 and online via Zoom*

The Chairman Mr. Ray Bates opened the meeting by welcoming members present both in person and online.

1. Notice and Quorum

The Chairman requested confirmation from attendees that the requisite notice of the AGM had been received, which was agreed. It was also confirmed that quorum had been reached, there being in excess of 20 members in attendance.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been accepted from 17 members whose names were read out at the meeting. (*Attendance and apologies list attached*)

3. Matters arising from minutes of AGM

As there were no matters arising, it was proposed by Ursula Gormley and seconded by Kevin Clarke that the minutes be approved for signature by the Chair.

4. Retirement of Directors and appointment of new Directors:

Retirement of Joan Cowle, whose tenure has come to an end. The Chairman thanked Joan for her long-standing and significant contribution to Feis Ceoil in the many roles she has held throughout the years. She will now revert to her pre-Board member status of Honorary Life Member.

The Board indicated their request to co-opt David Mooney and Ursula Gormley (whose elected tenure has also expired) for a further year, as the organisation is embarking on a significant fundraising programme which would strongly benefit from retaining the current Board skill-set. This was proposed by Andy Gilsenan and seconded by Edith Forrest.

The Chair announced the re-appointment of Fiona Naughton to the Board. Fiona previously served on the Board from 2015 – 2021, and can now return to the Board, adding her experience in the areas of fundraising and corporate governance. Fiona's appointment had been proposed by Edith Forrest and seconded by Deirdre Seaver at the last meeting of the Board.

5. Financial Report and adoption of Financial Statements for the year ending 31st July 2023. (*See attached from Finance Director*)

The adoption of the Financial Report was proposed by Orla Kelly and seconded by Oliver Hynes.

6. Appointment of Auditors

The Chairman announced that it was the wish of the Association to re-appoint KSI Faulkner Orr as auditors for the coming year. *This was proposed by Edith Forrest and seconded by Andy Gilsenan.*

7. Address by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ray Bates

(See attached from Board Chairman)

8. Any Other Business

The matter of low audience numbers for Feis competitions was raised. Kevin Clarke remarked that choirs can be good recruiting grounds for audience. Barry Murphy mentioned that people studying music or attending music classes could be encouraged to attend. The issue, as the Chair pointed out, is that it costs a considerable amount of money to inform people by way of information/marketing campaigns. However, we will continue to publicise Feis events as widely as possible within the resources available.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.35pm.

Signed: _____

Ray Bates, Chair

Date: _____

Attachments Finance Director's Report
Chairman's Report
Attendance list

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Attendance list

In person:

Suzanne Murphy
Hilary Dungan
Trudi Carberry
David Mooney
Chris O'Toole
Orla Kelly
Anna McCabe
James Gleeson
Ursula Gormley
Paul Kennan
Ray Bates
Phil Ryan
Edith Forrest
Oliver Hynes
Kevin Clark
Colette McGahon
Barry Murphy
Fiona Naughton
Andy Gilsenan
Laura Gilsenan

Online:

Paula Glasgow
Colma Brioscú
Deirdre Seaver
Hilary Moffatt
Patrick Madden
Fiona Mullaney

Apologies list:

Colin & Angela Nicholls
Kevin Hough
Maeve Madden
Joan Cowle
Ada Kelly
Shirin Tobin
Joan Scannell
Colma Brioscú
Ita Beausang
Enid Chaloner
Jane Buckley
Séamus Crimmins
Orla Palliser
Jack Morrissey
Liz Keighary
Gráinne Gormley