

Check-ins

Apologies

- RC unable to attend. All other trustees and DT present.

Declarations of interest

Approval of April minutes

- April minutes approved.

Review minutes and action points

- Data protection policy to be reviewed in Monday's policy meeting
- Bridget plaque now safely with Georgia, but not able to install until after lockdown.
- Online payment methods:
 - Initial thoughts: Patreon and Ko-Fi are mainly optimised for a continuous release of content. One-off payments for a one-off event are most likely what we're looking for, more research needed but Paypal is certainly not a bad option.
- Insurance rate from our current supplier is due to go up from £5000 to £5600.
 - Seems reasonable, especially given increased terrorism risk over last five years, and some insurance companies currently leaving the UK market.
- Co-option of trustees / external trustees is ongoing
 - TW has a potential external trustee in mind to contact.

Operations Issues

- Beltane debrief will be on Sunday.
- AN and DT will run a pared-down BonFire contributors' survey, with at least some metrics to allow like-for-like comparison to other years.

Beltane Court 2021

- Keiran and Katie have expressed an interest in potentially staying on until next year, since they weren't able to perform the role fully in this year. Will hand the decision to the Blues whether to allow this; board will support their decision either way.

Charitable activities (Lughnasadh & Samhuinn)

- Our first online festival was very well-received; we could certainly do that again.
- Seems like we should have an online event for Samhuinn (possibly alongside an in-person event). We should check where the membership's energy/spoons is for doing something for Lughnasadh as well.
- Point to consider in future: how to assemble contributors for another online festival, if we don't have the in-person open meeting and open practices to engage and connect people. We still want projects to be inclusive of the community and to include skills-sharing.
 - An online open meeting is doable with hopefully all the pizzazz and outreach of a regular open meeting.
- Should we revise our selection process, and our operational organisation, to reflect the different skills that we need for an online festival?
- We can confidently expect restrictions to slowly lessen between now and Samhuinn, even though we don't know by how much. It seems safe to look into plans for some sort of physical event(s), even in a limited scope.

Governance issues

Companies House have contacted requesting us to renew confirmation status, but on inspection our online account shows us in the clear and no update needed. AN will contact them back to check.

AGM postponement

- AGMs do seem to work better in person.
- Postponement would need to be until after Samhuinn, so as not to have new trustees in the middle of a run-up. Could potentially be tied in with Yule.
- Moving the AGM to winter may actually be good, since Samhuinn has been the more complex festival in recent years, so having Beltane as the first festival for new trustees makes sense.
- OSCR has released guidelines for online General Meetings, and an online EGM may be preferable. It'd be good to test the effectiveness of an online general meeting, and this is a good time to get work done within the community.
- Comms will be going out in the next few days announcing AGM postponement and EGM plans. We'll make sure that the purpose of the EGM is clear and the relevance of the Articles of Association to the membership is explained.
- Votes:
 - Vote to postpone the AGM: APPROVED unanimously
 - Vote to hold a formal EGM, online, in June: APPROVED unanimously

Finance & Income Generation

April Accounts:

- The fewest transactions we've ever had in an April!
- Predicted net income from Beltane was £11,000. Once ticket money is received and council payment is returned, Beltane is a net loss of £3,600.
 - Russ reported last month that the Council has agreed to refund us, though the money hasn't been received yet.
- Predicting a potential deficit of £3750 for an online Samhuinn, which is mainly the cost of contractors.
- Assuming an online Samhuinn, the total projected deficit for the year would be £31,000. This would still leave BFS with £80,000 in savings.

Paypal situation:

- We set up a new paypal, just in time for BOnFire as it turned out.
- Old paypal still needs to be wound up; we suspect that it's in the name of Matt Richardson.

Fundraising and income-generation:

- Have raised a **huge** amount in donations this season, since all income from Beltane was by voluntary donation.
- Not able to sell merch right now.
- We put in a notice of interest to the wellbeing fund, however it does not seem applicable to us; it's mainly for charities that provide humanitarian or care services.
- Creative Scotland has a new grant for creatives moving into digital work; this may be available to us for our online festivals.
- Should look into the SCVO, and the Third Sector Resilience fund.
- People were surprisingly happy to support us via Paypal, to the extent that they looked us up on paypal *instead of* paying through our links. This suggests paypal is a good tool to continue using.
- There is a more ethical alternative to Paypal, that Caroline will try to get us in touch with.

Partnership with Be United

- Be United Open Day is on hold until further notice. Most likely it'll be next summer.

Board project progress

Premises:

- Be United have been made aware that BFS are't using the warehouse at present, and

that they're free to enter the building if they deem it necessary.

- Alan Howse has been checking on the building's safety during his daily walks.
- As soon as restrictions on construction work are lifted, the money saved from H&S expenditure from Beltane can be put into repairing the lighting system.

Systems, drive structure, access to documents:

- AN will have time over the next few months to get more work done on this.
- Is creating a 'map of the drive' document, to lay out proposed changes and for reference once the new structure is done.

Green tracker sustainability

- No new developments in sustainability planning.
- Beltonia utility usage is down to zero this month, since we weren't there!