

Beltane Fire Society Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time:	Monday 11th March 2024, 7pm - 9pm
Location:	Beltonia, and dial in option on invitation
Invited:	All Board members, Blues, Contractors
Present:	Sammi Searle, C'tri Goudie, Mailis Marty, Ella Humphries, Lisa Maher, Brad McArthur, Sophie McCarthy, Steve Glover, Rob Thorburn, Tom Watton

Item	Time	Details	Item Lead
1. Welcome		<p>SS: Thanks to everyone for making time, recognise it's a super busy month. Figured whilst contractors are actively working, it would be worth slinging an invite for a team-wide update. Sound good?</p> <p>[thumbs up from all]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies From Stew wilson, and Sara Thomas, and Mairi McKay, Luca Gallici • Declarations of interest regarding any agenda items N/A 	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
2. Review of minutes and action points		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision: approval of previous minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes from 12/02/24 Vote - all in favour, no abs 2. Minutes from 26/02/24 Vote - 4 in favour, one abs • Update: Review any previous action points DONE 	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
3. Operations Issues [Operations]	19:23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blues Update SG: Slightly out of the loop but when I checked in earlier no one had any updates to relay or questions that needed answers. SS: I have a quick thing for the Blues. I was chatting to a Tech GO earlier at Beltonia, and they mentioned a potential developing issue with a group tech needing more tech support members 	BLUES

		<p>ACTION: Blues/Contractors to check in with tech requirements</p> <p>SS: A'ight brilliant, thanks for that Blues/contractors.</p> <p>Mailis will be in touch to discuss don't screw the crew rules surrounding longer-term volunteers (like MQ, Blues, Trustees)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor Updates <p>SS: any updates or things you want to pass on? LM: none from me SS: In terms of the Beltane trips, we'll let you know once the logistics are nailed down.</p> <p>TW: Thanks to Stew for lending tripod for the open meeting. Ticket sales wise and management process: we've sold 2115 tickets, which is about £29k of income. They've not been on sale a month yet, and last time we were on a Tuesday we were only at 500 sales by this point. Still not easy to project final sales, I think 6, 6.5 is realistic. We budgeted around 5k sales and still having a surplus, so looking quite realistic.</p> <p>In terms of EPOG, we had a very successful meeting. The safety advisory group from the council were happy with one meeting and said they didn't require a second.</p> <p>In terms of the hill, we had some close work with Friends of Calton Hill to do cleaning of the drainage gullies, and it's really nice that there's a closer bond there, and has enabled us to better time the re-turfing. Chats about getting Hawthorn and Blackthorn in common break-in points, and the council is up for that, so that's going to happen around winter. Trying to get them to let us know when/ if they're planning tree plantings so they can be considerate of our usage of the space. SS: can you keep me updated on tree planting as that's something I'm interesting in projectwise as a trustee</p> <p>TW: yup</p> <p>RT: In terms of Beltane, we have either got everyone in place, or have strong proposals. There's some chat about charcoal props for the Acropolis which I plan a trial run of on Sunday.</p> <p>EH: Stewards, lots of new faces. That's a good place to start from at this point in the timeline, not super worried. We did some workshops with more people on Sunday, collaboration with Tech went really well. Open days at Beltonia are a bit hit and miss, mostly miss now. None of the projects are necessary, everything is made from last time. Alan Howse has a mentee whom he's teaching metalworking too, which is going great.</p>	<p>TW/RT/EH/LM/ GS</p>
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8. AOB		N/A	
9. Close of Meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm date of next meeting <p>SS: April? Aaaahh time. I think next month will be the 15th of Apr, so pencil that in.</p> <p>MM: Is that between walkthroughs?</p> <p>TW: Yeah, sounds like a good time.</p> <p>SS: Yeah. Don't feel like we're in need of fortnightly meetings at this point, ye?</p> <p>[thumbs up]</p> <p>SM: how about we pencil in fortnightly just in case?</p> <p>SS: Agreed, let us all live in fear of the emergency disaster meeting. Let's pencil in the 25th of march and we'll take a temperature check in the week before I'm in favour of people being able to breathe.</p>	ALL