

Hi all

The following is information for ALL Ukestra members.

A follow up meeting was held on Tuesday evening November 30 attended by 14 people including Mark Jackson.

The main reasons were to decide on the issues of insurance and incorporation and the need for a formal committee type structure.

Dianne recommended that we join the Newcastle and Hunter Valley Folk Club Inc to become an affiliated group and be insured for public performances under their banner. In order to do this Ukastle Ukestra performers must individually join the Folk Club. Membership forms were handed out (you can access one on the Newcastle Folk Club website and one is attached to this message). So if you intend to take up the opportunity to perform you will need to prove membership status. This decision was supported unanimously by those present.

In terms of incorporation it was decided to postpone any move in that direction.

In terms of formal structure (ie committee/office bearers) our only requirement at this stage is to have representation on the Newcastle and Hunter Folk Club committee. Robin Bond and Dianne Pope will share this responsibility.

There was some discussion around the possibility of a 2012 Ukulele festival in Newcastle. It was greeted with enthusiasm and it was decided that people will meet again in early February 2011 to talk about this some more.

Another issue is that people need to know that a Ukulele Slush Fund was started when the Ukastle Ukestra was paid for appearing at the Darby Street Fair. It currently contains about \$200. This will alter in our favour as members perform and are paid for gigs. Mark draws a fee for these events and the remainder is placed in this account. Regular reports will be made available on the status of this account. No decisions have been made about how the money will be spent.

I will notify everyone of the next meeting and all are welcome.

Cheers
Dianne Pope