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To all Easdale islanders

Here is the latest on the trust.

We are now a company limited by guarantee with charitable status.

The memorandum of association runs to several pages and is available to all company members.

We have appointed Jean Ainsley as accountant and we have set up an accounting system, which will be open to inspection at any time to any member. The company year runs to 30th September.

We have an account with the Bank of Scotland, Oban.

We are still waiting to hear about our VAT status but we don't expect any problems with it.

The festival

Was a great success, despite the unforeseen events of that week and some not too kind weather. Over the weekend there were 60 performers, and some people were rather surprised at the high quality of the music, much of which was world class. Thanks to all the pickers & pluckers, blowers & whistlers, squeezers & sneezers, bonkers & beaters, singers & storytellers, poets & pundits, dancers & prancers, and everyone who just came to be a part of it all.

And thanks to everyone who helped, which was just about everyone, including....

- The marquee erectors
- the hall wall scrapers
- the stage makers
- the wall painter
- the roof mender
- the chair lifters
- the floor breakers
- the hole in the wall gang
- the sugar mouse maker
- the microphone men
- the cake bakers
- the painters, artists and decorators
- the torch bearers
- the boatman
- the shovellers
- the dumper man
- the man with the kango drill
- the bunting hunting party and flag baggers
- the erectors of luminence

- the booking office girls
- the cake stall girls
- the dancing girls
- the raffle baffler
- the sweepers

.....and then there was.....

the world stone skimming championship !!

which lived up to its promise and drew entrants from the other side of the world. Will we ever live down the fact that we gave away the cup to a *New Zealander*????

Thanks to Bert and Mellon for a stunning event that really put us on the map of stone skimming festivals. Incidentally I dont know how the media latched onto it but I gave live interviews on radio Rock 98 Baltimore USA as well as Radio Scotland and Oban FM.

The festival grossed about £1750 and made a profit of about £300, which wasn't too bad for the first time. Above all it was a lot of fun for everyone and I judge its success on the warm and friendly ambience it generated amongst all who came, the spontaneous music that was to be heard seeping out of the marquee, the children in the front row and those of you who remembered how the hall was when you were that age.

The fish hall

We reckon it will take £50,000 to get the hall into good shape. We will be applying for millennium funding and elsewhere. We need to get an application in to SCVO by 10th October. We have asked Shauna Cameron, architect, to do some creative impressions. I will do the engineering. We are compiling a presentation document to go in search of funds. The Hall will be leased by me for 25 years for £1 per year to EILEAN EISDEAL, which will pay running costs, maintenance and rates etc.

Become a member

As an owner or resident you are invited to become a member of the company on payment of a £5 annual fee. Being a member entitles you to vote at meetings, stand for election as a director, have priority for functions and generally have a say in what goes on. All members including directors will have equal voting rights, i.e. one vote. Give me your fiver now!

Be a friend of Eilean Eisdeal !

If you know someone who lives somewhere else but is interested in the Island, £5 a year will keep them up to date with news of the Island and its events. They will also be among the first to know about the next concert, art exhibition or ceilidh.

AGM

We will have an inaugural AGM on 10th October in the restaurant at 7.30 pm. See you there. If you think there's anything we should discuss, let me know beforehand.

ADRIAN LAYCOCK