

FUNTINGTON PLAYERS

Draft minutes of the Management Committee held in Ratham Lane, Bosham on 21st February 2022.

Present:

Barbara MacWhirter (chair) Scilla Jutton-Holland Tony Clark Jan Copsy
Steve Pearce Margaret Edwards Richard Sanderson

Action Points in bold italics. Newsletter items marked N.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Aaron Baker.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

- **Steve** will deal with the archiving of material as soon as he can.
- **Barbara** will make further attempts to contact Sally at the College for the joint initiative but will wait until after half term as this is a very busy time for students now.
- The scripts are being printed now for *Murder With Ghosts* ready for the playread.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tony reported that all the cast of the current production have paid their subscriptions. Some discussion followed on clarifying what the payment was for. Mainly it pays for insurance which covers everybody who participates in our activities.

OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD

Tony reported that rehearsals are going well and the cast are working hard. Some are finding the doubling of parts easier than others but Tony is confident that they will all get there. Bolton Twill was well attended. Tickets will go on sale the next day after this meeting. There are few props and they are being made. Sound is making good progress as are costumes. Tony and Louisa may make a trip to Polegate to look at jackets that might be used for the officers. Scene painters are well on track with a new offer of help and other roles have been filled.

MEDIA REPORT

Aaron emailed a report of the current situation that was very helpful in summarising interest in the website, Twitter and Instagram. The upcoming exhibition on *The Art of Chichester* celebrates a number of anniversaries of local arts organisations. The writer of the accompanying book, also called *The Art of Chichester*, has said that the FPs will get a mention – he has said that there is plenty for him to draw on in our website. A small donation of £25 was agreed. Our publicity was discussed and it seems that the job is covered well as it is divided into several aspects between Pat, Carole, Paul and Tiffin. The photos board needs updating as there are a lot of newer photos that Jan is holding.

HEALTH & SAFETY, TECHNICAL MATTERS

Tony gave an update on the situation regarding the new Village Hall.

AUTUMN 2022 PRODUCTION

Barbara had passed around *The Titfield Thunderbolt* by T. E. B. Clarke which she is keen to direct this autumn. Discussion followed on its merits and issues. It was generally felt to be a 'doable' play

and it was noted that a director's enthusiasm is vital for a successful production. We will still read *Murder With Ghosts* but it is not likely to be the preferred option now.

Helen submitted a list of plays that she is interested in directing. After we have done *Crucible* next spring we can have further discussions with her to see if she is able to offer something to follow it.

AWD

The meeting of all who are interested in brainstorming ideas for the next AWD had to be cancelled due to the storm. It has been rescheduled for Friday 25th March.

BLUE SKY

No items were discussed on this.

FUTURE EVENTS/CAFE EVENINGS/PLAY READS/STUDIOS

- Playread of *Murder with Ghosts* on 25th February
- Playread of *The Titfield Thunderbolt* on 11th March
- Meeting to discuss the next AWD on Friday 25th March
- Workshop taking some themes from *The Madwoman of Chailot*: Saturday morning 7th May
- Audition for the Autumn Production on Tuesday 26th April

MEMBERS UPDATE

Only those who have paid their subscriptions will go on the database and have access to other members' details. Margaret wished to clarify this process. She will adjust the form and draft a welcome email that will go out to those who express an interest in joining us.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Newsletter items as above. There are no further social events planned at present.

AOB

- There will be a fundraising duck race in the village on 25th June and Tony brought us the FP duck. It will be weighted to keep it upright and Sybil will be asked to paint it.
- Some costumes from *Amateurs* have been lent by Pat to another society and she had asked what she should charge. It was suggested that a modest donation would be sufficient.