

FUNTINGTON PLAYERS

Draft minutes of the Management Committee held on Monday 16th October 2023 at Ratham Lane, Bosham.

Present:

Richard Sanderson(chair)	Barbara MacWhirter	Jan Copsey.	Sue Wilkins
Scilla Jutton-Holland	Margaret Edwards	Clare Burt	Alan Copsey

Action Points in bold italics. Newsletter items marked N.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Aaron Baker and Tony Clark.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

Barbara asked that Helen's offer to direct *Hobson's Choice* for us next autumn was mentioned again. For further details see the August minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tony emailed that it looks as if AWD has made a profit, even after the purchase of the masks. The bar takings contributed to this.

MEDIA REPORT

Information is currently going in to local magazines about the next production. It has also been posted on Facebook and Instagram. The 75th Anniversary will feature the following month.

HEALTH & SAFETY, TECHNICAL MATTERS

Alan spoke to Pat and Paul about sound as there had been some difficulties operating the sound tape before the AWD performances. It seems that there are a number of different software packages available for making up a sound tape. Some seem better than others for FP purposes. Speakers are available to use that will connect with any of the hardware used by FPs. Anybody interested in operating a sound track for a production is welcome to come to rehearsals for DOTB from 29th October. They can then see the software and blue-tooth speaker in action using an i-pad.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Margaret has been talking to a lady who lives in Midhurst who is interested in FPs. She invited her to the next play read

AWD

Congratulations were expressed to Margaret, Pat and their team for a very successful AWD 5. The mask piece was particularly innovative. *Clare* will attend a mask performance by Vamos next year and is happy to manage a party if other people are interested. (N)

Margaret said that there was even more variety in the themes of the plays this time. Scene changes were swifter as furniture was minimised by using blocks. There was a greater use of floor space this time too. Two performances were offered, one night sold out and there were just 7 tickets left for the other night. Numbered seating was used this time. She also said that there was superb support from a number of members backstage.

The AWD writers have been contacted about plans to contribute to a the 2024 Players 75th Anniversary.

MAJOR PRODUCTIONS

Disposing of the Body

Alan reported that rehearsals are going well and that the cast are working hard. They have begun to do runs. Fliers are out now after a Whistl error. Bolton Twill was well attended so that lots of flats were painted and dried quickly in the sunshine. CFT have made a lot of their furniture available for our use. Rosey has done the rehearsal photos. **Alan** needs to make contact with Phil Hewitt for an interview. The boards that go on the road have not been set up yet so **Alan** will talk to Tony about them.

Shadow Factory

The audition is coming up so Tony requested that a reminder goes out in the Newsletter. **(N)** He has been talking to Gill about encouraging a number of young people to audition as she has a lot of contacts.

Autumn 2024 and Spring 2025

Alan will manage the next play read of *On the Razzle* and we will also read *Hobson's Choice*. *Twelve Angry Men* is booked for January and Gill has agreed to manage that reading. Helen will be asked if she will manage the *Hobson's Choice* play read

PRODUCTION-2024 75th ANNIVERSARY

Stories need to be found now. There was less enthusiasm for the tea party method of encouraging people to tell their stories. There are a number of possible writers interested, including Pat.

FUTURE EVENTS/CAFE EVENINGS/PLAY READS/STUDIOS

- Friday 20th October play read *On the Razzle* by Tom Stoppard
- Friday 8th December play read *Hobson's Choice* by Harold Brighouse
- Friday 19th January 2024 play read *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose

SOCIAL EVENTS AND NEWSLETTER ITEMS

- **Sue** will manage the Twelfth Night Dinner as the launch of the 75th Anniversary Year. She is hoping that a mention in the Newsletter will prompt more people to put their names forward. The menu is not available yet but it is always a good deal.
- Newsletter items as above.

AOB

Richard is not able to attend the next committee meeting so Sue will chair it. The December meeting will be held at Richard's home. Jan gave apologies for absence.

NEXT MEETING DATES: 13th November and 11th December.