

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of Funtington Players held in Bosham on Monday 15th April 2024

Present: Richard Sanderson, Tony Clark, Jan Copsey, Scilla Jutton-Holland, Sue Wilkins, Barbara MacWhirter, Margaret Edwards and Clare Burt

Apologies: Aaron Baker

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

Matters Arising

Following his discussion with Paul, Richard reported that Tony is best placed to hold website details and passwords etc.

Treasurer's Report

Tony will report as Treasurer in the section on *Shadow Factory*.

Media Report Update

The website has some very good pictures relating to the production.

Health and Safety/Technical Matters

Tony reported that one cast member injured her knee when throwing herself to the ground in the play. She also twisted her ankle in the car park.

The sound desk failed after the play finished but was repaired during the get-out.

Members Update

One new member who has just paid her subs is interested in FoH work among other things. Tony has had a chat with her. Barbara has reminded another new member that subs are due.

Major Productions:

Shadow Factory

Tony said that it has been a great week with very good audiences. Tickets sold well and over £5,000 income has been made. The bar made £560 profit. Four boxes of six red wines will be held over for the next production. Programmes were excellent in terms of production and content. Lou's firm will sponsor them. Charging a pound still covers the cost of making them. The cast provided most of their own refreshments during the rehearsals. A note was received about the hall from the secretary that we discussed.

Autumn Production

Sisterly Feelings

The audition will be held this week and separate arrangements will need to be made for two people who would like to be considered but cannot attend that date. Lou has offered to be Assistant Director and Barbara has said she could do props- a number of edible sandwiches will be required among other things. Camping equipment is not needed as that part of the play will not be done. Tony will meet Helen to discuss the set. Scilla will do the bar.

Spring Production 2025

It was suggested that Gill might like to direct *Last Tango in Whitby* by Mike Harding. She will be asked about this when she is well. Alan had considered offering *Local Affairs* by Richard Harris.

75th Anniversary

Barbara said that 5 short plays and a mask piece have been submitted. There will also be some musical events. With an interval it is likely to run for about 2 hours. She would like to call a meeting for all who are interested in May. Tony and Richard will read the submissions and decide which can be accepted. Hilary sent in a longer piece. Decisions will need to be made regarding ticket price, fliers, distribution of them by local people, operatives for sound and lighting etc. There needs to be a mini Bolton Twill and it will be on Sunday 23rd June in the morning. The hall will be booked from Wednesday 24th July for the raked seating to go up. Flats, lighting and the set will go up on Thursday 25th with a Dress Rehearsal that evening and there will be performances on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th July. WAVH committee will be asked to help with publicity and they have already offered to do the bar. A marquee was suggested for the bar but it was not thought to be viable. Tony has a meeting with them shortly when these issues will be discussed.

Future Events

Playreads: *Canvas* by Michael Wynne and *Summer End* by Eric Chappell will be checked to see if a set can be hired of one of them from NewSPAL for 24th May.

Social Events: Skittles on Friday 17th May at the Barley Mow. Payment can be made by BACS and more people are needed now so friends can be invited. Sue will liaise with the pub. It will be a 6.00 start, buffet will be served at 7.15.

The AGM will be on 13th August.

AOB

- Apologies for absence were given by Clare and Scilla for the next meeting.
- Dates of further committee meetings are 13th May, 10th June and 15th July. All will be held at Shirley Lodge, Bosham.