

## **Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of Funtington Players held in Bosham on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

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

**Apologies:** Apologies from Clare Burt

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

### **Matters Arising**

The payment for the website will go through Tony.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tony has transferred the last of the surplus from the *Fringe* to the village hall. He has paid for the rights and scripts for *Last Tango*. There have been no further subs paid in for a while.

### **Media Report Update**

NODA has been paid. We use it to cover our members' insurance. There has been good FP coverage in local magazines **Clare** will speak to Aaron about social media when he returns from his holiday. A video trailer of *Sisterly Feelings* would be useful to go on the website.

Margaret and Pat looked at a great number of photos and archives with a view to some kind of 75<sup>th</sup> souvenir. It was agreed that it will require a huge amount of work from Pat and that this is not the best use of her time for us. **Richard** will speak to her about this.

### **Health and Safety/Technical Matters**

There is nothing to report but there will be a meeting tomorrow of the WAVH committee. It was hoped that the new parking to be made at the back of the hall can be used during productions for cast parking.

### **Members Update**

Two new members have joined us and they are interested in helping backstage.

### **Major Productions:**

#### **Autumn Production 2024**

##### ***Sisterly Feelings***

Helen has had another cast member drop out – Lou has taken on the part. Helen will be asked to give us a list of who has taken on backstage roles by **Tony**. It was felt that we did not have the resources for a Gala Night. Fliers have been printed but the folding machine is broken so we might have to do that manually at Bolton Twill.

#### **Spring Production 2025**

Gill will direct *Last Tango in Whitby* and she has given a summary of the plot for the Newsletter **N**. She has also described each character. As it is a large cast she has asked for 2 audition dates: 1<sup>st</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> November. The set will not be complicated. The dancers are not expected to be professionals, just ordinary people enjoying themselves and Gill will choreograph it.

### **Future Proposals for Play reads**

Our recent playread *Queen of the Rebels* was felt to be an excellent play but too wordy for us and challenging for actors.

*Tons of Money* by Evans and Valentine managed by Barbara on 11<sup>th</sup> October N

*The Long Christmas Dinner* by Thornton Wilder managed by Jan on 8<sup>th</sup> November N

Jan suggested *Dear Octopus* by Dodie Smith as a future play read. It was felt that this would be a challenging one for us to put on as children are needed with all the chaperoning and restrictions that would be involved. We might read it as some time in the future though.

### **Cafe Evening 10 December WAVH**

In October the writers' synopses of their plays will be submitted to those managing the Cafe Evening and this will go into the Newsletter. N Members will then have the opportunity to ask to be involved in whichever interests them.

### **Social events and Newsletter items**

Playreads:

*Tons of Money* by Evans and Valentine on 11<sup>th</sup> October N

*The Long Christmas Dinner* by Thornton Wilder on 8<sup>th</sup> November N

Bolton Twill is 12<sup>th</sup> October. N

Cafe/AWD evening 10<sup>th</sup> December in WAVH N

A Twelfth Night Dinner has been planned by Sue for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 N

It will cost £25 which includes one drink, tea/coffee and a tip as well as the 3 course dinner. Menus will be sent out as soon as they are available.

The proposed trip to the Barley Mow is postponed until next year, assuming it is still open.

### **AOB**

Aaron has suggested that FPs might like to take part in an immersive theatre event at Weald and Downland. It was decided that we need a meeting with him to discuss this when he becomes available.

We have a new phone for the Box Office.

Flowers will be sent to Pat from the committee.

### **Dates of further committee meetings**

21<sup>st</sup> October, 18<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> December. All will be held at Shirley Lodge, Bosham.