

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting of Funtington Players held in Bosham on Monday 19th August 2024

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

Apologies: No apologies

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were accepted as accurate though in the Media Report it was a full page advert in the Parish Magazine not a four page one. The *Fringe* had just one technical rehearsal.

Matters Arising

Dealt with below.

Treasurer's Report

Tony had recently given a full report to the AGM and there have been no significant payments since. He added that he is not able to access FP funds at the moment whilst he waits for the bank's two pronged verification system to be changed to enable codes to be sent to his mobile phone. There are quite a few subscriptions to come in still. On the basis of previous experience, some people cast in the next production are known to be unlikely to pay a subscription but they will be asked. There was some discussion about payment for the website that will be due in January or February 2025; Richard & Tony will seek to resolve the matter with Paul & Pat.

Media Report Update

Barbara sent the Media Report to the committee showing what the various hits on the website were about. Aaron has been our social media contact. Clare will talk to him to find out if he wishes to continue or to hand it over to her and Pat as he was the administrator. Discussion followed about whether one could be a friend or a follower and control of what went out to whom. It was generally felt that access to our publicity and practices could be openly available to anyone interested.

Health and Safety/Technical Matters

There is nothing to report.

Members Update

There is nothing to report.

Major Productions:

Autumn Production 2024

Sisterly Feelings

Helen has had to reorganise some casting but all is satisfactory now. She has also covered the back stage roles.

Spring Production 2025

Gill will direct *Last Tango in Whitby*.

Future Proposals for Play reads

The Queen and the Rebels by Ugo Betti managed by Alan Copsey on 13th September

Tons of Money by Evans and Valentine managed by Barbara on 11th October

The Long Christmas Dinner by Thornton Wilder managed by Jan on 8th November

Jan suggested *Dear Octopus* by Dodie Smith as a future play read.

75th Anniversary

• Revue

Many positive comments were received about the performance so some will be shared via the Newsletter. Some groups struggled to agree rehearsal dates due to holidays but others with small casts did not. As it was a fund raiser for WAVH, bookings to rehearse in the hall were not charged. Barbara would have liked to have had more time at the hall. The whole experience was very worthwhile and enjoyable for many of those taking part.

• Souvenir programme

This will not be in the form of a handout. It could perhaps be a 10 minute video compilation of archive material put on the website. Richard will discuss the feasibility of this with Pat.

Cafe Evening 10 December WAVH

Eight writers are ready to provide sketches for this on topics of their choosing. They will write a one line description of what it is about and members will be invited to email if they would like a part in them. Margaret and Pat will then allocate parts based on the response. Writers will call their cast for one read through prior to the performance. In the hall they can use the floor or the stage as they wish. Clare has kindly offered to donate mince pies. Savoury nibbles will also be provided. People can bring their own drink. They can be asked to book the evening for free on Ticketsource so that we have an idea of numbers. Tony will provide some basic lighting.

Social events and Newsletter items

An updated members list will go out with the Newsletter. Jan and Tony will compare lists to ensure accuracy.

Playreads:

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Tons of Money by Evans and Valentine on 11th October

The Long Christmas Dinner by Thornton Wilder on 8th November

Bolton Twill is 12th October.

Cafe/AWD evening 10th December in WAVH

New Year Dinner will be planned by Sue after contacting the College for a menu and dates.

Sue will explore the possibility of a Skittles Evening at the Barley Mow before they close.

AOB

Richard is looking for a place where his neighbour can donate costume. Barbara will give him Margo Dodd's details as a possible recipient.

Margaret said that a Chichester Writers' group was looking for actors for a presentation next June.

Dates of further committee meetings

23rd September, 21st October and 18th November. All will be held at Shirley Lodge, Bosham.