

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

Present: Richard Sanderson, Jan Copsey, Scilla Jutton-Holland, Sue Wilkins, Barbara MacWhirter, Clare Burt and Alan Copsey.

Apologies: Tony Clark and Margaret Edwards

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were accepted as accurate. It was noted that the AWD Cafe Evening venue is in WAVH and not the Church Room.

Matters Arising

Dealt with below.

Treasurer's Report

Tony sent his End of Financial Year Report to the committee and it will be presented at the AGM.

Media Report Update

Barbara sent the Media Report to the committee detailing the hits to the website which were numerous but still did not lead to improved ticket sales for the Fringe. The ad on Facebook has only had one response. Barbara also outlined all the publicity in the various local magazines as well as a telephone interview with Phil Hewitt and she has reached out to local radio.

There has been a four page ad in the Parish magazine that was free and flyers have been emailed out to those on the mailing list living locally.

Health and Safety/Technical Matters

There is nothing to report on this but regarding the Hall: some clearing has begun of the vegetation at the back of it where there will be additional parking eventually.

Members Update

We have one new member this month.

Major Productions:

Autumn Production 2024

Sisterly Feelings

Nothing to report at present.

Spring Production 2025

Gill's offers of *Crucible* or *Last Tango in Whitby* were discussed and it was decided to choose *Last Tango*. Scilla will communicate the decision to Gill.

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

The dates of the play reads managed by Jan and Alan were changed to those above.

75th Anniversary

· Revue

A technical rehearsal of the whole event will be held in the hall on Wednesday 17th July as there are a number of sound cues and scene changes. There will be a further technical rehearsal on Wednesday 24th July. The bar, which will be managed by the WAVH committee, will be in the body of the hall at the back but away from the main doors. Front of House has been sorted and tickets will be sold on the door. Programmes have been sent to the printer. Seating will be on the floor but staggered to try to ensure good sight lines.

· Souvenir programme

It was acknowledged that a programme with coloured photos would be expensive to produce and this is a consideration if we were to gift them to people. Perhaps an exhibition of artefacts from our history could be presented at the AWD Cafe Evening instead. Richard will discuss this with Margaret. Sybil had a display board that perhaps could be used. If there are gaps in the years then an appeal could go out to members via the Newsletter. A large number of photos from the past have been lost apparently.

· Celebration event

7 writers have expressed an interest in writing for this event and are free to choose their own topic for sketches. Richard will talk to Margaret regarding food and drink requirements.

Social events and Newsletter items

The AGM will be on 13th August. Jan has retrieved the minutes for the 2023 AGM and will circulate them with the agenda. Scilla will confirm with Aaron that he no longer wishes to stand. At present Clare is co-opted. If she is willing, she could be asked to take his place. The AGM will be 7.30 for 7.45. Wine and nibbles will be offered.

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

Cafe/AWD evening 10th December in WAVH

AOB

None

Dates of further committee meetings

19th August, 23rd September and 21st October. All will be held at Shirley Lodge, Bosham.