

FUNTINGTON PLAYERS

Draft minutes of the Management Committee held on Monday 13th November 2023 at Ratham Lane, Bosham.

Present:

Richard Sanderson(chair)	Tony Clark.	Barbara MacWhirter
Jan Copsey.	Sue Wilkins	Alan Copsey
Margaret Edwards		

Action Points in bold italics. Newsletter items marked N.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Aaron Baker and Clare Burt

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

Scilla apologised for omitting Jan's name as sound manager in the list of back stage crew in the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tony said that nearly all the members had paid their subscriptions. He has paid the bill for our insurance.

MEDIA REPORT

Barbara said that there were slightly fewer hits on the website when compared to last year but that it is picking up now..

HEALTH & SAFETY, TECHNICAL MATTERS

Tony said that the hinges on the front door of WAVH were being adjusted so that it can be closed firmly from inside. Sue asked that the rail on the ramp be painted white again as it is so difficult to see in the dusk when reversing into the space next to it. A request was made for anyone spotting redundant bollards to collect them as we need them for the car park during the run. ***Tony and Sue*** will ensure that fire exit procedures in the event of an emergency are gone through at the Technical Rehearsal at the weekend. High vis jackets will be given to those who are marshals.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Margaret has been talking to a lady who lives in Midhurst who was interested in FPs but she now feels that we are too far away. Another potential member is moving into the area. A third person has expressed interest in working with us either on stage or back stage for the next production, Margaret said.

AWD

Margaret gave feedback on the results of their questionnaire. Everyone was in favour of two nights of performances and the time scale also suited most people. A few thought that it could be shorter. The minimal staging was acceptable to everyone and the start in September was also generally agreed. Nearly everyone got the tickets that they wanted and several people said how much they enjoyed being part of it.

MAJOR PRODUCTIONS

Disposing of the Body

Alan said that everything is on schedule for the run. Plans for Get In were made and Jan will send them out to the members to encourage support in building the set and getting the hall ready for the performances. (N) About 80% of the tickets have been sold and they are still selling. Alan found email addresses for about 30 people who had agreed to be contacted in that manner and emailed fliers to them. This has already resulted in further sales.

Shadow Factory

The audition was well attended so that Tony was able to cast the play completely. He also has some of the back stage team in place as well: Alan will Stage Manage, Clare will design the lighting and operate it, Carole will prompt and Scilla will do the bar.

He needs a dead rabbit and Sue will be able to procure one. The deer in the script is covered with a blanket so just the antlers need to be visible. The cat will be represented by a soft toy.

Autumn 2024 and Spring 2025

It was generally felt that *On the Razzle* is no longer suitable for us to put on. We will read *Hobson's Choice* which will be managed by either Helen or Barbara. *Twelve Angry Men* is booked for January and Gill has agreed to manage that reading. *Scilla* was asked to find out if the performance rights for *Crucible* would become available anytime soon.

PRODUCTION-2024 75th ANNIVERSARY

Barbara compiled notes for discussion regarding this event which will be staged over at least two nights in WAVH and will replace AWD for that year. Dates suggested are 26th and 27th July 2024. Publicity to attract stories, writers and interest generally will be stepped up once the current production is done. The focus is 75 years of FPs and a celebration of the local area and villages. A team is needed to manage it and this will feature Barbara, Richard and Margaret. A schedule needs to be compiled as was done for AWD. It also needs a success criteria it was felt.

FUTURE EVENTS/CAFE EVENINGS/PLAY READS/STUDIOS

- Friday 8th December play read *Hobson's Choice* by Harold Brighouse
- Friday 19th January 2024 play read *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose
- **Barbara** will ask Pat to find out about the availability of Toby to run another mask workshop for us.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND NEWSLETTER ITEMS

- **Sue** will pass on the menu for the Twelfth Night Dinner to Jan as soon as it becomes available. It was agreed that only the 3 course option should be offered and £1 will be added to cover the tip.
- Newsletter items as above.

AOB

Barbara was asked for advice regarding starting another drama group locally. The person will be invited to attend Get In and a performance.

NEXT MEETING DATES: 11th December at Richard's home and 8th January 2024 back in Bosham.