

FUNTINGTON PLAYERS

Draft minutes of the Management Committee held via Zoom 21st March 2022.

Present:

Barbara MacWhirter (chair) Scilla Jutton-Holland Tony Clark Jan Copsey
Steve Pearce Margaret Edwards Richard Sanderson Aaron Baker.

Action Points in bold italics. Newsletter items marked N.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

The environmental policy is on the website now.

Barbara is in communication with the college regarding joint ventures.

David Elliot had been informed that we agreed his use of the photograph, albeit reluctantly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tony reported that he had paid the annual music licence that applies to all our productions.

OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD

Rehearsals are going well but Tony has not yet managed to find a replacement Stage Manager. A number of names were suggested and he hopes to resolve this soon. Makeup has been replaced and Jacqui is ready to go. Costumes are nearly ready. Ticket sales are a little slow but it is hoped that a good review in *The Observer* and a reminder in *The Newsletter* will improve the situation.

MEDIA REPORT

The media report had been circulated covering regarding each aspect of our publicity. The website is showing increased traffic due to *OCG* bookings, but Twitter, Instagram and Facebook are moving more slowly. The programme for *OCG* is with the printers and local magazines have been contacted.

HEALTH & SAFETY, TECHNICAL MATTERS

Nothing to report.

AUTUMN 2022 PRODUCTION:

After reading *The Titfield Thunderbolt* it was agreed that it will be our autumn production. *Scilla* was asked to get the royalties and scripts.

AWD

The AWD planning meeting has been rescheduled for this Friday 25th March. Margaret has had 6 replies so far.

CFT DIGITAL STAGES

It was felt that we might struggle to contribute something for this in the time allocated. It was suggested that it was done with puppets or talking heads rather than actors and performed outside. It was also suggested that Hilary might be interested in doing this as she will be in the area soon for a short time. It will be mentioned in the *Newsletter* in case individuals wish to try to produce something.

CHICHESTER JUBILEE EVENT 4th JUNE

There will be an event staged at Priory Park and stalls will be set up with various groups and societies organising a game for families. Promoting the Players by sharing a stall with West Dean was discussed but it was not something that the committee was keen to be involved in.

75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLAYERS 2024

Past celebrations were discussed and committee will revisit this later.

FUTURE EVENTS/CAFE EVENINGS/PLAY READS/STUDIOS

- Playread of *Romantic Comedy* by Bernard Slade Friday 29th April
- Workshop of the *The Madwoman of Chailot* by Jean Giraudoux Saturday 7th May 10-12
- Playread of *The Noble Spaniard* by Somerset Maugham Friday 27th May

MEMBERS UPDATE

There are no new members this month but someone who expressed interest previously will attend the AWD meeting, Margaret reported.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Newsletter items as above. Tony will send a blurb regarding Get In. Barbara will send one regarding *Thunderbolt*.

There are no further social events planned at present.

AOB

- Sybil is happy to paint the duck for the duck race.

NEXT MEETING DATES: Monday 25th April and Thursday 19th May 2022.