

FUNTINGTON PLAYERS

Draft minutes of the Management Committee held at Shirley Lodge, Bosham on Monday 19th September 2022.

Present:

Barbara MacWhirter (chair) Scilla Jutton-Holland Jan Copsey
Tony Clark Sue Wilkins Margaret Edwards
Gill Lambourn attended for the *Crucible* item.

Action Points in bold italics. Newsletter items marked N.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Richard.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as accurate, except for one detail: Pat had been credited with one task that in fact had been performed by Barbara.

MATTERS ARISING

Barbara had been unable to contact Mrs Stirland about her request for us to do a Murder Mystery in October as she had an old phone number and had been unable to make contact with anyone at the company to find her new one.

CRUCIBLE

Gill would like two auditions as the play has such a large cast. 12th and 14th October was agreed. *Scilla* will get the rights and scripts. There was discussion about the audition protocol as we have written one. She spoke of the need for sensitivity regarding the role of Tituba as it would be expected that a person from an ethnic minority would play it. The committee advised Gill on the usual procedures and the backstage support that is needed to support her in this venture.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Subscriptions have been paid up by most people. One cast member has yet to comply. There have been no other expenses recently but with rights and scripts for *Crucible* being pursued currently, those bills will come in soon.

MEDIA REPORT

Traffic has been 10% down this month but is likely to improve soon when ticket sales start. The heading of the website was changed to black to reflect respect for the late Queen's passing. There is not much activity on social media. It was felt that those involved in the current rehearsals and AWD 4 are best placed to initiate that.

Publicity for *Titfield Thunderbolt* has been sent to local village magazines, flyers have been created, printed and collected. Video filming to support this is scheduled for next Sunday.

HEALTH & SAFETY, TECHNICAL MATTERS

It is not likely that work will begin on a new hall any time soon. Work is now being planned to do urgent jobs to the existing hall. Plumbing in the kitchen, new front doors and replacement heaters are all on the agenda. We also need to do a major de clutter of the hall to comply with fire and H & S regulations. The best time to do this is during the run of The Titfield Thunderbolt. The container at the farm needs de cluttering too. The price of using it is going up soon, we have been informed.

AUTUMN 2022 PRODUCTION: The Titfield Thunderbolt

Two people who were cast have had to withdraw. Barbara has managed to find replacements for both of them. The film that will be used in the publicity is being made at the railway engineers' site this Saturday. Flyers will be handed out regarding the production at their next open day. The cast are expected to take on props and costume management. There is a production team meeting on 2nd October. Flyers will be put in envelopes on Bolton Twill day but preparation of the flats will be done later as AWD rehearsals and Get In are on the 8th October as well. There was discussion about getting two boards updated so that they can be put out on the road to advertise the main production.

AWD

The running order has been sorted and the midway rehearsal went well. Timed slots were carefully adhered to. One cast member has dropped out but has been replaced. One ticket per cast member is available from Ticketsource now. Booking will be open to all as soon as the Newsletter goes out. N

NEWSPAL

NewSPAL have finally agreed that our registration has been paid and the set requested for the next playread has been delivered. £10 was charged for the set hire and £4.50 courier charge was made for the one way delivery.

BLUESKY THINKING

There have been some interesting outdoor performances in August at the Weald and Downland Museum. This was discussed with the view to FPs putting on a half hour performance of something next year, perhaps.

FUTURE EVENTS/CAFE EVENINGS/PLAY READS/STUDIOS

- *Disposing of the Body* is still being passed round the committee.
- *Trivial Pursuits* by Frank Vickery will be read on 23rd September.
- *Breaking the Code* by Hugh Whitemore has been rebooked for Friday 21st October.
- Playread TBA on 9th December
- Scilla was asked to find out if *Home I'm Darling* by Laura Wade is available for performing now.

MEMBERS UPDATE

The members' contact details have been updated and those who have not been seen for a long time and have not paid have been deleted.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Sue will investigate booking for a meal at the College in January as a 12th Night event.

AOB

None

NEXT MEETING DATES: Monday 17th October and Monday 14th November.