

FUNTINGTON PLAYERS

Draft minutes of the Management Committee held in Ratham Lane, Bosham on 15th November 2021.

Present:

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

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

There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with later in the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A number of large bills have been paid including the insurance bill. A few more subs have been paid.

MEDIA REPORT

Visits to the website are up by 109% largely driven by ticket sales. There are 4 people wishing to join us. Various rehearsal photos have been sent to Aaron for social media. Two gifs have been made relating to the coming production and the following one for Facebook. They do not work on Instagram apparently. Programmes have been collected for sale at the production next week.

HEALTH & SAFETY, TECHNICAL MATTERS

Some temporary repairs have been made in the kitchen. The resident bats are causing staining on the ceiling in the Committee Room.

A BUNCH OF AMATEURS

Alan is pleased with progress.

- The difficult issue of speedy costume changes has been addressed by Pat T. very competently and is being incorporated into rehearsals already to ensure it all works.
- Front of House problems were discussed as there is no one doing just this job. Responsibility for emergency exits is with a different person each night who needs to sit where it can be managed easily.
- It was decided that late comers will be kept in the bar til the interval as stated on the tickets.
- The bar will be set up on the final Dress Rehearsal evening. Notices will be placed to request that the audience does not congregate in the bar so that we do not need a crowd control person.
- Rostra will go up from 7.00 on Thursday evening.(N)
- Tony requested support for Get In from the members.(N)

AWD

Barbara said that *Talking News* would like to record the trilogy for their programme. It was agreed that the authors would be asked for permission. **Margaret** pointed out that they were not written as radio plays and would have to be looked at and possibly adapted to fit the purpose. She will talk to the other authors, Pat and Paul about this.

OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD AUDITION

Tony was pleased with the turnout for this. When it came to it, there were only the 3 ladies' parts that needed to be recast as the men were all willing to do it again. Tony will keep the cast groupings as he originally planned them. A few more scripts are needed. A lot of the costumes were already acquired when we had to stop so this job should have only minimal adjustments to complete it.

DECEMBER WORKSHOP

Charge to be £5 to try to cover costs including the fee. Members will be asked to contact Barbara if they plan to attend. It will be in the evening of Thursday 9th November from 7.30 to 9.30.(N)

FUTURE EVENTS/CAFE EVENINGS/PLAY READS/STUDIOS

- Playread *Small Family Business* by Alan Ayckbourn on 3rd December (N)
- Workshop 9th December on acting in the round with Isobel Higlett. (N)
- A college lecturer might do a workshop on Stage Management
- Playread of the *The Madwoman of Chailot* by Jean Giraudoux Friday 28th January (N)
- Gill Lambourn will be invited to the January committee meeting to discuss *Crucible*. Initial feelings were that there are problems in recruiting sufficient young people and they are likely to need transporting to and from rehearsals, though Gill might have contacts and ideas about this. It is a very strong play though not suitable to follow *Our Country's Good* as we need something lighter for that next autumn.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Four people are interested in joining us. Two have paid their subs already. Another lady attended Tony's audition but uses taxis for transport so had to leave early.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND NEWSLETTER ITEMS

12th Night event on 14th January will be a meal at the college, we hope. Barbara will try again to get the menu for next year as we have been asked to make choices in advance in the past and we are running out of time.

AOB

Steve said that when group emails are sent out to members those with BT addresses are sometimes bounced back. He has been told that this is a one off problem. If it happens more often however he will have to rethink how it is managed.

NEXT MEETING DATES: Monday 13th December and Monday 17th January at the Copseys' home.