

FUNTINGTON PLAYERS

Draft minutes of the Management Committee held on Zoom on 23rd August 2021.

Present:

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| Barbara MacWhirter (chair) | Scilla Jutton-Holland | Tony Clark | Aaron Baker |
| Jan Copsyey | Steve Pearce | Margaret Edwards | Alan Copsyey(for |
| part of the meeting) | Richard Sanderson | | |

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 apart from the reference to Paul who will be our Publicity Manager and will not be involved with Facebook.

MATTERS ARISING

These were dealt with in the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tony reported that the authorisation mandate has been changed and the form is waiting for Barbara to sign. There are still about a dozen subs that have not been paid yet.

WEBSITE/PUBLICITY

Many enquiries have come in via the website and Pat has send Aaron a lot of material for Instagram. Facebook needs to be updated with a profile that is not personalised. Twitter will not be used but Instagram can generate an increasingly wide range of contacts. The choice of hashtag is critical in reaching those who are interested in what we do. **Paul** was asked to be the Publicity Manager who would co-ordinate all aspects of the work and he agreed to do this.

HEALTH & SAFETY, TECHNICAL MATTERS AND VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Nothing to report.

MINI PRODUCTION PROPOSAL

This has been discussed previously at length as Barbara wanted to put on *The Real Inspector Hound*. Tony responded to the points that Barbara made prior to the meeting and that discussion was circulated to the committee. Further discussion followed and it was felt finally that, though it would fill the gap between our two main productions, it would be too problematic at this stage. It might be put on at a later date in some form.

A BUNCH OF AMATEURS

Alan reported that Tabitha had broken her leg and that her role needed to be recast. He will see another young woman this week to see if she can take it on instead. Rehearsals will start on 7th September. He has most of the back stage team now except for Costumes Manager. This request will be sent out in the *Newsletter* again in the hope that someone will respond.(N) **Tony** will meet the props people so that they can co-ordinate the work. The bar will again be managed by June and Eric but there is concern about the crush in the bar and corridor. It might be that a system of pre-ordering needs to be put in place.

It was agreed to raise the ticket price to £12. The Village Magazine advert is £200 but was felt to be worth the money as it reaches a wide range of people. **Sue** will liaise with **Paul** on publicity for the production as she is Production Assistant.

AWD

Pat, Margaret and Steve held the audition and there was a good response. As usual, more men were needed. They will meet to decide on the casting and have another meeting to finalise the running order soon.

CORSO POETRY EXHIBITION

This initiative has generated a lot of emails and finally 7 readers are in place. They will get themselves filmed presenting the poems and they will be submitted to the university in time for the launch on 21st September. It will be displayed at the Ox Market. There will be information about it on FP website and a flyer and/or poster was considered too.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Barbara thought that we should have such a policy and **Richard** was asked to try to draft one.

BLUE SKY THINKING

No issues at present.

FUTURE EVENTS/CAFE EVENINGS/PLAY READS/STUDIOS

- Hilary will run a workshop on 8th September based on the Noel Coward play *Still Life*.
- The AWD event will be on 15th and 16th October.
- Possibly a workshop 9th December TBA
- Committee was invited to submit plays for playreads

MAJOR PRODUCTIONS

Tony will direct *Our Country's Good* as the Spring Production 2022.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Nothing to report.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND NEWSLETTER ITEMS

BBQ at the Copseys' home Monday 30th August

Workshop on Wednesday 8th September: Noel Coward's *Still Life* Hall

Bolton Twill Saturday 9th October

AWD 15th and 16th October

Possible workshop 9th December

12th Night event 7th January

AOB

- Aaron will take over our Facebook page.
- He gave apologies for not attending the next committee meeting.
- Barbara and Steve visited Heather who would welcome other visitors.

NEXT MEETING DATES: Monday 20th September and Monday 18th October at the Copseys' home.