

FUNTINGTON PLAYERS

Draft minutes of the Management Committee held via Zoom on 21st June 2021.

Present:

Barbara MacWhirter (chair)	Scilla Jutton-Holland	Tony Clark	Paul Pridmore
Jan Copsey	Steve Pearce	Clare Burt	Heather
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Action Points in bold italics. Newsletter items marked N.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Carole Wright.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

The person Barbara contacted is not able to join us at present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tony asked that members are reminded that it is a new financial year now so subscriptions are due.
(N)

WEBSITE

Pat has continued to update the website and there has been quite a lot of interest in it, possibly because the *Lydia and George* reading is on Facebook.

HEALTH & SAFETY, TECHNICAL MATTERS AND VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Tony will PAT test the electrical equipment at WAVH as it has been shut up for a year and may have got damp. *Scilla* will collect the provisions box and clean everything again ready for use.

AGM

This will be moved on a week to 20th July in the hall when we hope that all restrictions will finally be lifted.(N) *Jan* will get the supplies. Two members have been proposed as committee members. *Scilla* will make an agenda to be sent out by *Steve*.

LYDIA AND GEORGE PLAYREAD

This performance has to comply with Covid guidelines so there will be mask-wearing and social distancing. For this reason it was decided to advertise it in the Newsletter only, rather than the mailing list.(N) Apparently the WAVH committee will provide refreshments as it is a Festival of Chichester event. *Tony* will check this. *Barbara* will contact Greg Mosse to try to sort out ticket sales as it does not seem clear where they can be ordered from.

A BUNCH OF AMATEURS AUDITION

There has been a lot of interest and a number of people have borrowed the play. Alan is sure it will be easy to cast it and it seems likely that Covid restrictions will be lifted by the time he holds the audition. He would like to be sure of a backstage team early on as there will be a number of other initiatives in the autumn. He will ask for an invitation for offers for key positions to go out soon in the Newsletter.(N) Wine will be offered at the audition. The first glass is free and people can pay for any more. *Alan* and *Tony* will meet soon to discuss the set.

SEPTEMBER CLUB NIGHT

Hilary Strong has offered to do an acting workshop which will be on Wednesday 8th September based on a Noel Coward short play *Still Life* which became the film *Brief Encounter*. Committee was delighted to have this offer as we need to hold the interest of those members, new and old, who are not cast in the main production. (N)

AWD

Pat and Margaret have begun working on the next AWD presentation and sent round a proposal. There are 6 writers who have already begun working on sketches. They will need a Stage Manager, Lighting and Sound Operators. Committee agreed that this would be a good initiative and that it should be performed in October, possibly over Friday and Saturday 15th and 16th. Deadlines should be given to Directors to make requests for lighting and sound effects so that they can be produced in good time. The programme needs to be organised and **Steve** will do this with the Directors. **Barbara** will contact them to finalise details.

FUTURE EVENTS/ZOOM SESSIONS/PLAY READS/STUDIOS

Club Night activities are now agreed for September and October. There will be the main production in November. Barbara would like to do a WAVH playread of *The Real Inspector Hound* in early December that could lead to an 'Enhanced Studio' production of it in February.

MAJOR PRODUCTIONS

Tony is happy to begin again with *Our Country's Good* as the Spring Production 2022. He will ask those already cast if they wish to continue and he will need to audition for some parts that need to be recast. He has found some useful props from Chichester Players' store.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Barbara will give contact details of any prospective new members to Jan. Joining forms will be made available at the audition. Clare sent the committee the form. Those offered a part must join and pay the subscription.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Lydia and George Playread Sunday 11th July (Hall with social distancing)

AGM on 20th July (Hall)

Audition for *A Bunch of Amateurs* Thursday 22nd July Hall

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 TBC

Playread of *The Real Inspector Hound* Thursday 9th December Hall

AOB

Barbara gave an update on a past member who had been injured. Goodbyes and thanks were given to Heather and Clare.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday 26th July 2021, Monday 23rd August at the Copsey's' home.