

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting on Monday 21st October 2024

Present: Richard Sanderson, Tony Clark, Jan Copsey, Sue Wilkins, Barbara MacWhirter, Scilla Jutton-Holland, Margaret Edwards, Clare Burt and Gill Lambourn

Apologies

Helen Harries-Rees

Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted.

Matters Arising

Dealt with later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Tony said that the insurance for the year had been paid and that it had not risen by very much.

Media Report

Barbara said that hits to the website have increased since ticket sales opened recently. More than a hundred tickets have been sold already. Submissions have been made to all the local magazines and some have appeared this month. The proposed video trailer has not been made as there have been alterations to the cast and some absences. Rosey will take the rehearsal photos soon.

Clare told us that Aaron has been consulted regarding social media and he is happy to continue to represent our interests.

Health and Safety, Technical Matters

Tony reported that the windows at WAVH have been cleaned and the loo seat in the ladies' has been fixed. The storage heaters have been activated and make a difference. There is more parking at the back of the hall. Two fire extinguishers have been replaced and a Health and Safety Inspection has been made.

Members' Update

Margaret said that there have been three enquiries recently but so far none have materialised as new members.

Major Productions:

Sisterly Feelings

Cast members on the committee reported that Helen is happy with the way rehearsals are going so far. Margaret was asked to add detail to the background flats at Get In. Rain effects will be suggested by the lighting. Apparently we have access to the skills of a carpenter at Get In. Barbara has taken on the role of prompter as Carole has had to step aside due to health issues. Some props are still needed: a 70s thermos flask, a lady's walking stick of the period and Tupperware sandwich boxes.

The team for the bar has been sorted and the programmes team is being organised by FOH Manager Lisa.

Last Tango in Whitby

Gill will hold the auditions on two evenings. She is hoping for another young person to become available. There are several small parts and committee discussed the possibility of some doubling. Gill has an offer of costumes person, Jan and Alan will take on their usual roles and Scilla will do the bar. A key holder needs to attend each audition. **N**

October Reading Review and Future Readings

Barbara has sent Tony a summary of the reactions to the playread she hosted of *Tons of Money* for the playread record.

Tony suggested that we read *The Summer of the 17th Doll* by Ray Lawler. It is available for hire. He gave a brief summary of it and it will be read on 17th January 2025.

Café Evening with rehearsed AWD readings

Margaret presented a draft poster for this event and a list of the plays to be performed. She included a summary of each play that will be sent to the members so that they can indicate which ones they would like to be involved with. N Pat and Margaret will then allocate parts to people and the writer/director will arrange one rehearsal with their cast as it is to be a relaxed evening for members and friends rather than a polished performance. Tony will arrange for some basic lighting. Props will be minimal.

Jason and Clare have kindly offered to provide mince pies and brownies. Members will be asked to bring a savoury item and their own drinks.

Social Events

The Twelfth Night Dinner is booked and Sue hopes to have the menu shortly so that it can be published. N

Newsletter Items

Play read *The Long Christmas Dinner* on 8th November

Sisterly feelings: Get In on Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th November, performance from Tuesday 26th to Saturday 30th November. Get Out on Sunday 1st December.

AOB

Jan reported that the casual bar that she and Alan manage is not paying for itself any more. It was decided that we can no longer give a free drink to members at the AGM or auditions.

There was some discussion about bar sales going through a card reader. Committee will look at options on this.

Next Meeting Dates

18th November, 16th December and 20th January 2025