

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting on Monday 16th December 2024

Present: Richard Sanderson, Tony Clark, Jan Copsey, Barbara MacWhirter, Scilla Jutton-Holland, and Gill Lambourn

Apologies

Clare Burt, Sue Wilkins, Margaret Edwards and Helen Harries-Rees

Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted

Matters Arising

The domain name holder for the website will become a committee member as Paul wishes to relinquish the task. Tony will meet him to arrange handover.

Treasurer's Report

Tony said that *Sisterly Feelings* was a relatively expensive production as there was a large cast who needed four changes of costume. The set also incurred expense as it needed artificial grass. There was still a good surplus however. We need a minimum of £600 to £700 per production usually and this one made a surplus of £858. At some point in the future we may have to increase ticket prices, but not yet. The bar profit was £504. A very small percentage was taken for the use of the card reader. Problems with it resulted in a small loss of £10 to £20 in sales as the signal was lost sometimes for several minutes.

Media Report

There were 348 hits to the website, partly due to bookings for the Cafe Evening and the photos posted from the recent production. The Funtington Magazine has already covered the play and other magazines will include an update on it when they come out.

Health and Safety, Technical Matters

There is no progress regarding a new Village Hall. The leaking chimney has been removed and the piano will also go soon. There was discussion about improving the heating. Possibly fan-assisted wall heaters will be installed. This may be grant funded. The parking space behind the hall is useful but it needs improving. It is rough underfoot and unlit with barbed wire a hazard. There are some plans to clear it.

Members Update

There was no update on new members.

Major Productions

- **Autumn 24: *Sisterly Feelings***

All the backstage support was very much appreciated. We have a new member who helped with costume and will manage costume for the next play. There has been a lot of very positive feedback on how much the audience enjoyed this production.

- ***Last Tango in Whitby***

Gill said that Clare will help with costumes and Jason will be asked to help with props. The second costume rail has a bolt missing and Tony will try to find one that fits it better. The music needed will be on the website and the song can be downloaded. Gill will have a meeting in early January regarding the set. She does not want the glitterball that is mentioned in the script.

- **Playreads**

The Summer of the 17th Doll by Ray Lawler will be read on 17th January

Blue Heart, two one-act plays by Caryl Churchill will be read on 21st February

Play read on 14th March TBA

Cafe Evening on 10th December

The cafe evening was enjoyed by all who took part and by those who attended. Thanks were given to Pat, Margaret and Rona for managing it for us. Margaret wrote that it was of necessity a low-key event with 21 people reading parts, often doubling or trebling. It was a cross between AWD and a playread she said. A whole company run through in the hall would have helped she felt.

Margaret and Pat would be happy to manage a similar event in addition to AWD if there is space in the calendar in future.

Social Events

The Twelfth Night Dinner will be attended by 37 FPs. Four have yet to pay.

Newsletter Items

Playreads as above

Bolton Twill 22nd February 2025

AOB

Tony was asked to investigate whether a boost for the signal at WAVH could be managed to improve the card reader connection.

Next Meeting Dates

20th January. 17th February and 17th March