

Minutes of the SHADDO committee meeting held on 10th March 2016 at 'Gateways', Shiplake

Present

Liz James (LJ), Gareth Jones (GJ), Simon Classey (SC), Becky Ilderton (BI), Philip Johnson (PJ), Cheryl Milne (CM), Peter Crowther (PSC), Pip Collings (PC) and Rosemary Appleby (RA).

Apologies

Henry Loud, Neill Wilkinson and Elizabeth Tyler

1 Matters arising from previous meeting

There was only one item that wasn't covered by the agenda. It had been a good celebration of Liz's life at the 'Official' opening of her Remembrance garden. Those at the afternoon session were mainly those who had contributed to the garden but the evening session was Andrew's event. Harriet was presented with her Life Membership certificate in the evening.

2 Panto Feedback- reviews/finances /costumes.

There had been an excellent publicity team which possibly showed in the tickets sold, especially on the Thursday. It had been a good production, good music, good sets and good costumes. Special mention was made about the transformation dress and the coach. Gareth was concerned about the size and weight of some of the props as damage had been done to the hall when these items had been moved. The finances had shown a profit of £1300 despite a couple of items being over budget. There had been an excellent review on the village website which had also appeared in the Henley standard in a condensed form. This had been submitted by Josh Fisher.

3 Date /Notices for AGM

The date decided on was Wednesday 13th April which gives ample time for the 21 days notice required by the constitution. Venues were discussed and the Plowden and Baskerville were thought possibilities as well as the Shoulder of Mutton. Liz and Peter would look into the alternatives. There would be no food other than nibbles.

LJ, PSC

4 Items to be raised at the AGM (subscription rates, etc.)

There was a lot of discussion about subscriptions and who should and who shouldn't be asked to pay. It was felt that those with specific set building roles as well as cast and technical crew should be the only names in the programme and pay their subscriptions and other helpers just acknowledged en bloc. It was suggested putting up the fee to £15 for adults, £5 for juniors and £10 for those over 16 in full time education. It was also suggested having a family membership of £30. With regards to recruiting new committee members, it was felt that members should be encouraged to attend the AGM. There were 3 names mentioned Vic Morgan, Emma Hillier and Nick Horne. Pip would ask them.

5 Playreadings

Peter reported that the playreadings had started again at the Baskerville on the previous Monday and it had been successful. A request had been made to change the day to the 3rd Monday in the month instead of the 1st. Peter had done this and the evenings were booked through until July. He would continue to choose the plays.

6 Plans for the year

Phil once again offered to have a BBQ at his home. No date was decided and he would inform people by e-mail. There were multiple suggestions of prospective events made, including, another play, a murder mystery, a cabaret evening or music hall. It was also suggested that the younger members could perhaps stage something. Publicity about the AGM could be put on the village website to encourage attendance.

7 AOB

There was only one item. Cheryl was to return costumes to the tower. She had earlier said that she would appreciate another person helping with costumes. Libby George's name was suggested.

The meeting closed at 9.35 and Liz was thanked for hosting it