



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 February 2007 at Little Timbers, Baskerville Lane, Shiplake

Present:

Hilary Tucker, Angela Jones, Gareth Jones, Angela Cadman, Liz James, Fred Lawson, Chris Irons, Steve Watkins, Mark Manson (Chair), Liz Thomas, Neil George

Mark opened the meeting by thanking Gareth and Angela for their hospitality.

1. Babes in the Wood-Post-pantomime discussion/review

The first point was to say **very well done to the directors for a successful Panto!**

Neil went through a number of things he would like us to think about for future shows and a number of additional matters were also fully discussed. The main points arising from the discussions were:

Desirable to have less action in front of a plain stage curtain due to loss of atmosphere (it may be possible to have a painted scene curtain located behind the main curtain for this use)

Consider fewer children for future productions (and possibly stop 'open auditions' for the children which raise expectations too far-be more selective/specific in advising which childrens' roles are required)

Need to discuss and define the Thursday night ticket position for future productions (free as an additional practice? Free to some? Running for "money"? Cheaper tickets across the board?)

We will have a separate meeting (at some time after the AGM) to consider future productions

We will also have a further meeting to discuss regulatory issues. Much work had already been done on this (including various checklists used at the Panto this year) but we will consider the production of a specific file for these matters

Gareth gave a financial report (attached to the original minutes and distributed at the meeting)

A donation of £100 (£80 plus £20) was agreed for the nursery. Gareth will action this.

Action: Gareth

2. Cast and Crew Meal

Mark will organise this and it will be in March-probably at the same venue as last year.

A lower age limit of 16+ was agreed.

Action: Mark

3. Donations

A donation of £20 to the Memorial Hall towards piano tuning was approved

A donation of £100 to Shiplake Primary School was approved. This is to be for the 'furtherance of music'.

Gareth will organise these donations

Action: Gareth

4. Play/Play Reading

Fred reported that he had read through a number of scripts and distributed a written report at the meeting (copy annexed to original minutes).

Fred recommended Love's a Luxury (details on written report) and has the scripts on hire ready for a play reading to test this.

Any play production would probably have to take place in late September 2007.

It was agreed that there would be a play reading of Love's a Luxury on Friday 2 March 2007. Fred and Beryl kindly offered to host this at their house at 7.45pm for 8.00pm.

Hilary would e-mail the membership to inform them and ask who would like to attend.

Action: Hilary [DONE-E mail invite sent out]

Action: Fred and Beryl

5. Jane's 50th Birthday Event

It was agreed that everyone would make their own arrangements for transport and accommodation as this would give more flexibility.

We agreed on a 15 minute entertainment piece and this will be discussed at the committee meeting following the AGM.

Liz James will e-mail Jane and keep her updated re this.

Action: Liz James

Hilary will e-mail those members who indicated interest (in response the e-mail sent out to the membership) to update them. Apart from the committee, Hilary had been advised that the following members were interested-Hugh and Jenny Steele, Fran and Richard Bodenham, Kate and Nigel Piercey

Action: Hilary [DONE]

6. Re-run of Pasta and Pizzas MM for Janet Banks

Mark had been asked about a MM for Saturday October 13 2007. JB liked the Italian theme (because of both décor and menu) and Mark said that he would maybe re-write a bit at the end (confessional scene) but that this would be a good one to stage for them

The PPP cast (all present at the meeting except one) all agreed that they would reprise their roles and that we would do this for October

Mark would contact JB and progress this

Action: Mark

Hilary agreed to check with Nigel (only PPP cast member not at meeting) as to whether he would be willing to reprise the role of Bo in October

Action: Hilary [DONE-Yes, willing to be Bo]

7. AGM 2007

The AGM needs to take place in March or as soon as practicable thereafter.

It was agreed that this would take place on Monday 23 April 2007.

There will be a committee meeting afterwards to discuss future events etc.

Hilary will deal with all the formal notices and Gareth with the accounts etc and website information. Mark will check the Plowden back room for availability and let Hilary know so it can go on the notices.

Action: Mark [DONE-Yes, the Plowden is OK and reserved] Hilary and Gareth

8. MHC Representation

Gareth agreed that he would take this on with effect from March 2007 (which is the date for the MHC AGM)

Action: Gareth

9. Tower Clear Up

It was agreed that a weekend day would be best for this (e.g. 10.00am onwards).

We need to take out the "flats" as the MHC need to store chairs. Fran Bodenham had kindly offered space in her outbuilding. Liz James will contact Fran and have a look at the store and the possibilities for flats and costumes.

Action: Liz James

We need to buy new storage boxes before the clear up

Steve agreed to talk to Nancy and find out some free dates (probably Saturdays) to avoid any clashes with other events. Steve would e-mail everyone with the possible dates

Action: Steve [IN PROGRESS]

10. AOB

Mark suggested the idea of a SHADDO theatre trip by coach (adults). This idea was enthusiastically received and Mark will cost it and report back.

Action: Mark

Mark will progress the issue of more display boards in the hall. We need to ask permission from the MHC. Gareth produced another set of photos for display.

Action: Mark

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

The next formal meeting will be the AGM (notice to follow)