



Shiplake and Dunsden  
Dramatic Organisation  
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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2005 at Little Timbers,  
Baskerville Lane, Lower Shiplake at 8.00pm

Present

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

1. Post Panto review and issues arising

This was declared to have been a very successful Panto and much positive feedback had been received, both from Shaddo members and the public. The committee specifically commended Ashley on the milkmaid's costumes.

There followed a great deal of discussion about future plans and 'things we would do differently next time'. It was suggested that there be a dress rehearsal in the nature of a preview with invited guests next time. It was also suggested that the Panto might be run over 2 weekends rather than one, but it was generally felt that one weekend was better. It was felt that the presence of the Brownies was very beneficial on the Saturday afternoon and that maybe next year we could offer concessions for the Brownies and maybe the Cubs.

Gareth presented a financial report of the Panto (this was distributed at the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes on the file). Gareth went through each item in turn, explaining the figures. The figures are in the attached report so are not canvassed further in the minutes.

The audience level had been maintained this year. There had been a large saving on costumes. The advertising boards were very good. We had obtained a good deal on sound equipment. There was a large saving by holding the Panto party in the hall rather than a pub.

Gareth will finalise the figures as soon as possible. He needs any outstanding claims from the committee submitted as soon as possible. Hilary had e-mailed the membership with a deadline and non-received claims would be regarded as a donation!

Action: Gareth Jones

It was agreed that we would give the Church Rooms (via Rosemary Appleby) a donation of £50.00 for use of the chairs.

Action: Gareth Jones and Hilary Tucker

Hall bookings for next year were discussed and Steve Watkins agreed to book the hall with Nancy, and confirm in writing. To be booked as follows:

Mon Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 onwards
Tuesday Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 onwards
Weds Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 onwards
Thurs Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 onwards
Fri Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 onwards

Sat Jan 21<sup>st</sup>-Sun Jan 29<sup>th</sup> inclusive-block booking for 24 hours per day

Steve also to book re the MM in June (see below)

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30 onwards
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	mid-day onwards

Action: Steve Watkins

## 2. Post Panto Meal

Mark reported that this was sorted out and it would be 7.30 for 8.00 at the venue. About 22 had booked.

It was agreed that the committee would put up £50 towards wine as a donation (6 bottles for the tables-3 red and 3 white).

## 3. Shaddo AGM

It was agreed that this would be held on Monday 18 April 2005 at 7.30pm in the Plowden back room (subject to Mark checking availability and condition of the room). It was agreed that the AGM would be followed by a committee meeting to sort out future events etc. Mark to get back to Hilary to confirm the room.

Hilary will serve the necessary notices and seek nominations etc in line with the constitution. Hilary and Gareth will liaise re the agenda and the info to be placed on the web site.

Action: Hilary, Mark and Gareth

## 4. Future Productions

(a) Brush With A Body (Harriet's play proposal)

The proposal had been circulated to the committee in advance and a copy is attached to these minutes on the file. Gareth went through the elements of the proposal again and the committee discussed various issues including audience and costs assumptions. Gareth will write to Harriet with the results of the discussion and Hilary will then go out to the membership once Gareth has Harriet's feedback. The committee agreed that the proposal should be strongly supported and that it should be underwritten (up to £1000 figure nominated for this should need arise). Gareth agreed to be the 'background adult' on this play if that was acceptable to Harriet.

Action:

Gareth to e-mail Harriet and confirm dates/ask for her feedback

Hilary to e-mail membership re expressions of interest thereafter

Steve to sort out bar licence in due course

(b) Murder Mystery Re-run June 11 (Pasta Passion and Pistols)

There may be a couple of cast 'gaps'. Hilary to e-mail the membership asking for potential interest both for June 11 and future MM's. Hilary to advise Gareth re replies so final cast can be confirmed. Gareth had already checked willingness to go ahead with existing cast and had heard positively from most.

Action: Hilary

Angela J to think about rehearsal schedule. Maybe a first 'reminder rehearsal' before Easter?

Action: Angela J

Gareth and Steve to set up a meeting with Bob from the Rotary Club to discuss practical arrangements re the meals, timing and so forth.

Action: Gareth and Steve

We have had a new MM request for later in 2005 (Catholic Church). It was agreed that we should rehearse a new one. Hilary to ask the membership of potential interest to take part in new MM.

Action: Hilary

(c) Play Reading Evening-Beryl and Fred's house

Beryl and Fred suggested late April 2005 and it was agreed that Friday 22 April would be the date.

Fred will prepare details and let Hilary have these to send to the membership.

Action: Fred, Beryl and Hilary

## 5. AOB

Mark suggested several other events ideas including a music evening (variety of music from rock to a review). This was felt to be a good idea and will be discussed further.

Mark and Liz T had prepared some membership flyers to put on seats at events. These were felt to be very useful.

Mark has been in touch with Wycombe Swan re children's theatre workshops. These were discussed at length. It was agreed that Mark would pursue this idea and report back and the age range would be approx. 9-14.

### Action: Mark Manson

Concern was expressed at the state of the tower structure in the Memorial Hall. It was agreed to draw this to the attention of the MHC at the next meeting.

### Action: Steve Watkins

Hilary reported that she was receiving quite a lot of info and literature from NODA and that this was not really being looked at. Hilary will make a resource file for potential future consultation and tell any interested members that they can borrow the magazines etc if they wish.

### Action: Hilary

Gareth reported that he needed to agree a budget for equipment purchases. The amplifier was broken for instance. It was agreed that a £500 budget be approved ready for equipment purchases.

### Action: Gareth and Hugh

Liz T reported that she had been tidying the stores in the Tower (material etc) but that there was still work to do. It was agreed that there would be a working party in due course for further work on his.

Mark reported that he was progressing the Shaddo boards (to hold photos of Shaddo productions and to be placed in the Memorial Hall). He will get a sample together and pass this to Steve to show to the MHC. Next meeting is 16 March and Mark will get this to Steve by then.

### Action: Mark and Steve

The meeting closed at 10.00pm and the next formal meeting will be the AGM.