



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30th May 2013 at Gateways, Lower Shiplake

Present:

Hilary Tucker, Angela Cadman, Liz James, Rosemary Appleby, Gareth Jones, Harriet Thomas (Chair), Pip Collings, Phil Johnson

Apologies:

Eryl Price-Davies, Neill Wilkinson, Ashley Wright

1. Welcome and apologies

Harriet welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new 2013-2014 committee and thanked Gareth for taking on the role of Treasurer this year. Hilary had received apologies from those committee members listed above.

2. Matters arising from previous committee minutes

- The Wilfred Owen event is not happening until 2014 so discussion of this can be postponed until we have further details.
- Rosemary is now the Shaddo representative on the MHC.
- Gareth is actively monitoring storage options at the MH as the building work progresses. It has been agreed in principle that we can spend some money on storage and that this is a matter for ongoing discussion.
- We will proceed with the Costume Amnesty Day and aim to combine this with a top-level Tower clear-out, hopefully in September. Pip will contact Ashley to ask her about the arrangements for this and progress re costume hire via the website.

**ACTION – PIP AND ASHLEY**

- There was discussion about whether we could ask for further storage space in the garages at the MH. We currently use about one quarter of this space. Gareth suggested that it would be sensible to assess what we might require (up to about one half of the space might be possible but other groups such as the football club also use this space) and then he could go to the MHC with any proposals. It was agreed that we would assess this as a committee and then make some proposals once this had been thought through.

3. Future events

(a) Safari Supper

Pip will organise this event (thanks to Pip for doing this) and will go out to the committee and members to assess interest in the event so that she can get an idea of numbers. We can then decide the precise format of the event and the split between various houses.

Two alternative dates were agreed for suggesting to the members – Saturday September 14 and Saturday September 21.

It was agreed that the event will include partners but not children. It may be good to have some entertainment at the final venue (probably Liz James' house) (e.g. singing).

It was agreed that this would go on the agenda for the next meeting but which time Pip would have heard from those interested in participating.

Liz James agreed that she would host the final course. Pip will ask Sharon and Chris whether they can host one course, Phil may be able to host another course and will also ask Neill Wilkinson.

Other committee members who are not hosting will help with the cooking (each hosting house to have a team of those to handle the catering).

It was agreed that there should be a charge for tickets to the supper - £15 per head was thought reasonable. Participants encouraged to bring a bottle as well.

**ACTION: PIP AND PHIL**

(b) Theatre Trips

Pip will circulate details of any suitable plays at the Mill at Sonning to see whether anyone is interested in making up a Shaddo party.

**ACTION: PIP**

(c) Tour of The Globe

Ashley had agreed to organise a tour of The Globe. This event will be brought forward to the next agenda for discussion.

(d) BBQ

This will not now proceed in 2013 due to the Safari Supper event. This will be brought forward as an idea for Spring 2014.

(e) Carol Singing

This will be discussed nearer to Christmas!

(f) Henley Drama Festival

This will be tabled for discussion at a December meeting but there did not currently appear to be sufficient enthusiasm for competitive acting.

(g) Mummers' Play

Neil George had agreed to organise this (the play was suggested by Neil at the AGM). Pip will ask Neil to let her have his proposals so that she can send them out to the membership.

**ACTION: PIP**

(h) Play Reading based around world Book Day materials

Kim will be letting us have the information about this prior to World Book Day in or around May 2014.

(i) Murder Mystery

Angela Jones will be shortlisting possible MM's, assisted by Harriet and Hilary. We will then discuss this at a future committee meeting and seek expressions of interest from members. It might be possible for Shaddo to run the event itself but it would also be useful to be able to offer the MM (s) to other organisations.

**ACTION: ANGELA JONES, HARRIET, HILARY**

#### (j) Comedy evening and Little Grimley Play

Gareth reported that there were two outstanding LG plays which we had not performed as yet. The LG play failed to be performed last time due to casting difficulties with a companion play. It was agreed that we would potentially aim to put on a comedy evening in April 2014. Gareth agreed to take the lead on a LG play as long as a companion play could be cast. This would be discussed again at a later meeting.

#### (k) Halloween Event

This has been left undecided at the moment but would be for Junior members.

#### (l) Singing event

It was agreed that it would be nice to have some singing entertainment at the Safari Supper (see above). Pip agreed to ask Rik and Simon, but others may also want to be involved.

**ACTION: PIP**

#### 4. Matters arising from AGM minutes

- Gareth had asked the MHC about the possibility of a permanent stage extension but this will not be possible. Other non permanent extension methods were discussed but these were felt to be unsuitable due to potential weight, size and storage problems etc.
- Gareth reported that the MHC would be happy with a replacement to the stage surface (carpet or wood but not matt black). Phil agreed to look into the issue of possible flooring options.

**ACTION: PHIL**

#### 5. Panto 2014

The most important thing is to find a director or a direction team. Ashley, Kim and Harriet are unable to direct this year and there was much discussion of who might potentially like to take this on. Angela Cadman agreed to discuss this with Becky Ilderton (who has directed a previous Shaddo Panto). Pip agreed to ask Mark Manson whether he might be interested. Harriet agreed to ask Simon. Pip would send an email to all members to assess interest in directing or co-directing, stressing that this could be done as a team of several directors rather than individually if wished, and that there was back-up in other key support areas. Other agreed roles included Pip (publicity), Ashley (costumes - tbc), Rosemary (room bookings), Angela Cadman (props), Phil and/or Martin (stage management) and Gareth (light and sound).

**ACTION: PIP, ANGELA CADMAN, HARRIET**

The other pressing point was to identify a script. Gareth will re-circulate Beauty and the Beast, Sleeping Beauty and Dracula Panto (from last year). Gareth will also send out a list of script websites. Those interested would read and evaluate the scripts ready to discuss further at the next meeting when a shortlist should be discussed. This should be done alongside the search for a director to save time.

**ACTION: GARETH, HARRIET, HILARY AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN EVALUATING SCRIPTS**

#### 6. AOB

Harriet, Liz and Hilary agreed to review scripts for Pip ready for potential play readings. Pip allocated scripts to set people and will supply a script review evaluation sheet.

**ACTION: LIZ, HILARY, HARRIET**

#### 7. Next meeting

This will take place on **WEDS 3 JULY AT 8PM AT ROSEMARY'S HOUSE**

Hilary will format agenda (in conjunction with Harriet) and email everyone details and a reminder nearer the time.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm with thanks to Liz for hosting.