



## Minutes of Committee Meeting

31 January 2012, 7.30 pm  
John and Michael's, 28 Huntingdon Rd

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**Present:** Michael Black (Chair and minutes), Ann Monk, Dean Laccohee, John Morgan, Scott Hutchison

**1 Apologies:** Kelly Mason, Kirsty Pickering

**2 Minutes of last meeting:** agreed

**3 Matters arising:**

*re 3, Commemoration Hall lights:* the trustees hope to install the first phase of lighting before our spring production.

*re 11:* Darrell's friend Clive Lawrence is happy to draft some scenes for a workshop.

*re 11:* the Club has subscribed to Brampton Parish Council website.

**4 Financial report:** none.

**5 Spring Production:**

*Rehearsals:* going very well.

*Stage, lighting, sound, props:* good progress, with Pete, Mel, Ann and John

*Front of house:* the foyer and back of the hall will be set up as a village fête, organised by John, Tony, Ann and Elisabeth Thouard. It was agreed that Great Stukeley Village Hall should be invited to provide and staff a couple of games, and keep the profits. It was agreed to make the interval 30 minutes long, to give the audience more time to play games. It was suggested that three cast members might like to take turns to organise an interval quiz for the dressing room.

**Action: MB**

*Co-premiere:* the play is being premiered simultaneously by the Avonside Players in Stratford-upon-Avon. MB to include in programme.

**Action: MB**

**6 Christmas dinner:** 19 people attended a very enjoyable evening at the King of the Belgians.

**7 Thai meal:** 4 February in Fenstanton. *[NB: this was postponed because of snow]*

**Action: new committee**

**8 Set construction at Alconbury:** preparatory work will be carried out in the Alconbury store on 18 February.

**9 Absent Friends:** eight people are going to see the West End production on 3 March, including all the cast still living in the UK.

**10 Mummers' play:** we've been asked to perform the play in Farcet Fen, Peterborough, on 21 April, but it's difficult to get information from the organisers. At the moment we have most of the cast.

**Action: MB**

- 11 Diamond jubilee:** Huntingdon Town Council has sent a questionnaire in relation to planned events. It was agreed that we wouldn't arrange any specific activities ourselves, but individuals would attend HTC events.
- 12 Any other activities:** it was agreed that another meal should be organised after the spring production. Meals will be a quarterly event (including Christmas), each announced in a separate email with the menu attached or linked.  
**Action: new committee**
- 13 Last night party:** as more people attend the party than bring drinks, it was agreed that the Club should provide some drinks (eg wine boxes) and have an honesty box.  
**Action: new committee**
- 14 NODA East awards:** *A Doll's House* and *Abigail's Party* are two of the three plays nominated in District 1 for Best Drama. There are 12 districts in the region. The awards will be presented on 29 April in Stansted. Further information to follow from NODA.
- 15 Fundraising events for Commemoration Hall lighting:** see notes following these minutes.
- 16 Use of Paypal for paying subs:** no report. New committee to follow up.  
**Action: new committee**
- 17 Friends scheme:** no report. New committee to follow up.  
**Action: new committee**
- 18 Emails and website:** email update sent 26 January. Website up-to-date.
- 19 AGM:** it was agreed to cancel the rehearsal on 22 February and hold the AGM in Brampton Church Hall. Pancakes will be provided, and possible plays for the summer will be discussed afterwards. MB to make a breakdown of duties, with a view to ensuring that all committee members take a fair share of responsibilities. MB doesn't intend to stand as Chair. *[The Church Hall is now booked.]*  
**Action: MB**
- 20 AOB:** it was agreed to develop a more consistent house style for Club communications.  
**Action: new committee**
- Sound quality of monitor in dressing room: JM to liaise with Mel.  
**Action: JM**

*Minutes: MB*

## **AM's notes on PATCH meeting**

Notes of meeting to discuss raising extra funds for lights on 9.1.12

AM represented Drama Club, no reps from HYT or Panto 89

1) Ideas included – the 'Fete on the Green' held in the Victoria Square area might be willing to make a contribution.

2) 200/400 Club – Jill Taverner to investigate.

3) Raffle – ask local businesses for prizes – Linda Cullen willing to do asking.

4) Advertise fund raising with HP, N&C, H'don radio - JT.

5) Talent show involving members of 3 groups + PatCH will donate bar profits. LE to contact Marilyn ?? (she was involved in the show that John Nunn put on to raise funds – lots of children's/young people's groups involved with that) - possibly mid April. Not sure which lots of 'talent' are needed now. \*

6) Foyer display – light bulbs – sponsor a watt for £1. 100W light bulb – sponsors fill in a watt. Could be manned by PatCH members at all performances in Comm. Hall, including those of the 3 drama groups.

7) Can PatCH members hand out leaflets/ask for donations at all above performances.

\*Since writing this, the date has been fixed for 13th April.