



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 6 March 2007, 8.00 pm
51 West End, Brampton

PRESENT: Michael Black, Carol Wadey, Peter Welsh, Caroline Harbord, John Morgan, Kat Sexton, Ronald Stevenson, Ann Monk, Richard Meredith.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Ray Livermore, Mark Lamberth.
2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Agreed
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** (*items not elsewhere on agenda*) None
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT: RS** reported that fifteen subscriptions have been received, totalling £150. Insurance has just been renewed with Axa for £230. The audit of the accounts is underway. It was agreed that **CH** and **CW** would become signatories on the bank account. **RS** to source the forms for this.
5. **SPRING PRODUCTION: RS** reported that the rehearsals are going well. Backdrop is being painted over the next two weeks. Ticket sales have started.
6. **SUMMER PRODUCTION:** Agatha Christie's *A Murder is Announced* was selected from a choice of four submissions. Kelly Mason will direct. The read-through will take place after the Spring production has finished.
7. **AUTUMN PRODUCTION:** An adaptation of *Jane Eyre* by Willis Hall was selected from a choice of four submissions. **MB** will direct.
8. **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**
 - 8.1 The **Sound and Lighting Workshop** was held on Thursday 31st January in the Commemoration Hall. 22 people attended and contributions of £25.02 were received.
 - 8.2 The trip to Haddenham to see *Bits of the Bard* on 2nd May will be publicised by email and in the newsletter.
 - 8.3 On June 30th we are invited to attend an open day at the Medway centre and to put on a display.
 - 8.4 We are invited to perform at the Riverside User Group theatrical event in the summer. We didn't feel this would work in the proposed setting so will decline.
9. **NODA:** CW to find out how much it costs and we will join if it is less than £60, in order to take advantage of the benefits of membership such as discounted insurance costs.
10. **INVESTMENT IN LIGHTING:** The Commemoration Hall lighting has been inspected and recommendations have been made which amount to expenditure of around £10,000. It was agreed that we would make a contribution, in part because it will save on the cost of hiring lights for productions. **RS** proposed that we contribute £1,000 as this is the amount that founding Club member Jack Hyde left to the Club, and which we have yet to spend. This was agreed, as was the proposal to put up a commemorative plaque to Jack Hyde in the lighting area.
11. **CLUB ASSETS:** In the next newsletter we will ask club members to let us know if they are holding any assets such as props or costumes on behalf of the club. This will allow us to inventory them

properly. AM will list everything. AM and CW will liaise with Lydia at the Commemoration Hall to inventory the contents of the hall basement.

12. NEWSLETTER: The next newsletter will be issued before the Spring production. The following submissions have been requested:

- Spring production - **RS**
- Bits of the Bard – **RS**
- New committee - **MB**

13. WEBSITE: **JM** is to investigate PayPal to allow ticket bookings via the website. **RS** will enquire at the bank for alternative solutions.

14. AOB: No AOB was mooted.

15. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING. Monday 30^h April at Carol's.

CH
21st March 2007