

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 20 October 2008, 8 pm 51 West End, Brampton

Present: Carol Wadey, John Morgan, Kat Sexton, Michael Black

1 Apologies

Ann Monk, Caroline Harbord, Jacquie Spencer, Kelly Mason, Ronald Stevenson

2 Minutes of last meeting

Date amended then agreed.

3 Matters arising

None.

4 Autumn Production (Ghost Writer):

- **Tickets:** 148 have been sold so far (Brampton 100, Commemoration Hall 48), which is satisfactory for this stage.
- **Props:** Richard Meredith has apparently only just received a props list, so there has been some delay with props.
- **Front of house:** John is front of house manager for Huntingdon. **KS** and **MB** to check which club is organising front of house at Brampton.
- Make-up: Carol is waiting for a reply from Sarah Ward. CW to contact MB if she hasn't heard by this coming weekend.
- Publicity: KS to try and organise review of Brampton production in local papers.
- Raffle: CW to buy three good prizes for each night. KS and MB to enquire about raffles at Brampton.
- **Banner: KS** and **MB** to enquire about hanging the 'HDC this week' banner on Brampton Park Theatre.
- **Display: CW** to take to Brampton, Chris Rogers to be asked to transport it to the Commemoration Hall.

5 Spring 2009 Production

• The Mayor was unable to accept the offer of a charity performance in March, as it would be only two days before the Civic Ball, and is very disappointed that the Club wasn't willing to provide a performance in November.

Three submissions have been received and were discussed:

• The Accrington Pals (submitted by Dean Laccohee), When we are married (Mark Hebert) and Separate tables (Marie Huggins). Separate tables was chosen as it is a strong play, with the ages and sexes of the characters reflecting the composition of the Club. Read-through to be planned for late November or early December, and rehearsals from early January, possibly in Brampton Church Hall and Stukeley Meadows School. MB to contact Marie.

6 Financial Report

None available.

7 Past activities

- a Lunch and dramatised reading, 13 Sept at Ronald: a very successful and enjoyable event. Carol was thanked for directing Barbecue. **MB** to thank RS on behalf of the committee for hosting and catering for the lunch.
- b *Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds:* a small group attended a very impressive production and enjoyed a good evening out.

8 Future Activities

- a *Christmas dinner:* Thursday 11 December at Prima. Details have been circulated. CW is dealing with bookings.
- b Burns Night Supper: at Ronald's, 24 January 2009.
- c RSC production of The Tempest: 21 February 2009, now full.
- d Costume workshop: to be arranged to fit in with productions and other events.
- e Spotlight Productions, April 2009: trip to be arranged.

9 Assets and storage

- Storage for costumes in Spotlight Productions' barn at Abbots Ripton is being arranged. CW and AM are labelling costumes.
- Spotlight has offered us a free portacabin, which would require a site and possibly planning permission. JM to liaise with Spotlight.
- **CW** to check makeup.

10 Newsletter, emails and website

A newsletter has been distributed, and various emails.

11 Commemoration Hall

JM is continuing as a trustee, but now formally representing the Club. MB didn't stand for re-election.

12 Correspondence

Huntingdon Community Radio invited the Club to a public meeting on 1 October.

13 AOB

KS to investigate improving publicity links with other drama clubs. It was agreed that we could publicise other clubs' productions in the newsletter, but not by increasing the number of emails sent to members. **MB** to send any known contact details to KS.

14 Date of next meeting

Monday 24 November at Michael and John's.

MB 25 October 2008