



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 12th September 2006, 8.00 pm
51 West End, Brampton

PRESENT; Michael Black, Kat Sexton, Ronald Stevenson, Carol Wadey, Peter Welsh, Caroline Harbord.

1. **APOLOGIES;** Mark Lamberth, Rachael Orchard, John Morgan.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING;** Agreed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING;** (*items not elsewhere on agenda*) **MB** told us that one script for MOMM was still outstanding from the auditions. Its return has been promised.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT;** **RS** told us that we enjoy a positive balance of c. £2600 in the account. Exciting events of a financial nature include the loss in the post of a cheque, destined to pay for the club website. The bank, in its benevolence, decided not to charge us for stopping the errant cheque and a replacement has been entrusted to the postal service. We look forward to seeing normal service resume on the website as soon as it is encashed. Other news is that **RS** will be paying a visit to the bank in pursuit of the requisite documentation to add a new cheque signatory to the bank account. This is needed as it is proving difficult to get hold of the current signatories when needed.

5. **AUTUMN PRODUCTION;**

MB reported that rehearsals are going swimmingly. We are rehearsing in Brampton church free of charge and from next week may also be rehearsing in Brampton Church Hall. To recognise the generosity of the church in opening its doors to a (rather heathen) theatre group it was agreed to make a donation of £50 to the church fund and to furnish them with a number of free tickets to the opening night. **MB** will gauge the number of tickets required after talking to the churchwarden.

6. **POSSIBLE CO-OPERATION WITH BRAMPTON**

MB has been in active correspondence with Jacquie Spencer from Brampton and collaboration on a Spring production is proposed. This will be further discussed over cocktails at the social event on Saturday.

7. **COMMEMORATION HALL**

MB is now a trustee of the hall and will attend his first meeting next month. We wish him well. We have received two suggestions for the Christmas Extravaganza scheduled for the 16th December. **RS** proposed a variation on "The Greatest Gift". Richard Meredith proposed a radio play. We agreed that the former was more in keeping with the club's traditions and **RS** will draft a script by 1st October.

8. **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

8.1. **Make-Up Workshop**, This was a roaring success especially as Jan Sheppard subsequently and very kindly agreed to do make up for MOMM.

8.2. **Shakespeare Trip**. **CH** gave a glowing report of the stunning production of Troilus and Cressida.

8.3. **Clearance of Commemoration Hall Basement**; Chris Hunnam is doing sterling work and making terrific progress.

8.4. **Sound and Lighting Workshop**; Is postponed and an alternative date will be advised.

8.5. **Social Events**;

- 8.5.1. Ronald's buffet (with alcohol). 13 people have confirmed attendance. We hope the weather will be kind and know that the food and hospitality will be first class.
- 8.5.2. Thursday 23rd November was proposed as a Shakespeare DVD evening. Venue tbc. The Christmas party is scheduled for 9th December.

9. PROGRESS ON DATABASES.

- 9.1. We now have two databases, one for newsletters and one for a production mailing list. **KS** came up with the splendid suggestion that we should put an unsubscribe option on the bottom of emails. We also agreed that emails should be sent from a HDC address not a personal address. **KS** and **MB** would both have access to this in box.

10. NEWSLETTER.

Proposals for the following articles /information to be included;

RS's Buffet. **RS**

Trip to Stratford Upon Avon. **CH**

Shakespeare DVD evening, Christmas party.

11. **WEBSITE**; See Financial Statement – should be up again soon!

12. **CORRESPONDENCE.** **MB** has received thanks from Brampton Playgroup for the tickets we so generously donated to their raffle. Huntingdon Town Council have invited us to the OARS production of Absent Friends. **MB** will email members. **CW** will collect monies and make the booking.

13. **AOB**; **MB** reported that on behalf of the club he gave a card to Maggie Redgrave at her leaving party. **MB** also reported that we received a fine certificate of achievement from Huntingdon Town Council in recognition of our valuable contribution to the local community.

14. **DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.** 51 West End Brampton, Monday, 16th October, 8pm.
Look forward to seeing you all there!