



Shiplake and Dunsden
Dramatic Organisation
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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 2 July 2012 at Gateways, Station Road,
Lower Shiplake

Present: Hilary Tucker, Pip Collings, Simon Classey, Liz James (Chair), Pam Hudgell, Rosemary Appleby, Neill Wilkinson, Ashley Irons, Angela Cadman

Apologies: Beryl Lawson. Fred Lawson, Harriet Thomas

In attendance: Bob Barnes, Chris Irons, Gareth Jones

1. Matters arising from previous meeting and minutes

- Pip reported that Mark Manson had added some information to the Book of the Panto.
- Pam and Rosemary will give Pip information about addresses of groups/clubs to add to the Book.
- Pip reported that the flyer for new members has been done.
- Ashley will send the costumes list to Pip.
- The donation for the Memorial Hall has been sent/received and Liz will email Pip the letter of thanks for the records.

Action: Pam and Rosemary, Ashley, Liz

2. Trial by Jury

Cast:

Bob reported that the first auditions had been held and that the following would be taking part:

- Chris Irons – Judge
- Pip Collings – Plaintiff
- Simon Classey – Defendant
- Terry James – Usher

- Hilary Tucker – Counsel
- Angie Cadman – singing role
- Ashley Irons – advance help prior to the event

Bob will contact Mark Manson and Neil McAdam re possible roles as Foreman and Associate. He also needs more people to take roles as jury members and public (jury members can also be female). Pip will email the members again if Bob requests.

Three bridesmaids are required – Ashley reported that Kimberley may be happy to take a role as bridesmaid (she will confirm with Kim and let Chris and Bob know) and Pip will email the junior members to see who would also be interested. Bob reported that his daughter may be able to take a bridesmaid role too.

Bob will also contact Louise Rapple to try and get members of the Community Choir to take part, and contact Bernard Smith to see whether he might be interested.

Ashley will contact Gareth Williams re taking part and let Bob/Chris know.

Action: Bob and Chris, Pip, Ashley

Next steps/other TBJ matters:

Bob will sort out copies of the score for those taking part.

Next auditions/rehearsal session will be Monday 9 July – Bob (via Pip) will send out rehearsal details to all relevant people.

Further casting requirements etc will be assessed following this audition/rehearsal.

We confirmed that TBJ will be performed twice (Friday and Saturday evenings).

Rosemary confirmed that the Hall has been booked for the full day on the Sunday before the event (23 September) and the Monday (24 September) from 8pm. Plus the Friday and Saturday nights (28/29 September).

Rosemary has booked the Church Room for rehearsals on the Tuesday, Weds and Thursday (25/26/27 September) as the Hall is not free.

Rosemary will check whether the other bookings in events week will need any use of the stage area.

We have to strike the set by midnight on the Saturday.

Action: Bob and Chris, Rosemary

TBJ Publicity

This will be part of the publicity for the Variety/Musical evening.

Pip will insert details in Round and About and the Belfry.

Ticketing was discussed. Gareth will ask Angela whether she might be prepared to take this on.

It was decided that tickets would not be numbered – this would make it easier and also easier for the shops if we decided to sell any through the shops.

Other suggestions were for telephone sales or orders via the Shaddo website.

Nearer the time, we would ask for leaflets to be inserted in the papers.

Action: Gareth, Pip

3. Variety Evening

This links in with the above discussion re TBJ as they are part of the same event.

Simon reported that Mark Manson is unable to act as MC as he is not sure of his availability.

The following acts were discussed (and are to be contacted by the people indicated in brackets where applicable)

- Bellringers
- Ed's band?
- Neill Wilkinson's magic (both nights)
- Will Manson – piano?
- Pip's band (both nights)
- Neil George – sketch or comedy slot? (Liz James to contact and report back to Simon)
- Matt and Phil – comedy or short 'radio' play? (Ashley to contact and report back)
- School choir?

It was felt that the best way forward was to 'break up' the evening with short slots of about 5-10 minutes each.

Action: Liz, Ashley, Simon

Other points:

It was decided that we would have a raffle – everyone on committee to come up with a prize (by seeking donation or donating one)

Action: whole committee

Pip will design a simple programme for the event (including TBJ). Bob has a TBJ logo.

Action: Pip

Gareth will contact Hugh Lacey re possible solicitor sponsorship.

Action: Gareth

Gareth and Bob will meet to discuss the stage and set requirements.

Action: Bob and Gareth

4. Pantomime

Kimberly will be Director this year.
Ashley and Harriet will be Assistant Directors.

The script committee had met and had made a shortlist of five scripts – Sleeping Beauty, Beauty and the Beast, Rumpelstiltskin, Dracula, and the Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe.

The committee will meet again next week to narrow down the list and make recommendations. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Action: Script Committee

5. Financial Report

Neill reported that the books are with Neil McAdam for auditing.

We have £6782.00 in the bank.

Gareth suggested that a budget be set for TBJ as the costume costs could be quite high.

6. AOB

It was agreed that we will plan to do a re-run of the latest Murder Mystery (Recipe for Murder) in Spring 2013. This has already been cast as it is a re-run so Gareth will contact the cast nearer the time. Others will be needed to help with front of house, bar etc. This will be discussed again at a later meeting.

Neill reported that he had NODA magazines if anyone would like to read them.

It was agreed that Little Grimley play would be parked for the moment but that we would aim to have a play evening in 2013 (possibly with another Little Grimley as well or other play/acts). Again this would be discussed at a later meeting.

Gareth asked everyone to be on the lookout for a trombone which could be smashed up (as a prop!). Everyone to look out for one and purchase if inexpensive (can be damaged).

7. Next meeting

Wednesday 1 August at 7.45pm at Rosemary's house – 5 Brocks Way, Lower Shiplake

The meeting closed with thanks to Liz for hosting.