



Minutes of AGM and Meeting of Executive Committee held on Thursday 9 April 2009 at 8.00pm in the Church Room, Shiplake

Present:

Mark Manson, Hilary Tucker, Gareth Jones, Dominic Mayer, Terry James, Liz James, Mike Petch, Mel Crowder, Liz Thomas, Angela Jones, Steve Matthews, Pam Hudgell, Steve Watkins, Beryl Lawson, Fred Lawson, Penny Caudle, Pam Caudle

Apologies:

Marina Hart, Neil McAdam, Jane Edwards, Rosemary Appleby, Angela Cadman, Nigel Piercey, Harriet Thomas

AGM

1. Election of AGM Chair

Mark Manson was duly elected as Chair for the meeting.

2. Election of Officers and Committee for 2009-2010

The following nominees were proposed, seconded and duly elected to serve for the forthcoming year.

Mark Manson	Chair
Gareth Jones	Treasurer
Hilary Tucker	Secretary
Liz James	Committee
Angela Cadman	Committee
Fred Lawson	Committee
Neil George	Committee
Chris Irons	Committee
Steve Matthews	Committee
Beryl Lawson	Committee
Karen Peters	Committee
Mel Crowder	Committee
Linda Manson	Auditor

3. Chair's Report for 2008-2009

This was delivered by Mark and a copy of the report is attached to the original minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report for 2008-2009

This was delivered by Gareth Jones and a copy of the report is attached to the original minutes.

5. Subscriptions for 2009-2010

We agreed that these would remain the same as last year – i.e. £10.00 for Adult Members and £5.00 for Junior Members.

6. AOB

None – other matters were carried over to the following committee meeting (see below)

The AGM closed at 8.30pm.

Meeting of Executive Committee following the AGM

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss potential events for the forthcoming year.

1. Plays

1.1 Proposal by Dominic Mayer

Dominic would like to direct a play this year, and suggested 'Metamorphosis' or another suitable script. This idea was enthusiastically received and we discussed the possible timing. July/August/September was not felt to be very good due to summer holidays and difficulties of arranging rehearsals with all cast etc. Consensus was that early October 2009 would be best.

Mark agreed to investigate hall bookings for that time of year (a Friday and Saturday) and to reserve dates/report back. This would then be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

Action: Mark

1.2 Plays in June 2009?

It was felt that we might also be able to stage a one-act play evening in June 2009. Liz Thomas noted that the lead-time of 5/6 weeks had been sufficient to stage The Friday Night Radio Play. The conclusion was that it would be possible to do a play in June and in October + a Panto in January 2010 if enough people were willing to work to 'make it happen'. The main thing would be to start a publicity drive about 6 weeks beforehand.

Possible scripts were discussed (other Little Grimley plays, Gosforth's Fete etc) but it was decided the best thing was to set up a small sub-committee to look into scripts etc and to drive this forward at the inception stage. The following agreed to meet and do this over the next couple of weeks:

- Angela Jones
- Mel Crowder
- Penny Caudle
- Gareth Jones
- Dominic Mayer
- Terry James

They would then report back to the committee.

Action: all those listed above

It was agreed that anyone else with any ideas would send them to the above.

Mark would check the hall for late June 2009 and try to book a Friday/Saturday

Action: Mark

Liz Thomas suggested that we enter a play in a Festival (e.g. at the Kenton) in 2010. This would be good for the development of the Society and a new venture. It was agreed that we would think about this at the start of 2010.

2. MM Evening (request given to Liz James)

Liz had received a request for a MM evening in September. This was discussed but it was felt that we could not really manage this as well as all the other events. As we needed to give a decision, we felt we had to say no to this. Liz would advise the person who asked her.

Action: Liz James

3. BBQ (or similar) at RiverLawn September 2009

Fred and Beryl kindly offered the use of their garden by the river for an event in the summer. It was felt after discussion that early September would be best and a date of Saturday 5 September was agreed.

Hilary would send round a note to all members to reserve the date in the diary and we would discuss the details nearer the time. It would probably be a BBQ in early evening for adult members + children as long as accompanied and supervised by a parent (no unsupervised children). Beryl would put together a short note and send it to Hilary shortly so she could send it out to the members.

Action: Beryl and Hilary

4. Panto January 2010

Dominic and Mel said that they would be willing to direct a January Panto. This was enthusiastically received.

The first task would be to locate and assess scripts.

A small team was tasked with this and would report back in due course:

- Dominic Mayer
- Mel Crowder
- Gareth Jones
- Penny Caudle
- Mike Petch
- Hilary Tucker

Action: all those listed above

Gareth agreed to send some links to useful sites to all those in the team.

Mark and Steve Watkins agreed to liaise and make the hall bookings based on previous Panto timings and schedules.

Action: Mark and Steve Watkins

5. Donation from play evening to Comic Relief

Gareth reported that we had made a profit of £432.14
It was agreed that Gareth would send a donation for £450.00

Action: Gareth

Gareth asked for special thanks to be recorded to:

- Rosemary Appleby (regarding the hire of the Church Room for play rehearsals)
- Memorial Hall Committee (regarding the hire of the Hall for rehearsals)
- Those who did not claim expenses incurred in the production.

Liz James agreed to ask her contact at the Henley Standard to insert a piece on the play and the donation. Gareth would send Liz a picture(s) to submit and Liz would write a piece. Steve Matthews offered to help with this.

Action: Liz James and Steve Matthews

6. Production Manual

Gareth suggested making a book (manual) outlining various aspects of the production side which would be very useful to others (e.g. how to paint a backcloth, what to do re the lights, what make up we have found we needed and so on). This was deemed an excellent idea which would provide a valuable future resource.

Action: Gareth

7. Costumes – sort out

We need to sort out costumes and the Tower. We should catalogue what is there, throw out what we do not need and maybe identify some items for hire (we could photograph these and put them on the website). It was felt that this needed plenty of time. Mark would find a Sunday when the Hall was not being used and report back.

We agreed that thanks should be recorded to the Memorial Hall committee for the storage facilities.

Action: Mark

8. Next committee meeting

We need a committee meeting relatively soon so that we can report back as required re the various events (although any arrangements regarding the June play evening will have to be implemented before then).

This meeting will therefore take place at **Ange and Gareth's house – Little Timbers, Baskerville Lane, on Wednesday 6 May at 7.45pm.**

Hilary will circulate this date + minutes as soon as possible.

Hilary will send all minutes to Dominic and Penny and they will attend the meetings as co-opted committee members.

Action: Hilary

The meeting closed at 9.30pm
