

Wednesday 25th November 2020

Attendees

Rachel Bickerdike, Lara Woodhouse, Elaine Jackson, Carolyn Craven, Miranda Foxton, Leah Hamilton, Jan Morrell, Lee Sharratt, Louise Blackburn, Emma McGrath, Gillian Myers

Apologies

N/A

Last month's mins – confirmed all received, proposed Elaine Jackson, Secunder Lee Sharratt

Matters Arising

All committee members happy for emails to be just emailed to this group only not blind copied.

Email from Leeds CAN working with Carriageworks audition's for show, LB to forward to all member

Gillian's Treasurer's update

Current account balance £3307.85, reserve £116.07

£736 membership fees received, currently 2 playing members not paid subs.

Annual insurance to be paid next month £358.68 via BACS

Signatures not amended at bank as yet.

Committee gave appreciation to CC for arranging the Tuesday evening events keeping the group together. LW said it was good to be part of the society. Glynn Pringle has paid subs and wants to support the society.

Current Production

JM commented that rehearsing by Zoom, going quite well, getting flow of the show, understanding the characters now too, feels it is going really well. Have given another month to put books down, January books will be down. News is that vaccine will be shortly available and back to normal by Easter. Rehearse put show on in a few months' time, JM is very optimistic about this. People attending rehearsals, Steve reading in, done nothing about technical as yet, approached a few people. PowerPoint set up to move characters around the stage. See where everyone is, not set in stone, will change, when we get on our feet. Hope cast are enjoying it. CC reported last time 6 cast members rehearsed outside. Rule of 6 and tiers dependant on when we can rehearse. JM advised she had met Louise Bullock which was lovely, it's going well.

LS – raise an important point – looking at last mins, point 6, waiting until January if we are performing in February, LS suggested we need to see when cast members aren't available, need to act now as people may have other plans. JM – agreed we won't be ready by February considering Christmas Covid restrictions. Need to check if all cast members aren't available. JM – whole cast is aware. JM suggested she asks the cast and see what cast have planned over next 6 months. **JM**

CC – advised Matt Stirk looking into options at Carriageworks, hanging on communications from Carriageworks which we are reliant on. JM – still can't rehearse all together due to restrictions, EJ – decision is not in hands of committee in hands of theatre, and what dates are available. RB – some other options, record and film, use of another venue, can't make any decisions as now. LS – asked cast are made aware won't be on in February.

CC – publicity material are vast and in lots of publications have Carriageworks as venue and February dates, directing to website. CC to remove the dates. **CC**

JM – filming – need to get together before we film, dependant on social distancing rules.

CC – stage scripts we need to inform them of a change of date in the contract.

Play selection

CC – has emailed separately notes from reading sub-committee, they are currently unsure what we are looking for. Firm favourite's but maybe due to social distancing Stage and Hens if we can get younger cast members. Social distanced, God of Carnage, also have a director, 4 people, in 40's. Gayle Young, Bouncing Back, 10 F, 3 M, 20-60 years age group, Netball play done in another venue, set in a sports hall. Mix of ages, large cast.

Play about a ZOOM, 30 mins play, mixed age cast, wouldn't cost anything. Record on zoom. Doing Shakespeare, appealed play takes place during zoom reading, Some lovelies, SM can be an actor/actress who does all sound effects visually on zoom, Pay for a day one off rate, have to license it.

LB to attach CC's report to the mins. **LB**

Recommended scripts to share so committee can read. Must NOT share outside committee **CC**

Website – email members 65 years since society started, biographies from life members, to put on website, email LB – CC on facebook. Newsletter in the spotlight from life members and expand. Biographies. Section of newsletters on members areas. Good articles and photos. By end January.

GM joined at this point.

Social

LS – Tuesday play readings, quizzes, great success, CC and Bryan Craven eternally grateful for hard work. 12 days of Covid a success. Party arranged for 18th December. Only those members who have paid membership will get access to Zoom party.

A new Zoom code to be provided for paid up members to the virtual party on 18th December. **RB/LB**

AOB

N/A

Meeting closed at 20:27

Next committee meeting will be Wednesday 27th January.

THESE MEETING MINUTES
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