

## Minutes of Faringdon Dramatic Society

### Annual General Meeting

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 - The Jubilee Rooms The Pump House Faringdon

**Members Present:** Jeni Summerfield, Sandra Keen, Debbie Lock, Ian Lee, Katie Dyet, Lois Wells, Richard Lock, Lynda Bates, Carolyn Taylor, Alan Taylor, Gary Field, Shela Rowan, Sarah Couzens, Joan Lee, Peter Webster, Jo Webster, Carole Tappenden, Fiona Merrick, Mary Mountford-Lister, Paul Mountford-Lister, Emma Riddle, Amanda Linstead, Julie Farmer

**Apologies:** Sarah Varnom, Simon Wisbey, Adrian Wells, Gary Bates, Alan Merrick, Katie Goodwin

**Previous minutes of AGM:** The minutes from last year were accepted and signed as a true record.

**Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

**Election of officers:** 4 committee members stood down with one having resigned earlier in the year. Two new committee members were elected.

Position	Member
Chair	Carolyn Taylor
Secretary	Jo Webster
Treasurer	Debbie Lock
Membership Secretary/Webmaster	Ian Lee
Social Secretary	Lynda Bates (new for 2012)
Publicity	Fiona Merrick
Committee Member	Simon Wisbey
Committee Member	Emma Riddle (new for 2012)

**Chair's Report:** Jeni outlined the past years challenges and triumphs including the exchange with Garrison Little Theatre, Canada; the receipt of a NODA award for "excellence in amateur theatre" for Heroes – directed by Sarah Varnom and featuring the late John Taylor and productions of Cinderella and The Odd Couple (Female Version). She also outlined future plans for the return visit to Canada with London Suite and Best of British. Jeni also highlighted the behind the scenes work of the committee with special thanks to Debbie Lock whose commitment and undertaking during the preceding year had been exceptional.

**Treasurer's Report:** The current account stands at £4,715.36 and the deposit account at £7,722.42 with a profit for the year of £1,218.39. Capital expenditure was £1,394.94 on staging and cover. A grant of £500 was received from the Council. £357.99 was spent on the Canadian visit. The plays had done well with a small loss on the Odd Couple and London Suite but a profit of £2,000 on the panto.

There was a comment at the ODN AGM that to produce the panto costumes and make-up for a budget of only £400 was magic!

**Membership Secretary's Report:** Membership remains stable at around 50 with almost every member being involved with at least one of the productions. The ongoing problem of recruiting new members remains a matter of concern with the panto proving to be a good way of attracting interest.

**Future Productions:** There were no firm plans for the October/November production or the panto but Carolyn Taylor reported that Jeff Barry had expressed an interest in directing Present Laughter. An e-mail would be sent to all members and Carolyn confirmed that support will always be available for novice directors. Jo Webster reminded everyone that production roles are available to view in the members' area of the website. Jeni explained the proposal procedure for prospective directors presenting their ideas to the committee.

Simon Wisbey offered to do a play reading.

**Any Other Business:** Carole Tappenden reported that there had been a break in at the Swindon store and damage had been done. It was agreed that a working party should be arranged to salvage what was possible.

It was reported that approx. £200 of Best of British tickets had so far been sold on line.

**Date of next AGM:** TBC

The meeting closed at 2100 and drinks and nibbles were served.

Sandra Keen (Secretary Faringdon Dramatic Society)

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