

Minutes of the AGM of the Faringdon Dramatic Society

Tuesday 19th May 2015 (8.00 - 10 pm)

Committee Present: Katie Dyet (Chair), Lynda Bates, Sarah Couzens, Amanda Linstead, Peter Webster, Fiona Merrick, Sandra Keen, Gary Field

Members: Alan Merrick, Joan and Ian Lee, Helen Thrower, Carole Tappenden, Jeffrey Slater, John and Jill Coffin, Katy Goodwin and Rory, Jeni Summerfield, Jeff Keen, Dave Heady, Gary Bates.

Apologies: Paul and Mary Mountford-Lister, Richard and Debbie Lock, Jo Webster, Helen Tate, Carolyn and Alan Taylor, Emma Riddle.

Agenda Item	Discussion / Actions
Minutes of last meeting	<p><u>Minutes of last AGM meeting</u></p> <p>Points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charitable status pursuit in Matters Arising (p.1) – there has been no necessity to follow up on this during the past year• Ian Lee proposed (p.2, Membership Fees) that the cost of membership online should have an admin fee – this was discussed by the committee and it was decided that no additional charge for online membership would be made• Ian Lee suggested in AOB (p.2) actors should not be expected to pay for scripts – this was discussed in committee and it was decided that actors are to continue to pay for scripts• Jo Webster proposed in AOB (p.2) that the annual committee supper was to be funded by FDS – this was discussed and the committee decided to continue to self-fund the supper.
Election of Officers and Committee Members	<p>Ian Lee (Membership Secretary) and Fiona Merrick (Publicity) are to stand down from the committee – a vote of thanks was offered to them both for their significant contributions to the work of the Society.</p> <p>Katie Dyet to remain as Chair – Amanda Linstead proposed and Alan Taylor seconded</p> <p>Lynda Bates to remain as Treasurer - Carole Tappenden proposed and Joan Lee seconded</p> <p>Amanda Linstead to be Membership Secretary – Carol Tappenden proposed and Helen Thrower seconded</p> <p>Nicky Armer to take over role as Publicity Officer from Fiona Merrick –Peter Webster proposed and Amanda Linstead seconded</p> <p>Richard Lock to join the committee – Gary Field proposed and Lynda Bates seconded.</p> <p>The following members will remain on the committee: Gary Field, Sandra Keen and Sarah Couzens</p>
Charis Report	<p>Katie reflected on her view of her new role as Chair over the year as a 'facilitator' for the Society. She outlined the following highlights of the FDS year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steel Magnolias – a funny, tender and moving play put together by an amazing team that resulted in a great performance• A fun Summer BBQ at Gary and Shela's house that included celebration of Peter's 70th birthday

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections – Carolyn’s poignant play to commemorate the 100 years since the start of WW1. Under very capable direction, this piece received tremendous feedback and was a real team effort with all membership involved. A sell out and roaring success. • Christmas Dinner evening at the Woodman – a great success where new star quality compares (Sandra and Jeff) emerged to deliver the Ledbury awards • Snow Queen, A Winter’s Tale – a triumph of pen and direction by Peter with matinees all completely sold out. The sound in this production was markedly improved by the new sound equipment and lighting and costuming worked well. The acting was second to none and resulted in Joint 1st prize Panto award from ODN with a score of 97/100! • Recent Canadian Exchange visit – a fast and furious week coordinated extremely well by Debbie. Another joint effort by all FDS team and overall a great social event culminating in the Norm Foster Office Hours production by the Fort Erie group. <p>Up and coming events were also mentioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One act play for Abingdon Festival – Night Hawks, a play written by Peter. To be performed in the festival competition during the week beginning June 8th. A further viewing of the play is planned in Barber Rooms later in the year. • Some ideas for future productions – Helen and Verity writing a pantomime and Debbie thinking about a play to take to Canada <p>The Chair thanked the committee and Ian and Fiona received a thank you gift.</p>
Treasurers Report and Accounts	<p>Lynda Bates presented the Accounts (see attached report). At 27.3.15 the current account stood at £1338.39 with £7734.03 on deposit.</p> <p>More expenditure has been undertaken this year for the benefit of the society. £2264.28 on sound equipment, £629.40 on stage flooring, £306 for new curtains and £523.14 for long service medals.</p> <p>Losses were reported for Steel Magnolias (£308.75) and Reflections (£450.09). Profit on The Snow Queen of £912.89! This is more than last year’s Panto although payment for a license is now needed! The play write is charging!</p> <p>The idea of introducing a new matinee has already been raised to help increase profits for next year.</p>
Money and membership fees	No report was made to the meeting.
ODN quiz	<p>Long service medal awards were handed out:</p> <p>Dave Heady- 37 years Carole Tappenden and Joan Lee – 28 years Peter and Jo Webster – 27 years Jeni Summerfield– 24 years Ian Lee – 19 years Sarah Varnom – 19 years Gary and Lynda Bates – 17 years Sarah Couzens – 14 years Katy Dyet and Amanda Linstead – 13 years Jeff and Sandra Keen – 11 years Gary Field – 10 years Fiona Merrick – 10 years.</p>
Future Productions	Night Hawks production is underway for June

	<p>For the Autumn production (early November) – a director is needed – a suggestion from Dave Heady of an Alan Ayckbourne play ‘Living Together’ – 6 people (Norman Conquest Trilogy)</p> <p>Helen and Verity Panto script writers – outline done and ready - theme is ‘after Cinders married’ – traditional Panto style. Lots of parts for chorus with weightier main roles.</p> <p>Future for production to take to Fort Erie, Canada – Katy read out report from Debbie –visit date set for Summer half term – 28th May onwards – play performed in Faringdon a week before – choice of play depends on who is interested. All to please let Debbie know if interested via email or phone.</p>
AOB	<p>No other business</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.55pm</p> <p>Date of next AGM: to be decided by FDS committee.</p>