

Minutes of the AGM Meeting of the Faringdon Dramatic Society

Tuesday 24th May 2016 (8.00 – 9.30 pm)

Committee Present: Katie Dyet, Lynda Bates, Sarah Couzens, Richard Lock, Peter Webster, Gary Field, Sandra Keen, Amanda Linstead

Members: Alan Merrick, Joan and Ian Lee, Carole Tappenden, Katy Goodwin, Jeni Summerfield, Jeff Keen, Carolyn and Alan Taylor, Mary and Paul Mountford-Lister, Jo Webster, Debbie Lock, Jayne Hoyland, Ceri and Ellie Hickman

Apologies: Adrian Wells, Fiona Merrick, Gary Bates, Emma Riddle, Debra Warner, Dave Heady, Helen Thrower

Agenda Item	Discussion / Actions
Minutes of last meeting	Minutes of last AGM meeting agreed – 19.5.15
Election of Officers and new Committee Members	<p>Katy Dyet (Chair) and Lynda Bates (Treasurer) 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><u>New Chair:</u> Gary Field – Katie Dyet proposed and Jeff seconded <u>Secretary (ongoing):</u> Sarah Couzens - Katie Dyet proposed Katie and Lynda Bates seconded <u>Treasurer:</u> Richard Lock – Lynda Bates proposed and Peter Webster seconded <u>Membership secretary (ongoing):</u> Amanda Linstead – Katie Dyet proposed and Richard Lock seconded <u>Continuing Committee members:</u> Sandra Keen – Jeff proposed and Richard Lock seconded Peter Webster – Sarah Couzens proposed and Lynda Bates seconded <u>New Committee members</u> – Alan Merrick – Katie Dyet proposed and Jeni Summerfield seconded Jane Hoyland – Katie Dyet proposed and Jeni Summerfield seconded Anna Marlow – Katie Dyet proposed and Lynda Bates seconded</p>
Chair's Report	<p>Katie reflected on the year of further triumphs for the Society. She outlined the following highlights of the FDS year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Together – November production that was a great success • Panto – an award winning production that was not without its challenges • Side Effects – a professional production in a great new setting and now ready to be taken to Canada.
Treasurer's Report	<p>Good profit reported over the year (£2,778.64). However, invoice yet to be received from Faringdon Junior (approx. £1,600) £1,100 profit reported for recent Side Effects production. Current account balance: £4,899.37 Deposit account balance: £6737.04 For budget review (see additional summary sheet).</p>
Long Service Awards	<p><u>Long Service awards</u> 25 years' award presented to Jeni Summerfield 10 years' award to Alan Merrick Honorary award (Denise Monk)</p>
Future productions	<p><u>November production</u> – Abigail's Party – Jeff to direct. Scheduled production for 10th - 12th November. Venue – Corn Exchange 4th week in June scheduled for auditions <u>Panto for next year</u> – Arthurs Adventures – Peter to direct - revamped script.</p>

	<p>Junior school venue uncertain – will approach the newly appointed Head for a decision around the use of the hall in September.</p> <p>New schedule to include extra matinee performances – this worked well for this year's panto.</p> <p>Buscot Theatre – has proved to be a good venue and Buscot would be keen for the Society to use the theatre again. Suggestions needed for an 'edgy' play next Spring.</p>
Summer BBQ event	Volunteer needed to provide a venue for this year's BBQ
AOB	<p>Jo Webster – suggested publishing minutes on Members page of the website. This proposal was seconded Carolyn Taylor. Headlines from minutes to be included in FDS newsletter.</p> <p>Lynda Bates – raised proposal for ticket prices to be reviewed for increase – meeting agreed that it should stay the same.</p> <p>Issue of providing a welcome drink in the ticket price to be discussed at next Committee meeting.</p> <p>Carolyn Taylor – in the light of recent fire, raised proposal for undertaking one act plays alongside Lechlade</p> <p>Debbie Lock – raised a proposal that the committee to approach Town Council re the building of a new theatre in Faringdon.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.40pm</p> <p>Date of next AGM: to be decided by FDS committee.</p> <p>Play reading of Last Tango in Little Grimley by Committee members presented.</p>