



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12 August 2020 (via Zoom)

Present

Hilary Tucker, Angela Jones, Gareth Jones, Neill Wilkinson, Pam Hudgell, Cheryl Milne, Henry Loud, Simon Classey, Liz James

Apologies received

Rebecca Strong

Cheryl (as Chair) welcomed everyone and introduced the meeting.

1. Matters arising

(a) Update on further online events held to date

There had not been any further events so there was nothing to report on this point. It was felt that this was not the best time of year for interest in online events, especially with summer holidays and the hot weather etc. It was felt that uptake and interest in online events might be greater from September or October onwards.

(b) Uptake of Shaddo "paid" Zoom account by members

This had been used by several committee members for online events but there had been no take up to date by other members. It was felt that there might be greater use of this in the Autumn (see point above) and that it was well worth continuing with this paid account in any event as it was also very useful for committee meetings, which would not work so well with a 40 minute cut-off limit. It was agreed by the committee that the Shaddo Zoom subscription would be paid until the end of 2020 and would then be reviewed.

(c) Feedback from July newsletter

There had not been any feedback received but it was felt that many members might have read the newsletter without wishing to give any actual feedback. It was agreed that this was a useful resource and played an important role in keeping members updated re Shaddo activities. It was agreed that this would be continued. Cheryl agreed to check additional places for newsletter display (e.g. on the village notice board) and would also continue to write these newsletters for the website.

ACTION: Cheryl

(d) Website entertainment pages

Gareth reported that the Covid-specific page had now been wound up, although it was felt that it could be resurrected if there was another lockdown period in the future (although it was of course hoped that this would not be the case).

There was a committee discussion about putting relevant entertainment ideas on the website under a new page, as an information resource/benefit for members. Neill outlined some events he knew about (e.g. acting school/magic events) and Pam outlined some of the information she had received through Sonning Common Theatre Club.

It was agreed that Shaddo could not actually "approve" any suggested events but that information could be provided as a website resource in a broadly similar way to the Covid pages. It was recognised that Gareth had done a lot of work (and a sterling job) in keeping the Covid pages updated and it was felt that there should be a co-ordinator so that information given to Gareth to put on any new website page would already be curated/edited. Liz James said that she would be happy to act as a co-ordinator for this purpose.

It was agreed that everyone would think further about this idea to discuss at the next meeting and that meanwhile committee members would send relevant items to Liz.

ACTION: Whole committee and Liz James

(e) Memorial Garden

There was nothing further to report on this. Pam advised that she would have another look at the box hedge which was thought to have "box caterpillar".

ACTION: Pam

2. Snow Queen scripts

It was agreed, following discussion, that the script we used for the read-through was the best version of The Snow Queen. It was agreed that, as a Pantomime with a winter theme could not be produced at the moment (and might not be able to be performed until January 2022), this issue would be left in abeyance.

3. Outdoor production/picnic in spring 2021

Angela reported on four scripts she had located to date and there was committee discussion of various possibilities, based on the suggestions which Gareth had put on the website. It was agreed that this would be discussed more fully at the next meeting as there was no reason to plan this event yet. It was felt that weather mitigation ideas would also require discussion as part of the planning (e.g. possible gazebo hire). It was agreed that the committee would think about this ready to discuss at the next meeting.

ACTION: Whole committee

4. Online variety show

Again, it was decided that this would be discussed at the next meeting and that meanwhile the committee would think further about the format etc.

ACTION: Whole committee

5. Any other business

(a) Donation to memorial hall trustees

It was agreed that Shaddo would make a donation to the trustees of the memorial hall in recognition of the support given to Shaddo and the important role played by the hall in Shaddo's activities (this was also decided against the background of the Covid situation, meaning we would not be booking the hall for a pantomime this year and taking into account the legal action necessitated by the trustees to evict the travellers on the memorial hall field). It was agreed that Cheryl and Gareth would discuss this further and advise the committee of the proposed details for approval.

ACTION: Cheryl and Gareth

(b) Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held via Zoom on Wednesday 23 September 2020

Hilary would prepare minutes of this meeting and an agenda prior to the next meeting.

ACTION: Hilary

The meeting closed with thanks to all for attending and thanks to Cheryl for chairing.

**Date of next meeting: via Zoom on Wednesday 23 September 2020
at 7.20pm for a 7.30pm start**