



Shiplake and Dunsden
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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 May 2004 at the Plowden Arms, Shiplake

Present:

Liz Thomas (Chair), Angela Cadman, Hilary Tucker, Liz James, Neil McAdam, Mark Manson, Angela Jones

Apologies:

Gareth Jones, Chris Bichard

In Attendance:

Chris Irons, Peter Webb

1. An evening with Geoffrey Dench

Mark Manson is organising this and will follow up with further news at the next meeting.

Action: Mark Manson

2. Theatre Workshops

Mark has been finding out about these. The 'Show in a Day' seems the most popular option, as an end product is a bonus. The organisers charge according to the number of staff provided. We have been asked to suggest a theme for the day if we wish to proceed with this.

It was decided that in principle we wish to proceed and Mark will report further at the next meeting, before a final decision is made.

Action: Mark Manson

3. Stars in Their Eyes Production

Angela Jones reported that there is a similar event at the Kenton on 13 June and it was decided that some of us should attend to check out the format etc. Angela, Hilary and Mark said that they would attend.

Action: Angela Jones, Hilary Tucker and Mark Manson

The possible format of a SHADDO version was discussed at length. Neil McAdam suggested that an entrance fee could be charged, with the profits going to charity, and a non-monetary prize being provided. We also discussed the idea of medals or a cup for winners and division of the event into age groups. There would be a bar. Each contestant (or group)

would be given a maximum time slot (e.g. 5 minutes). We would aim for around 16-20 contestants (or groups). We could provide sound, lighting and possible bubbles! They would need to organise their own make up and costumes. Neil McAdam agreed to e-mail Neil George with a note of all that we had discussed on this. We would return to this at next meeting (which is just after the Kenton event).

Action: Neil McAdam

4. Christmas/New Year Production/Pantomime

We discussed (at length) the possible format of any Christmas/New Year production. Various alternatives were debated (e.g. a variety show).

One suggestion was for a SHADDO link with the Baskerville Christmas Eve carol singing (e.g. a festive musical piece). It was felt that this was a nice idea but might not work in practice due to space constraints etc. Liz Thomas said that she would investigate and report back.

Action: Liz Thomas

As far as the main show was concerned it was decided that we would like to do another Pantomime. Liz Thomas said that provisional dates in January 2005 had been reserved but she would now firm them up. The Pantomime would be the end of January and not go into February as per this year.

Action: Liz Thomas

We have booked from 21 January to Saturday 29 January at the moment so the production would be 27-29 January. We will also need 30 January to clear up.

There was discussion about direction of the Pantomime. It was agreed that Chris Irons (as per his previous offer) would direct it this year, and that he would be assisted by Ashley. He would be calling on others to assist.

The title of the production was discussed and it was decided we would choose 'Cinderella'.

A script committee was selected. This will be Gareth Jones, Liz James, Chris Irons, Liz Thomas and Mark Manson. They will get hold of various Cinderella scripts and look at them, and recommend one or two.

Action: Gareth, Liz James, Chris Irons, Liz Thomas, Mark

This will be done by the end of term. We will then have a full committee meeting to discuss the final two and maybe have a play reading evening to read through the script.

Mel has said that she will be able to be involved this year with stage sets etc.

Hilary will ask Sylvia about help with the music and assess what role Sylvia would like to take on.

Action: Hilary Tucker

Angela Jones said that she would be willing to act as musical director.

5. Safari Supper

Chris Irons reported on the arrangements.

The courses and helpers are as follows:

COURSE	HOUSE VENUE	HELPERS
Start off (drinks)	Chris Irons	Chris and Sharon Irons
Starter	Angela and Gareth Jones	Angela and Gareth
Mains	Liz Thomas	Liz T, Angela Cadman, Mark Manson
Puddings	Liz James	Liz J, Hilary Tucker
Cheese	Peter Webb	Peter and Louise Webb
Finish!	Chris Irons	Chris and Sharon Irons

Liz James will ask people to make and donate puddings.

Action: Liz James

Chris will draw up invitation and get together with Hilary to send this out to all adult members this weekend.

Action: Chris Irons and Hilary Tucker

Wine will be purchased in bulk and be part of a central fund/pool.

Angela and Liz T will give Chris their menus this week.

Action: Angela Jones and Liz T

Invite will ask whether people are red/white wine drinkers and whether veggie/meat eaters.

Chris explained the budgets and projected pricing.

He also explained the projected timings, starting at 7.30pm and ending around midnight.

Action: Chris Irons and all those listed above

6. Gillotts Music Evening

We are not now doing anything for this. Three Men in a Boat has been cancelled.

7. One-Act Play (Autumn 2004)

Liz Thomas explained the format/characters/length etc. of this play and it was suggested that this be performed alongside a BBQ in early Autumn. Liz said that auditions would be needed and that we particularly needed two men to take an interest in the leading roles to take this to auditions stage. Hilary has circulated the membership about the play and given all responses to date to Gareth. Liz and Gareth will report further on this in due course.

Action: Liz Thomas and Gareth Jones

8. Possible new MM

It was agreed that it would be fun to do another MM, and work this up informally with a view to possible future production. Angela said that she would look at their various MM's and report back. It was agreed that we would need one with a strong 'theme'.

Action: Angela Jones

9 AOB

Hilary mentioned the Carnival and raffle prize. It was agreed that we would donate 2 pairs of tickets (i.e. 4 tickets in total as 2 separate prizes) for the Thursday opening night. Hilary said she would draft letters for these prizes and send them to Leonie Brown. Hilary will give her details for follow-up as we would leave the production unspecified at this stage!

Action: Hilary Tucker

10. Next Meeting

Hilary will write up minutes of this meeting and circulate to the committee as soon as possible.

Action: Hilary Tucker

In accordance with the agreement made at the AGM re meetings, the next one will be on **Monday 14 June 2004 at the Plowden Arms at 8.00pm.**