



Minutes of SHADDO Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9 June 2021 (Via Zoom)

Present:

Gareth Jones, Angela Jones, Cheryl Milne (Chair), Ashley Wright, Hilary Tucker, Pam Hudgell, Henry Loud, Neill Wilkinson

Apologies:

Liz James, Simon Classey

Cheryl welcomed everyone to the meeting and Hilary reported that she had received apologies from Liz (James) and Simon (Classey).

1. NODA certificate

Gareth reported that SHADDO had been given a certificate by NODA, acknowledging support for NODA and amdram throughout the COVID pandemic. Gareth agreed to send a picture of this certificate to Hilary, for potential inclusion in the next newsletter.

**Action: Gareth and Hilary**

2. Play readings

Pam reported that she had attended the latest play reading, held outside in the garden at the Baskerville on Tuesday 8 June. There were 8 attendees and Pam advised that it had worked well outside and was a good event. Cheryl agreed to make a provisional booking for an outside Baskerville table for the next play reading on Tuesday 6 July and to contact Peter regarding the arrangements and information to members for this.

**Action: Cheryl and Peter**

3. Summer event

Cheryl advised that she had discussed the possibility of holding this in the Binfield Heath (BH) show tent with Charlie Calderbank of the BH show committee. He felt it may well be possible for SHADDO to hold a summer event in the show tent, either on the Wednesday night before the BH show or on the Saturday night of the BH show (not the Thursday or Friday nights). Permission would however be required from the owner of the field, and he would pursue this. He was happy in principle with the idea of a variety type show.

Cheryl agreed to follow this up with Charlie and to report back to the committee at the next meeting. She would also ask Charlie about lighting aspects and what would already be there. It was felt that it might be necessary for SHADDO to hire in some lighting for the event.

It was agreed that, meanwhile, we could not publicise any summer event, but that we would review this at the next committee meeting. A sub-committee would then be formed to take this forward. It was felt that about 6 members would be needed for such a sub-committee. Neill, Pam, Henry and Cheryl indicated an interest in being involved as members of a sub-committee but it was also felt that an overall co-ordinator would be needed. Cheryl agreed to approach Pip to see whether she might be interested in co-ordinating this event.

It was agreed that we would approach this event step by step:

- Ascertain whether there was permission to hold it in the BH show tent;
- Ascertain whether we had found a co-ordinator for the event;
- If neither of the above transpired, we would re-think at the next committee meeting (as to whether to hold an event at all, or whether to hold an event somewhere else).

Neill suggested that some of his magic club members might be interested in coming along and doing table magic, in which case, a donation to magic club funds would be appropriate.

Gareth offered to help with ticketing aspects.

**Action: Cheryl (and committee at next meeting)**

#### 4. Pantomime

Cheryl reported that she had made provisional hall bookings.

Gareth, Hilary and Cheryl reported that they had read three scripts which had been identified by Gareth as ones being suitable for small(ish) casts:

- Mother Goose by Ben Crocker
- The Frog Prince by Steven Duckham
- Pinocchio from Tom Whalley Pantomimes

The committee discussed each idea in brief but it was agreed that it would be best to have a full discussion after the whole committee had read the scripts. If possible, all committee members would complete the Panto evaluation sheets to guide the discussion and choice. Alternatively, committee members would write a summary of their opinions on the scripts. Everyone would send these completed forms or summaries to the SHADDO Admin email so that they would be available to inform discussion at the next committee meeting.

**Action: everyone (whole committee)**

It was further agreed that:

We would make an interim working assumption that we would go ahead with one of the above scripts, pending a more detailed review of who might be interested in taking part, who might direct, any rules in place affecting the Memorial Hall and Green Room etc etc;

We would put out a questionnaire to all members, to ascertain who might be interested in taking part, who might be interested in directing or being part of an organising team, any concerns related to COVID, any measures that members felt could be taken to make them feel safe about taking part, rehearsing or attending etc etc. Hilary and Cheryl would put this questionnaire together and Gareth would format it ready to go out to members;

**Action: Cheryl, Hilary and Gareth**

We would anticipate that we would need to start active planning from the beginning of September.

#### 5. SHADDO BBQ

Cheryl reported that she was still happy to host this and this would still be on Saturday 4 September 2021.

It was agreed that the best time would be 4.30pm.

It was also agreed that participants would pay Cheryl on the evening. Cheryl would talk to Phil, who hosted a previous BBQ, regarding other logistics such as the best way to deal with the food and drink. It was agreed that it would probably be a "BYO" drinks event but that Cheryl would have soft drinks available.

Details of this event (in the form of a "save the date") would go out in a future newsletter (after the next meeting) and, more specific details would go out to members nearer the time, asking them to indicate whether they were going to attend.

**Action: Cheryl and Hilary**

**6. Roles – communications**

Gareth advised that he had been maintaining the opening information page on the SHADDO website about future events (latterly committee meetings and play readings) but that he felt there was scope for someone to take this on and develop the content.

Someone was needed to "own" this web page content and enhance/develop it.

It was agreed that everyone on the committee would think about whether they would like to take on this role (and/or a wider comms role) but, if this was not possible, we would go out to the members and see whether there was anyone who would like to take on a comms role, including this specific part of the website content.

Alongside this, Gareth would look to develop the website in more general terms and move it to another platform (amongst other things, this would make it easier for others to make changes to the website and put content on the website).

It was agreed that Gareth, Neill and Henry would get together and discuss the website/associated comms issues and report back at the next committee meeting.

**Action: Gareth, Henry, Neill**

**7. AOB**

Hilary agreed to write a newsletter for the website/members after the next meeting as there would hopefully, by then, be several items and key dates to include.

Cheryl closed the meeting with thanks to all for attending.

**The next committee meeting will be held on Weds 7 July**  
**2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**