



Minutes of the AGM held in the Menzies Hall Fintry on 31st May 2018.

Apologies: Rosie Walters, Tony Flisch, Gerry Eckersley, Cindy Grey, Heather Stevenson, Stuart Rankin, Colin Fraser, May Anderson, Irene Kelso, Rosie Brown.

Present: Sarah Walker, Helen and Allan Watson, David & Jackie Smith, Lorna Flisch, Ian Turner, Martin Turner, Gavin Marshall, Paul Anderson, Jane Stevenson, Ellen Ross, Wendy Palgrave, Rowena Laing, Maggie Price, Barbara McLeod, Jeannie Woodburn, Kevin Bolan, Sheila Fraser, Jonny North, Robert Taylor.

Minutes of Previous AGM taken as read. Proposed by David Smith, Seconded by Sarah Walker.

Matters Arising : None.

Chairman's Report :

Firstly I would like to congratulate Martin and his team for their success with "8 O'Clock" at East Kilbride Repfest, where they won best play, best actor (Jack Doyle) and Best Stage presentation -all as we expected and felt was due for their outstanding performances.

Last year I persuaded Helen to take on the role of Secretary and she has been invaluable. We are usually on the same wave length and I appreciate the support she has given me throughout the year. Jonny has been his usual self managing the Finances as well as the bar and liquor store and he has carried out this role responsibly for more years than I can remember, despite working the length and breadth of the UK. In the light of an offer to take over this role, he is handing over the reins and we owe him a huge debt for managing the accounts for so long. He has said he would do it again in the future, so I thought it best to record that offer now. The remaining committee members, Lorna , Gavin, Rosie and Ellen have been there supporting me and the Club throughout the year and I appreciate the positive way in which we have worked as a team.

On to Productions, and it was a fairly busy year. In June "Pushcart Peddlars" and " Bonking James Bond " toured to Orkney and enjoyed the usual hospitality from our friends in Birsay. In December , David directed "Snow White" to well deserved acclaim and in the Spring "8 O 'Clock" won the first round of the SCDA One Act Play Festival but unfortunately failed to progress further. "Mother Figure" directed by Tony, " A Simple Kind of Love Story " directed by Ian Turner for SSS Young Farmers and "8 O'Clock" performed to the Fintry Audience in March. After several difficulties " Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders " directed by Cindy with assistance from Tony performed to appreciative audiences in May. It was entered in the SCDA full length competition and received a complimentary adjudication from Ron Nicol. The "Snow White " Poster designed by John Laing came second in the SCDA Poster competition.

We have been delighted to welcome new faces on and off the stage, with lots of potential for different roles.

The future looks promising with " Journey's End " directed by Jonny , assisted by Kevin, to be performed in September, a home- grown pantomime " Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs" being written by Sarah Walker and Ian Kidd and martin tells me he has a play chosen for next years One Act Play Festival.

The British Final of the One Act Play Festival on 6th and 7th July will be held at the McRobert Theatre Stirling. Raffle ticket sellers are needed. If you can help, I will give you a contact number.

The First round of the 2019 SCDA One Act Festival will be hosted in Fintry - 7,8 and 9th March 2019

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We will be looking for a play or plays for a Spring Production and re-starting the Play Reading Group may be worthwhile and also good for social contact over the summer.

Also our friends from Birsay in Orkney are planning to visit on 20th and 21st July and perform one or two plays (not yet decided) on the Saturday night. We may add in "Mother Figure" to contribute to an entertaining evening for a Fintry audience. It is likely to be a very sociable weekend, so mark the date now.

FADS has taken part in or sponsored several local events-the Fintry Fun Day, a Fund Raiser for Trossachs Search and Rescue, a Community Ceilidh. We have lent equipment or costume - Turntable to Douglas Academy, costume to Castlemilk High School and Tapsalteerie.

We purchased stage extensions and lights and received a grant through the Community Council from the Kingsbarn Fund to build a new on stage back wall and purchase a backcloth. The outside store was spring cleaned and recently the Lighting and Sound loft was cleaned and relieved of some unwanted items. These essential jobs tend to fall on the same small willing crew of unsung heroes. We do need more folk to "muck in" with the less attractive jobs- its not all about the acting. Helen purchased gingham material and a team sewed tablecloths which have already been well used and admired.

We fell by the wayside with social activities due to lack of support but having reached 40 years of age in October, Jackie, Ellen and Rowenna agreed to plan an event and we are having a party in the Sports Club on 16th June. I am happy to welcome back to FADS Anne Hillis, a co-founder member.

We are continuing to promote productions through social media and use "Ticket Source" for on-line sales. This has drastically reduced phone enquires but many folk still tend to buy at the door, especially for the plays.

Sarah Walker has taken over the excellent management of the web site and this generates enquiries re-membership as well as publicising what we do. Its easy to access, informative and up-to-date. If we are doing it, it's in there.

I can't name everyone who pulls out the stops to keep the club maintaining the high standard folk have come to expect. A huge thank you to everyone for their contribution to FADS. Enjoy it, become more involved in different roles or jobs, drop into rehearsals and ask if there's anything you can do -be involved.

Treasurer's Report

Jonny handed out copies of the years Report and Accounts 2018. This year the funds were enhanced by the very successful Pantomime. We received a grant from the community council to replace our Back Stage Wall.

The results for the year show a surplus of £1,048 which increases our funds carried forward to £7,004. The surplus is after special expenditure on LED lighting and replacing the back wall of the stage. The net income from Performances was £2,653 as opposed to £1,522 in 2016/17

The Accounts were proposed by Jonny North, David Smith seconded them.

Election of Office Bearers.

Sheila Fraser is due to retire from the chair she proposed Cindy Grey become Chairman this was seconded by Helen Watson.

Jonny was stepping down from the Treasurers post. Ellen Ross from the committee had agreed to take over this position.

Helen Watson remains as Secretary for one more year.

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There were four vacant places on the Committee. The following members had showed interest in these positions. It would be voted upon by the members present. The following people were considered.: Sarah Walker, Jonny North, Jackie Smith , Gerry Eckersley, Jackie Smith, Jane Stevenson.

After the vote the following were elected: Jackie, Jane ,Jonny and Sarah.

Sheila thanked all the nominees for agreeing to be put forward.

Ideas for future Productions

No one came forward with anything at this time.

“Journey’s End “ Update.

Jonny said he was very excited about all the arrangements so far. Play had been cast and rehearsals started. Lorna had been involved in production meetings at Alan Cuthbert’s barn. It would be fitted out specially for the performances. Rehearsals would be held in the hall at present. Moving to the barn nearer the performance time. Committee would liaise regarding timing of ticket sales. They hope to support military charities with the performances. 5 performances at the moment. David asked Jonny about the feasibility of a matinee for local senior schools.

40th Anniversary

Jackie reported ticket sales okay but would try for more ! Celebrate at a dinner to be held at Fintry Sports Club on Saturday 16th June 2018 a two course meal for £25 entertainment by “The Dodgy Characters “ a great sounding Band.

Orcadian’s Visit July

Martin updated the members on the Birsay Drama groups visit to Fintry. The dates are 20th-21st July. They have arranged to stay at the Caravan Park. They hope to perform two plays. They will also have musicians with them. Martin feels this performance will be on the Saturday night and FADS would need to organise publicity and sell tickets for this event. Also possibly arrange food and entertainment on the Friday night.

Club Evenings

Hope to have these again perhaps combined with Play Readings. New Committee could look in to this. Members area on web site could keep members informed . Click at bottom of web page to find information.

AOCB

Helen reported Fiona Boyd past Chairman of the club was in hospital and felt the club should acknowledge this. She will send a card and arrange to send flowers when Fiona is home again.

Sheila mentioned she needed some items moved from the green room as she has arranged to have the carpet cleaned. Paul suggested a smoke bomb to ensure the recent flea problem was solved.

As there was no other business Jonny gave a special vote of thanks to Sheila for all her hard work and dedication to the club.

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