

F.A.D.S Committee Meeting on 3rd July 2018 At Spinner's Lea Main Street Fintry

In the Chair Cindy Gray

Present. Helen Watson, Ellen Ross, Jackie Smith, Jane Stevenson, Sarah Walker.

Apologies from Jonny North.

1. Cindy welcomed the new committee members and thanked Ellen for taking over the Treasurer's post.

2. **Minutes of previous committee meeting** on 23rd April were read and proposed by Ellen seconded by Jane.

Matters arising:

ACTION: Helen will speak to Paul about changing facilities and if he is too busy arrange for someone else to make this facility in the Green Room.

ACTIONS: Cindy will contact Tony about back wall renewal. Also ask him about testing of electrical equipment belonging to FADS.

3. Performances:

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i. Journeys End: Kevin attended the meeting in place of Jonny.

He reported all going well. Play all blocked out and they had had one rehearsal at the Barn. Rehearsals will start again August 8th Wednesday and Thursdays.

Performances will be Wed **26th-Sat Sat 29th September**, with matinees on Friday and Saturday. There is also a possibility of doing Tuesday if needed.

Capacity is r 120 -150 people **per** performance. Tony is producing the tickets; they will be on sale soon. Friday matinee (school performance) is already sold out.

The **.D**ress and technical rehearsals will be the weekend before the performances.

ACTION: **Helen** will check with Sheila when costumes and props we are hiring arrive.

As audience arrives (from 7pm) there will be some mood setting performances (songs, period sketches) from FADS member in costumes. A planning meeting will be held on **7th August 7.30pm in Menzies Hall Green Room.**

ACTION: Helen will email the club to encourage attendance and ideas for small cameo performances

.Tony is doing lighting and Kevin is meeting him soon to discuss requirements (some hiring may be required). Ian Turner is doing sound.

Three charities have agreed to allow us to use their logos and fund-raise for them.

Kevin would like some dedications in Programme from local people.

ACTION: Kevin will ask local archivist (Fintry, Meg Duckworth, David Smith; Killearn, Gill Smith) to recommend people to approach.

Jane will coordinate ticket sales and front of house team.

ii. Pantomime: Sarah and Ian Kidd have almost completed writing this. David and Jackie are reading it at moment. Sarah has asked Grace Shaw to do Choreography and Jim Lightbody to be Musical Director.

*Dates of auditions (end August?) and performances to be decided at the next meeting

iii. **Membership:** Agreed that people cannot audition without being paid up members. A committee member will be at auditions to welcome new and old member, and make sure they have paid subscriptions. Directors will be ultimately responsible to ensure that no-one is cast without being a paid up members of the club.

ACTION: Ellen to check with the bank about members paying online and send Sarah bank details to put on membership form. She will also arrange new banking signatories.

ACTION: Sarah to make some changes to the membership form to reflect GDP8 (and add bank details), and then this will be circulated to members and made available online.

5. **Publicity:** Web site has definitely benefited from its new look. Many thanks to Sarah. Members will be automatically subscribed to it (with unsubscribe available). Information will be actively added, including minutes of meetings and play recommendations.

6. **Tickets:** Facebook has definitely helped ticket sales, and selling online has increase especially at Panto time. Jane reported a few hiccups but is sure she can overcome these.

7. **Social events:** Jackie, Ellen and Rowena are happy to be the social committee (SC) and arrange regular (at least bi monthly) social events.

ACTION: A barbeque at the sports club will be arranged in August and the SC will meet to develop a plan of other (low effort) events.

ACTION: Sarah will organise a walks.

*Committee should discuss opening up SC membership further.

Agreed to continue to hold play readings are important to find good material for performances. Some could be run as small workshops.

ACTION: Sarah will use the website to ask members for ideas for play readings

*Committee will discuss dates for Autumn play readings at the next meeting.

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8. Orcadians Visit: Need involvement from more members

ACTION: All to ask friends if they can support the visit (**Pot luck Supper on 20th July and Performance on 21st July**)

ACTION: Helen will send another reminder to members.

Jane organising front of house.

9. 40th Anniversary Celebration on 16th June: Everyone had really enjoyed this evening. Cindy thanked the social committee for all their efforts.

10. Housekeeping:

i. Grants: Helen has to send forms to community council when work on Back Wall is completed.

ii. Hall ladder: David Agnew gave safety instruction to the Hall Committee. Committee agreed this should be arranged for FADS members who use the ladder.

iii. Green room: Carpet has been cleaned £60. Barbara has donated Carpet for stairs and has a carpet fitter arranged to fit this in August.

11. SCDA British Finals McRobert: 7th -8th July Scottish play on Friday night.

ACTION: Helen to remind members

12. AOCB: Fintry Fun Day **8th September 12-3pm.** Committee agreed we will take a stall

* Ideas will be discussed at next meeting .

13. Next Meeting: Thursday 9th August at 7.30 pm in Menzies Hall.