



FADS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 11th January 2021 via Zoom
Commencing at 7.30pm

MINUTES

In the Chair: Kevin Boland

Present: Sarah Walker, Anna Foran, Rowena Laing, Laura Cranstoun, Andy Barr, Gerry Eckersley, Jeannie Woodburn

Present for first part of meeting: Ian Kidd, Jane Stephenson

1. Welcome

2. Treasurer report

2.1 Finances

Current Acc balance: £760.44

Deposit Acc balance: £5,205.60

Notable activity: Ian Kidd has paused subscription to Cleanfeed (£15 a month) while we're not using it.

3.1.1. How the reimbursing of expenses benefits SCDA.

Lesley Syme confirmed to Anna that us claiming expenses and then repaying them as a donation is of no benefit to SCDA, it's just extra paperwork! All agreed we will no longer do it!

3.1.2. Annual Direct Debit for members.

@Anna to check process with the bank.

2.2 Membership

Current member numbers: 36 adults, 1 student, 2 Juniors, 3 Primary School.

3. Productions 2020-21

3.1. Roaches Coaches

Episode 1 has had 129 listeners so far.

Ian & Sam are speaking about the best way to record Ep 2, as everyone will have to do it individually from home.

Publicity: Ian asked for help publicising more widely - **@Everyone** to think of possibilities. Laura suggested reaching out to the wider Fintry community to ask about BBC, STV and other publicity contacts. **@Kevin** to speak to David Smith about his contacts at Stirling Observer etc.

3.2. Housebound - SCDA One Act Play Festival 2021

3.3. *Calamity Jane – currently on hold until Autumn 2021 (to be reviewed in early Spring)*

3.3.1. General production update.

Rowena confirmed she has changed dates with the licensing agency to 26th-30th October, although all agreed it looks unlikely we'll be able to go ahead. All agreed there's little point in having any further production meeting or discussion until the picture on likely Covid restrictions for the Autumn is clearer. To be taken off Agenda until June (@Sarah).

3.4. *Future productions*

3.4.1. Beauty & the Beanstalk readings – **2nd, 4th & 11th Feb.**

@Kevin & Jeannie to send cast info & synopsis to @Sarah to send mailshot to members.

3.4.2. Panto Dec 2021

Scheduled to be Beauty & the Beanstalk, although looks likely we may move it to January 2022.

3.4.3. Panto Dec 2022

Was scheduled to be Ian & Laura's Rapunzel, although the focus for them is on finishing writing it (which will be done once Roaches is complete), then it could be put on in 2022 or any time after. Potential Director for it TBC. All agreed the 2022 'slot' could be offered to Gavin.

Andy reported that Gavin has a few pantos he'd be happy for FADS to put on – top of his list are Babes in the Wood and Rapunzel - although he's not interested in directing. @Andy to let him know about the 2022 slot and that another Rapunzel is already on the slate, so Babes would probably be the one.

3.5. *Ticket prices*

After a long discussion, it was agreed the TicketSource booking fee (7% + VAT) should be included in the price and that we should not offer OAP discounts, as the over-60s make up such a large proportion of our audience.

The following was suggested as 'standard' prices going forward:

- Musicals / big shows: £12
- Panto: £10 Adult, £5 under-16, Family (2 Adults, 2 U-16s) £26
- Plays £8.50, with '2 for 1' possible on opening night.

Publicity to display 'Booking fee included', so audience are aware we do pay a fee.

Kevin suggested an early booking incentive for members, where they don't have to pay a booking fee, so it was agreed that a £1 discount will apply for all member bookings before a cut-off date.

4. **General news & planning**

5.1. *Annual Schedule*

Collaborations with other clubs: Sarah suggested a Zoom event with other Clubs we have links with, such as Killin and Birsay. To be discussed next time.

5.2. *Committee roles*

@Sarah to add in Child Protection, Marketing, Schools Liaison and distribute to Committee.
@Kevin to ask various members about taking on responsibility for Publicity, Grants & Technical.
@Sarah to add to Agenda for AGM: talking to members about taking responsibility for specialist areas or things they're interested in.

5.3. *Club facilities and assets – general housekeeping*

Green Room: Rowena confirmed that Tony & Lorna have been going in most weeks to check everything is okay. The humidifier is running and all is fine.

5.4. *SCDA*

There is an Eastern Division meeting on 31st Jan.

Next Stirling District meeting is 10th February - **@Kevin** attending, **@Sarah** to let John Biggam know.

@Sarah agreed to attend the following meeting and all agreed the Committee should attend on a rotational basis.

5. Growing capacity – future plans for Club

6.1. *Change of Club name*

The poll returned: 64.3% No / 35.7% Yes.

While we won't pursue this any further at the moment, a number of members did note that it was worthwhile having the discussion periodically.

6. Communications & Publicity

6.1. *General*

Members on Mailchimp: 59

Subscribers on website: 143

Members on website: 25

7. Social Committee

7.1. *Burns Bash! - Thurs 21st Jan*

David is working on the quiz; no members have made contact yet about doing a 'turn'.

@Sarah to send reminder mailshot, asking for contributions by Sunday night so Kevin can make a running order. **@Kevin** to speak to Jackie about co-ordinating the evening.

7.2. *Gin Tasting Night - Thurs 18th Feb*

Jackie has 6 or 7 names so far – we need 10 for it to go ahead. **@Sarah** to do mailshot with a cut-off of end of Jan. Once we've confirmed, they will then let us know how to pay etc.

7.3. *Future plans*

Tony wants to get started as soon as possible - **@Rowena** to liaise about perhaps doing something late March. Sarah suggested doing a series of evenings, possibly each month, with members making requests.

9. AOCB

10.DONM

Monday 8th February, 7:30pm.