



FADS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday 7th April 2021 via Zoom
Commencing at 7.30pm

MINUTES

In the Chair: Kevin Boland.

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

1. Welcome

2. Treasurer report

2.1 Finances

Current Acc balance: £500.97

Deposit Acc balance: £5,205.73

Notable activity: Chromebook for Roaches Coaches recordings (reimbursed to Sam) £188.49;
Flickr Pro annual fee for storing production photos (reimbursed to Sarah) £55.88.

2.2 Membership

Current member numbers: 41 paid members (35 Adult, 1 Student, 3 Primary, 2 Junior)
@Sarah to put these figs in AGM Agenda.

3. Productions 2020-21

3.1. Roaches Coaches

3.1.1. General production update:

Recording of Ep.2 is getting underway, with kit being transported between cast members' homes.

Listener numbers for Ep.1 up to around 560.

It's hoped that by the time we get to Ep.3, we may be able to meet in person. **@Sarah** to check with SCDA if they have any idea about when clubs may be able to resume, also contact Wendy P regarding when Hall might open up again for us.

3.2. Housebound - SCDA One Act Play Festival 2021

Sarah reported that SCDA have confirmed the Scottish final has been cancelled and all are looking forward to restarting the competition in 2022.

3.3. SCDA Monologues Competition

Gavin P had entered on FADS' behalf, with a monologue written for him by Mike Tibbetts but unfortunately was not selected as a finalist.

3.4. Future productions

3.4.1. Beauty & the Beanstalk

Jeannie has revised Act 1, which Kevin is typing up, and she's getting started on Act 2.

3.4.2. Babes in the Wood

Kevin reported that Nigel has volunteered to direct Gavin's panto. It was agreed that new directors should be welcomed but that support should be in place from more experienced FADS directors, who can guide and advise where needed.

4. General news & planning

4.1. AGM – *Thursday 13th May*

@Sarah to add to draft Agenda:

- Figures on member numbers and website members, with emphasis that we want to make sure we've got a decent membership to move forward – currently only 35 adult members for 2020-21.
- Even though we haven't been able to meet, we still have costs (primarily Sports Club costume store) and no income from productions, so it's important for members to support (incl. standing order option).
- Tech inventory – to be updated prior to each AGM going forward
- Social events, poss with other clubs – discussion point

The only advance nominations for Committee roles have been Tony & Sheila, who have proposed that they share the Secretary role. It was agreed that one should be elected as Secretary and the other as an Ordinary Member, with the agreement between them in terms of job share minuted for clarity.

5. Communications & Publicity

5.1. General

Members on Mailchimp:	59 (including members from 2019-20)
Subscribers on website:	145
Members on website:	26

@Sarah to update JotForm and send email about renewals due 1st May and warn people about being taken off Mailchimp Members-only list and website Members access.

5.2. Members' newsletter from Chair – Sent 28th Feb

Kevin reported he'd had 4 responses from Members.

Mailchimp showed 47 out of 59 emails sent had been opened – quite a good percentage, compared to other mailshots!

6. Social

6.1. Video/Photo evenings

All agreed that the first evening on 25th March, compiled and presented by Tony & Sheila, was a great success and the hard work very much appreciated.

We had 26 attendees in all – 19 members and 7 non-members.

Tony has proposed Thurs 22nd April for the next evening - **@Rowena** to confirm with Sarah, then **@Sarah** to publicise.

6.2. Collaborations with other clubs

While nobody had any specific ideas, it was agreed that the success of the Gin Tasting evening (26 attendees – 11 members and 15 non-members) indicates people do like an alcohol theme!
To be discussed at AGM.

6. AOCB

7. DONM

Monday 3rd May – short meeting to finalise AGM arrangements