



FADS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 9th November 2020 online, via Zoom
commencing at 7:30pm

MINUTES

In the Chair via Zoom: Kevin Boland

Present via Zoom: Sarah Walker, Anna Foran, Rowena Laing, Laura Cranstoun, Andy Barr, Gerry Eckersley, Jeannie Woodburn, Cindy Gray, Ellen Ross, Jane Stephenson.

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Minutes of 7th October, AGM and Matters Arising:

Minutes of 7th October had been approved via email, but were formally proposed by Ellen, seconded by Jane.

It was agreed that we will proceed with the process of approving minutes via email in future.

2.1. *New Matters Arising from AGM*

2.1.1. *Amendment of constitution re. composition of Committee*

There was a discussion about the benefits of allowing more members to be on the Committee, while stressing that we need to ensure all Office Bearer roles are filled before Ordinary Members are elected. It was agreed that there should be some flexibility and proposed that we amend the Constitution to '...a minimum of four and a maximum of six Ordinary Members'. This should be proposed at the next AGM - **@Sarah** to note for Agenda.

2.1.2. *Change of Club name: initial discussion*

This was raised by Kevin at the AGM as a possible route to attracting/involving more people from the wider area, the concern being that **Fintry** ADS might be too exclusive. It was generally agreed that in discussions about a name change, there needs to be sensitivity to the feelings of our older, longer-standing members and consideration that our hard-won brand has a reputation for excellence that is inextricably linked with the acronym 'FADS'. The majority feeling was that we already have a wide reach, as is evidenced by the locations of our current Committee members, but that we clearly need to do more as a club to reach out to younger people in the area.

It was suggested we could market ourselves to schools and youth clubs by offering workshops over the summer holidays, either charging a small amount or raising funds by selling branded sweatshirts. Engagement in the immediate future could be achieved over Zoom and by creating Tik Tok projects. It was agreed that **@Laura** & **@Andy** would take responsibility for overseeing a working group for reaching out to schools to gauge interest.

3. Treasurer report

3.1 *Finances*

Current Acc balance: £800.94

Deposit Acc balance: £5,205.52

3.1.1. Matters arising: Should policy of reimbursing SCDA for expenses received be continued?

It was agreed we should proceed with this if it benefits SCDA but **@Anna** to seek clarity from Ellen over the reasoning behind it.

3.2 Membership

36 paid adult members.

Kevin raised the issue of members having to remember to pay and fill in their form every year and suggested we put an annual Direct Debit system in place - **@Anna** to look into this. Some Committee members felt it was unnecessary and should certainly not be required. The matter of whether members need to complete a new form every year was also raised. To be discussed further at next meeting.

4. Productions 2020-21

4.1. Roaches Coaches: general production update

Sam is working on Episode One – everyone agreed that first scene is technically excellent! Andy is re-recording some of his lines.

4.2. Housebound - SCDA One Act Play Festival 2021

@Anna to download entry from SCDA website and pass on to Gavin.

4.3. Calamity Jane

It was agreed that we will not be able to stage CJ in March, as hoped. **@Sarah** to amend website. As we are only licensed for live performances and not any recording or online distribution, it is highly unlikely we will be able to pursue those options. It was agreed that the Club will reserve the Autumn performance slot for CJ and if we are unable to perform it then, we will make a decision on whether to draw a line under the production.

4.4. Christmas 2020 – engaging online

4.4.1. Roaches Coaches song

The song is underway and Ian getting feedback from cast before moving on to recording it.

4.4.2. Beauty & the Beanstalk readings

Jeannie is working on the script and we are now looking to hold reading evenings on **2nd 4th and 11th of February**. **@Sarah** to let members know.

4.4.3. Other ideas...

All agreed that it would be great to proceed with Kevin's idea of members coming together on Zoom, each with a 'turn' to showcase their talent – a reading, song, poem, sketch - and for everyone to dress up. A Cornucopia of Christmas Capers! Date: **Friday 4th December, 7:30pm**. **@Sarah** to send info out to members.

4.5. Future productions

Kevin suggested doing something for Burns Night – to be discussed further at next meeting.

5. General news/planning

5.1. Annual Schedule

5.1.1. Matters Arising: PVG registration

Sarah confirmed members cleared through FADS are being contacted regarding refreshing their applications & those who have clearance through other organisations are being asked if they would like clearance with FADS. @Sarah to continue liaising with Mairi on this.

5.2. Committee roles

Sarah asked all new Committee members to have a look at the document and input at the next meeting.

5. AOCB

Kevin thanked retiring Members and Office Bearers for their service.

7. DONM

It was agreed that the new Committee will continue to hold meetings monthly, on the first Monday of the month. Next meeting: **Monday 7th December, 7:30pm.**

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