



LEICESTERSHIRE DRAMA FESTIVALS

incorporating the county of Rutland

President Harry Bladon, Vice President: Mrs Val London

CHAIR

MRS CARRIE PETERS

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MS MARIE SMITH

TREASURER

MR STEWART WALE

Date 2nd September 2015

Venue – 38 Howard Road

Present – Paddy, Ray, Cherry, Carrie, Stewart, Ben, Steve, Sandra, Arran, Marie,

Apologies Jackie, Lyn and Linda

Minutes from the last meeting read and agreed. Signed by chair.

Matters Arising

The missing trophy. Andy Wardle has been approached and he has no knowledge of it. We need to make enquiries with David Parker, the director of the play concerned to enquire if he has any idea of the trophy's whereabouts. The winner of the Best actress award has moved to Portugal, which may also prove problematic.

Festival Update

It was decided that we leave the closing date for entries to the One Act Play Festival (OAPF) be delayed until after Christmas. The date suggested was 12th January 2016.

An e mail will be sent in October to various groups to enquire if they wish to participate in the 2016 festival.

We have been approached by the Palace Players from Ibstock, regarding an evening of amateur drama. The intention is to put on an evening of entertainment to showcase some of the amateur drama groups in Leicestershire. Tickets are £10 each. This is intended to take place on 14th November.

Cherry agreed to contact the group to find out more and possibly attend with Paddy in order to promote our festival

We need to arrange a meeting with Martin Scott from The Little Theatre which is the venue for the next Festival. It was agreed an email was to follow, in order to arrange this.

Ben is working on our Website. He has also created a new logo. From the next AGM we will be the LRDF (Leicestershire and Rutland Drama Festival) the hosting of our website cost around £2 per month

Harry has agreed to award the trophies.

The Sheila Bladon Trophy will be awarded to the runner up.



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Roles for The 2016 Festival

Paddy and Linda will remain backstage. Additionally Arran will help with the lighting. Carrie Agreed to Steward

Ray and Lyn remain as first aiders but will sell programmes

Ben and Steve offered to organise the raffle.

Any other roles will be allocated nearer the time. It will give flexibility if we have a few spare people

For the event, there was a suggestion that we approach Sam and Amy from GEM 106 to make a guest appearance. However they charge an appearance fee. So this has been ruled out.

However we should consider approaching both BBC Radio Leicester and The Leicester Mercury to investigate publicity for the event.

Budget

Although we have money in the bank and have had less outgoings, we need to keep up momentum and raise appx £1000.

The new venue will not present the opportunity to raise money from either refreshments or a bar.

Paul Fowler will cost more in adjudicator fees, plus travel expenses. We are looking at around £85 per night.

The question of programmes was raised. Arran suggested looking into programmes that were better quality. We could offset the cost from advertising. It was agreed that Ben and Arran discuss design and advertising. It was suggested we could approach a local printing firm "Word-crafts, based at Freemans Common for a quote. They are also able to assist with back drops, which are a collapsible advertising board.

We still haven't been given the confirmed date for the Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire Festivals.

Consideration was given in relation to the concept of an open festival. Ray suggested that we should promote Leicestershire at the festival. The past few years has seen an increase in entries. He suggested that we prioritise Leicestershire entries rather than first come first served. He added that we should add a disclaimer to this effect just in case

Sandra raised concerns that we have entries outside Leicestershire who rely on open festivals such as ours.

There was a choice that we could run for a 5th day, but that may not be financially viable.



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A vote was taken and Ray's suggestion was carried 5:4

It was agreed the decision would be relayed verbally rather than by email.

Fundraising

Curry night set for 28th September. There will be a mystery guest. We need to sell around 60 tickets.

There was a possibility that Martin Scott from The Little Theatre may attend the event.

We will explore other fundraising events such as a Murder Mystery. A working date was set for 30th January 2016.

Any other business

None

Date next meeting – Monday January 13th 2016. 7.30pm

Venue : Ray and Lyn's – Station Road Countesthorpe (full address to be given on the agenda prior to the meeting)