



# LEICESTERSHIRE DRAMA FESTIVALS

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## Minutes of Meeting

**Date: Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Present:

Carrie Peters, Stewart Wale, Ray Collins, Lyn Fox, Paddy McNair, Harry Bladon, Sandra Sutcliffe

1. Apologies

Cherry Stephenson, Marie Smith, Jackie Sellwood, Maureen Dodds, Linda Daniel.

2. Minutes to the Last Meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. Full Length Play Festival

The future of the festival was discussed in some depth but the lack of support, as indicated in the questionnaire, was the overriding argument. A motion to not run the Full Length Festival next year was proposed by Carrie and seconded by Paddy. The vote was unanimous. It was decided to discuss the future of the trophies at the AGM.

Other drama groups are to be notified about the NANDA festival run by Joan Wildgust in Nottinghamshire. Already several Leicestershire groups participate

5. One act play festival update

Stewart explained the invoice from Longslade was much less than expected (a few hundred pounds) This was felt to be fair considering the poor lighting and the general confusion. We were not charged for insurance.

Overall a profit of £1,265.64 was realised.



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There were many positives to be drawn from the festival. The quality and variety was very good and there was good teamwork throughout. Unfortunately ticket sales were down.

The thorny question of what is an original play was raised. A final statement to the best of our knowledge is to be drawn up before next years festival.

Publicity re the festival needs revisiting.

Stewart was thanked for organising the refreshments.

## 6. Finance

At the moment we have £2572.00 banked. This is the highest ever and compares very well to the £900 we had in 2012.

At present only one fundraising event is planned - the Curry Evening at the end of September. After some discussion it was decided to return to Little India on the Wigston Meadows estate.

There was discussion re a speaker. Lyn is to investigate this as to possibilities from the Curve.

## 7. Little Theatre- proposal for 2016

Martin Scott, from the Little Theatre is to be contacted soon re more precise details on all aspects of next years event.

It was agreed to keep the entry fee at £35 with £20 for Youth Groups

A number of adjudicators were considered. Sandra to contact Paul Fowler and investigate more about Ben Humphrey. Martin Patterson was discounted.

## 8. AGM

The agenda was discussed. Sandra to notify groups of the date by email.

Jean Warner is to provide refreshments. To save money it was agreed to use left over tea and coffee from the One Act Festival.

Stewart is to contact Jackie re the collection of trophies for the AGM



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An expression of interest to join the committee is to be mentioned at the AGM. Particular concerns are treasurer, secretary and publicity officer.

9. Any other business  
Marie has regrettably decided to stand down next year as secretary. Arran, Marie's son would like to join the committee.
10. Date of Next Meeting  
Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. 8.00pm Sandra's house. 38 Howard Road