

Leicestershire One Act and Full Length Play Festival
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
2015 7.30pm
Whetstone United Reform Church

Present

There is a record of all in attendance on file

Apologies

Cherry Stephenson, Maureen Dodds, Jackie Sellwood

There were no notices of any other business

Minutes of AGM 2013

The minutes of 2014 AGM were read out by the present secretary Marie Smith – agreed by the meeting and signed as correct by the present Chairperson

Matters Arising

None

Chair

Carrie addressed the meeting with her report for the year

One Act Play Festival

Carrie gave an overview of the festival for the held at Longslade. Whilst there were a few issues overall it was a good production audience figures were disappointing, whilst we have loyal supporters, we rely on groups selling tickets etc.

Full Length

Disappointingly only five entries. Carrie thanked Arthur for adjudicating. The downside to so few groups entering the Full Length was the cost.

Carrie stated that the festivals involved a lot of hard work = tribute was paid to Sandra and Stewart who had a good hold of the purse strings.

Fundraising

Last year's curry night was a great success. Combined with the clothes sale held thanks to Cherry fundraising has been a success. The millionaire's night was cancelled but thanks were given to Lyn for organising it.

Presentation of Accounts

These are held on file. Stewart colour coded the sheets so they were easier to read. Expenditure for the One Act was less this year. We generated more money from increased entries. Organising our own refreshments also increased our profit margins. The Full Length however has seen a steady decrease in income. The Fundraising has raised a total of £1249 in total. Stewart thanked everyone concerned for their support.

Plans for 2016 One Act Festival

We are planning to hold the Festival at The Little Theatre. They bring their own publicity and audience. The date allocated is Easter week Monday – Thursday (20th-23rd March) We had a choice of April 2nd –unfortunately Dave Sedgewick had organised the quarter finals for this date. Applications will go out sooner with a deadline for entries before Christmas.

Full Length

A difficult decision has been made to end our association with the full length festival due to lack of entries. A lot of groups now enter the NANDA – the entry cost being a big factor. Thanks were given to the committee for their contribution in the past for keeping the Full length going for as long as possible.

Definition of an Original Play

This came up in the One Act Play festival. There has been a lot of dispute regarding publication on a Kindle. The general opinion is that once a play is opened to the wider audience it is no longer an original play. It was accepted that this is a grey area. However the interpretation is a play should never have been published or available. As time progresses we will get different formats and bound to get more problems

Future Fundraising

Curry night will be held 28th September at Cuisine of India. Last years event at Dine India was good but the space was tight. So we are returning to the previous year's venue in Wigston. Casino Night was postponed due to lack of support.

Election of Committee

One vacancy- Nomination of Arran Smith- proposed and agreed by Marie and Sandra

Treasurer- Stewart -

Secretary- Marie

Both the above standing down 2016. Replacements required. If anyone interested please contact us.

All other committee members remaining in post

Any Other Business

None

Meeting concluded 8.45pm

Marie Smith

Secretary