



Holbeton Players Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 4th May 2023

Meeting Location: Mildmay Colours

Meeting Time: 7pm

1. Lisa and Amy were unable to attend.
Attendees – Jack Purkis, Zoe Purkis, Lexii Elston, Andrew Hollett, Clare Hollett, Sally Thomas, Bell Dixon, Suzy Edwards and Jamie Green.
2. Reviewed action of the AGM.
3. Everyone on committee was happy with the roles they were in.
4. Votes cast for nomination of Jamie Green as Vice chair. Vote was unanimous. Jamie is now Vice Chair.

Votes cast for nomination of Lexii Elston as Marketing. Vote was unanimous. Lexii now deals with marketing.

Sally Thomas was interested in Role of Costume organiser but was worried about the amount of work involved, will discuss with Clare Hollett going forward on how to break down the role for ease.

Safeguarding to be made part of the constitution and will be put together by a smaller committee of 3.

Andrew Hollett to continue dealing with equipment.

5. Auditions moving forward will generally be by open auditions. Andrew was worried as in the past people just haven't turned up for Auditions, however if we are to move forward, we need to drum up more interest(marketing). Maybe run fun workshops and this should help take away fear of auditioning. It was also suggested that we cast a wider net to surrounding areas.

6. Bell had a meeting with Christine Tarrant from the Village Hall; however, it seems they missed each other so she will be reorganising a walk around. She received a contract for the storage of items at the Hall. Some issues were raised over wording. Bell will look into insurance documents to check if there are any conflicting clauses and discuss with Village Hall committee if wording can be adjusted to help ease worries.
7. As already mentioned, the constitution is quite out of date and should be rewritten. One of the points of discussion was the number of committee members. It was decided that we should have a minimum of 9 and a max of 12. This will help when members are unable to attend so that we still have a decent number of committee members to make important decisions. Another point is that we should become a legal entity of our own and Lexii, Bell and Zoe will look into this moving forward. Also, a nomination as Fred Rayner as "Lifetime member" giving him free tickets to shows was agreed upon.
8. Again, discussion of whether the Players need a membership program. It is important to note at this point (and possibly the most important point of the meeting) Zoe likes T-shirts. Her suggestion was a nominal fee as a "Lifetime membership" with a T-shirt for both advertising and a show of belonging to the Players. It was also suggested that merely buying a ticket to a show gives you "membership". Regular subscription was disagreed with again. Voluntary subscription payment was also suggested. This all can be flushed out within the constitution.
9. What are the Holbeton Players – It was discussed that this could be defined in the constitution and as already mentioned a thought about making the Holbeton Players a Legal entity such as a Charity/Non-Profit.
10. Communication moving forward to be WhatsApp. Numbers to be sent to Jack.

11. Branding and website shown to committee, happy to move forward with colour scheme and typography. Logo looks great, only suggestion is to change the purple text to the yellow colours so that it can be seen better on darker backgrounds. Lexii will move forward on the web design.
12. Future Productions –
 - Steve and Jack to put together a script for the pantomime to be shown in Feb 2024. Suggested title "The usual Suspects".
 - "The Good Life" script has been shown to Simon Edwards, he is very happy with the idea and plans to move forward to show in Oct/Nov 2024.
 - No shows in 2023 as there is "A Midsommer Nights Dream" being put on by someone else in the Village.
 - "Calendar Girls" Still being looked into.
13. Trips and Meetings.
 - Next meeting is up on doodle for committee to show availability.
 - Other Meeting Ideas for the players:
 - Cabaret Night
 - Casino Night – Players as Staff
 - Murder Mystery
 - Scene Nights – Playing out film scenes
 - Players and Pints – As Bob's night in the pub
 - Players Presents' Nights
 - Oscars style ceremony for Players
 - Go on trips to see other local Amateur Dramatics Groups
"Daisy Pulls it off" would be a good one showing soon.

14. Other business

Equipment – Lighting will have to be replaced soon and that will cost around £10,000, funding is possible for this.

PAT Testing is also due on July 11th 2023. Previously done by Digital Defiance Ltd. Lexii will send last set of results and quote for retesting.

Current funds - £4461.07 in the Bank
£1.56 in Cash