

LADS Committee meeting (5) Thurs 25.2.21 8pm Zoom

Present

Jan Evans

Ron Gunstone

Cynthia Hilton

Anna Lingard

Mark Lingard

Ian Phelps

Julia Thomas

Chairperson – Alison Utting

Apologies

Steph Gerrard

Bex Smith (may be late, but was unable to attend)

Treasurer's report – on hold until next meeting

Minutes of the last meeting – as some members had not received the minutes it was decided that they would be approved or amended at the next meeting.

Matters arising –

Update on progress with grant applications:

Alison informed the meeting that the Mary Hignett grant was in the bag. We are still waiting for the result on the Post Code Lottery grant. We should hear in May if we have been accepted for the Arts Council grant.

Child protection policy:

Julia informed the meeting that she has a copy on her laptop but cannot access it at the moment. Apparently, **Marg** has a copy and **Alison** will contact her to obtain a copy.

This policy should be reviewed, updated and signed every year. Every production should provide a signed copy of the policy even if there are no children involved.

Advances made with online media:

No real progress has been made at present and **Anna** suggested we should park it until after lockdown – all were in agreement.

Village hall Committee report:

Alison informed the meeting that the Village hall Committee meeting did not take place due to Covid restrictions.

There was much discussion on how we could improve our working relationship with the V Hall Committee. **Cynthia** agreed to attend with **Alison** once meetings restart.

Agenda

1) Proposed amendments to the LADS Constitution:

Alison suggested that the Committee should go through the Constitution then present the updated Constitution to all LADS members for their approval.

Key amendments:

a) Financial year to end in December – The present accounts should be presented to the Committee at

their meeting that is directly held prior to the AGM.
This amendment only to be adopted if Treasurer supports.

- b) Should the LADS decide to close down, for whatever reason, then the remaining funds should be donated to a charity of their choice.

2) Press releases:

The Committee had been asked by Pam to appoint someone to write future press releases to relieve her of some work. Pam was happy to forward on news releases to appropriate publications but required a Committee member to forward on to her suitable news items.

Jan volunteered to take on this role and would communicate with Pam as to how she should approach her role.

3) High street heritage action zone:

A liaison person was needed who would again communicate with Pam re responsibilities.

This is a 3year project with money available and requires someone to email the contact.

Jan again volunteered to take on this role after discussing with Pam to see if both her new roles could be tied in together. If this was not possible then she would bring it back to the Committee for another volunteer.

4) Committee support for plays:

Cynthia brought to the attention of the Committee the problems she experienced during the last play she directed. She suggested to the meeting that the Committee should take on more of the responsibility for supporting future directors. She suggested each role/responsibility should be allocated to various members of the Committee or a registered member of the LADS in general. For each play the responsible person would either be responsible for their role or delegate the work to another member of the LADS. Also, the responsible person would be responsible for writing a policy and procedure document for their role and to arrange for workshops where necessary. All but one member of the Committee basically agreed that this was something needed within the society. It was left in Cynthia's hands to look into this further and draft a crib sheet for next meeting.

5) Review of workshops:

Alison informed the meeting that the workshops so far had been brilliant! She hadn't been sure how well they would work online but we had top quality practitioners taking part. She also added, and the Committee agreed that we owed **Pam** a huge demonstration of our gratitude, noting we had never given Pam a thankyou for her work on the Committee prior to her stepping down. It was universally agreed that we should send her flowers and a bottle.

6) Future events:

Alison informed the Committee that Ian Bartholomew's workshop has had to be rescheduled.

Play readings had already recommenced.

Pam would like to do a small-scale studio production of a Shakespeare play at various locations (Autumn 21)

Anna informed the Committee that she would like to do a big Shakespeare production in the Summer of 2022.

Marg and **Cynthia** would both like to Direct plays for the short play competition next year.

7) Video competition:

Mark and Anna informed the meeting that the competition was happening and that they were ready to receive videos. **Loveday** was to be approached again re judging of the videos. If she was unable to do this for us then **Michael** would be approached next.

The final 3 selections needed to be sent to Holroyd by 10th March so all entries need to be in to us by 1st

March. **Alison** will correlate videos and **Steph** was to be offered the use of LADS laptop.

8) A.O.B:

a) **Ian** voiced a concern that spending money on outdoor lighting may not be the ideal way to go. He felt doing outdoor productions at places like the Willow globe were not ideal due to their inadequate back stage areas and changing room facilities.

Alison pointed out that the funding allocation for outdoor lighting had already been discussed and that we needed to uphold the fact that LADS were known for doing outdoor productions.

b) A two-week allowance will be given for members to review the amended constitution before it would be adopted.

9) Date of the next meeting – Thursday 15th April 8pm on zoom.