

Minutes of the Beaufort Players Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 October 2015

at 41a Essex Road, Acton W3 9JA

Present: Thom Cobb, Russell Gillman, Krystyna Kobiak, Elaine O'Sullivan, Jane Quill, Alan Robinson, Gemma Robinson

1. **Apologies for Absence** There were none.
2. **The Minutes of the last Meeting** were read, approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising** The Green Room sound has been repaired. Discussion took place about whether just to purchase a new rope for the curtains or to also have a winder. This will be decided shortly. A decision will also be taken as to whether to have new BP polo/t-shirts etc. particularly as there are quite a few new members.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
Jane is still pursuing the sponsorship cheque from Grimshaw. All the play script payments have been received. One of the amps has broken so a new one will need to be purchased.
5. **Membership** If prospective members get in contact via the website Russell will forward the emails to Krys, Thom and Elaine, and Krys will respond.
6. **Publicity** The poster/handbills are in hand and will be finalised shortly.
7. **Website.** The new website is now live.
8. **Autumn Production** The set for *Wind in the Willows* is coming on but Alan still has work to do on it. Rehearsals are well under way. There are some alterations/additions to the cast: *Otter* Mary Hill, *Rabbit* Russell Gillman, *Driver* Frances Thomson, *Clerk* Diana Dishley. Jane Quill will be lighting director; Krys Kobiak has obtained most costumes from Rickmansworth Players but is making one or two; Di Harvey-Judd is making the animals ears; the dancing is in hand; the cast will be responsible for bringing on their own props.
9. **Future Programme**
 - a) **Christmas Party** Alan and Krys will ask the New Inn if they are able to do a buffet for us instead of a carvery, on possibly 30th January. We may have karaoke and a couple of sketches as entertainment.
 - b) **Spring Production** This is coming on still. Jane will have a reading of it on Friday 13 November.
 - c) **Summer Production** Thom will email members to see if anyone is interested in directing.
10. **Any Other Business** It was agreed that it must be clear prior to auditions what the roles in a play involve and what the performance dates are. No member should be cast in a part they have not auditioned for or agreed to. Discussion took place to ensure the Committee knew about fire alarm procedures at a performance.
11. **Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 10 November at Russell's.