

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the
Dramatic Society of the Imperial College Union
in the 2015/2016 session

March 2016

Committee Members Present

Zoë Edwards, Agnes Donnelly, Gautam Kambhampati, Steven Kingaby, Andrew Finn, Chris Love, Robert Schüssler, Ellie Rose, Helen Root, John Oliver, Sam Gardiner and Oscar Gill.

Committee Members Apologies

Elena Stronach.

Honorary Members

Dan Clay.

Agenda

- Approval of Minutes from the last Committee Meeting
- Shows
 - Birdland
 - Big Fella
 - LSDF
 - Sweeney Todd
 - Edinburgh Fringe Festival Show
- Workshops
 - Writing Workshop/LSDF

- Acting Workshop
- Technical Workshop
- Play Proposals
- AGM
- AOB

Approval of minutes from the last committee meeting

- Approval postponed for the next committee meeting.

Shows

Birdland

- It happened. “I think you’ll make a great Dad. A great shit Dad” - **Zoë Edwards**.
- For being a long show, Birdland was a very entertaining show. However a stipulation of putting on Birdland was that one of the main three actors had to be a girl. To avoid stipulations being ignored in the future, we will have a secondary director to review the cast list before it has being sent out.
- Birdland had a revenue of £1327, and a profit of £700ish. Given that this spring shows was more popular than thought, might consider allocating a bigger budget to spring show.
- Birdland had a very big social media presence. Moreover from a technical perspective, Birdland really played to DramSoc’s strengths.

Big Fella

- Rights to Big Fella play have been offered to us for £300. Venue as it stands is MR3 (which can hold 40 seats). Performance will be on the final Saturday, Sunday and Monday of term. As it turns out **Andrew Finn** might not be able to make the Saturday performance. One possible solution is to move the Saturday performance to the Tuesday, the same day as the DramSoc’s AGM.
- **ACTION:** confirm cast availability for the Saturday performance.
- Rehearsals are going well. Cast is very strong. However we still have no production team, only had some vague volunteers.

Sweeney Todd

- It's happening and we have had sufficient oversight in the technical side to it.

LSDF

- Tech rehearsal will take place at 20.45 today. **Gautam Kambhampati** will be joining the cast at the tech rehearsal. Unfortunately we weren't able to do our own LSDF posters. Next week we will capitalize on MTSoc's Sweeney Todd show week to advertise our LSDF show.
- **ACTION: Sam Gardiner** needs to arrange LSDF Facebook event.

Edinburgh Fringe Festival Show

- A vote has taken place decided which play will be selected to be taken up to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. 10 votes were cast for each play. Last Thursday we started to develop one of these ideas . Since then two more votes have come in favour of the Emoji play. Democratically
- On a side note to devising our own plays, should we add a writing director to the committee? This would require a change in the constitution. All of the prolific writers in the writing workshop will be unable to fill in this role next year. There will be a discussion at the AGM about this potential new position.
- **Andres Finn, Agnes Donnelly and Helen Root** to decide on the show we're going to take up to Edinburgh and decide on the venue.

Workshops

Writing Workshop

- See LSDF section,

Acting Workshop

- See Edinburgh Fringe Festival Show

Technical Workshop

- Workshops have involved some sort of training sessions.

Play Proposals

- We're running out of Tuesdays for play proposals. Auditions need to take place before the end of term. We will have it earlier on the same day of the next Committee meeting (in 2 weeks time at 6.30pm.).
- So far we know that **Nathan Patel** and **Henry Davies** are going to propose a play.
- **ACTION: Oscar Gill** and **Helen Root** to suggest to Birdland and Neverwhere cast members about directing a play.
- Play proposals have to be in by next Friday.

AGM

- We need to book a room for the AGM soon, which is taking place three weeks today (March 22nd).
- Furthermore we need people to run for committee.
- Nominations will be recorded outside DramSoc storeroom
- **Agnes Donnelly** will act as returning officer.

AOB

- No AOB points were brought up.

Summary of Actions

- Confirm cast availability for the Saturday performance of Big Fella.
- **Oscar Gill** and **Helen Root** to suggest to Birdland and Neverwhere cast members about directing a play.
- **ACTION: Sam Gardiner** to arrange LSDF Facebook event for this Sunday.

Adjournment:

At 19:00 PM **Zoë Edwards** made motion to adjourn the meeting and **Steven Kingaby** seconded it.