



THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY
Committee Meeting in the 2016/2017 Session

PRESENT:

Jack Steadman, Pete Bridgman, Daniel Clay, Omar Hussein, George Ainscough, John Oliver, Harry Kingsley-Smith, Anisha Kadri.

GUESTS:

Francis.

APOLOGIES:

Chris Love, Sam Gardiner, Oscar Gill, Daisy Rogers-Simmonds.

Agenda

1. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
2. Shows: Semblance of Madness, Great Britain, Rent, Flour, LSDF, Fringe.
3. Acting: Workshops
4. Technical: Expenditure, General Remarks.
5. Budgeting
6. Socials
7. AOB
8. Adjournment

1 Previous Minutes

Jack requested some rewording of the draft minutes, after which they were approved.

2 Shows

2.1 Great Britain

- OH reports that show week is happening.

- Programmes have been printed, but there are a few pages missing so many of the crew aren't in it.
- It was noted that George made it to the programme with minimal effort on his behalf.
- Otherwise GB is going well, although promotion can be increased.

Action Items: For anyone doing pub, ensure all pages of the programme are there.

2.2 Semblance of Madness

- Semblance has happened.
- The room wasn't tidied properly after the show because of the lack of producer.
- Pete had to clean up, which made him unhappy. DramSoc thanks Pete.
- PB proposes that if no producer is found 7 days before the first performance, the show should be cancelled.
- The committee is in agreement with this proposal.

Action Items: Ensure we don't do shows without a producer again.

2.3 Rent

- We are handling the tech for Rent, this terms MT Show.
- Production meetings are taking place, and there is one at 21:30 tonight.¹

2.4 Flour

- Elena Stronach has done budgeting for Flour, and the budget is in the process of being approved.
- A regular studio show for a term is allocated a budget of £500. Since Semblance only required £100, there is £400 left for Flour.

2.5 LSDF

- This is happening in a little less than 2 weeks time.

Action Items: JS needs to post dates for LSDF.

2.6 Fringe

- Got ourselves quite a good deal on a venue, The Space on the Mile (venue 39). 875 excl. VAT for 6 performances between 13th-19th August each at 18:15 for an hour.
- Show is fully registered and bills are beginning to be paid.
- Accommodation still needs to be found.

Action Item: Accommodation for Fringe.

¹At this point the meeting was interrupted by Francis trying to rectify his lack of jacket, so everyone forgot about Rent. Nobody helps Francis during this process, but everyone laughs.

3 Acting

3.1 Workshops

- OG sends the following remarks via e-mail: A vocal workshop has happened, it went very well and there was a good turnout.² He feels like everyone learned something.
- There is a combat workshop happening next Tuesday, OG is very excited. He asks us to 'advertise to your friends and family so we can get more people'.
- The writing workshop still off in the distance somewhere.

4 Technical

4.1 Expenditure

- There has been some long overdue expenditure on equipment. Many of the existing items were in the process of being replaced and the Medics hires also lost some equipment.
- The purchases have vastly improved our sound and video capabilities and we now have moving lights. George is currently servicing the moving lights.
- The equipment was purchased cheaply at an auction. Equipment the value of £3- 400,000 was bought for ~ £15,000.
- The old lights will be sold to offset this expenditure and part of the capital from the Rent and DI budget is going straight to subsidising it.
- The Medics also need to be billed for the lost items.
- It is expected that the funds will return by end of this year if not middle of next year.
- The Harlington hoists have also arrived.

4.2 General Remarks

- PB is happy, Great Hall season is going well and nothing has caught fire yet. However, M night hasn't happened yet.
- There have been some incidences of people emailing personal accounts for technical hires. If they email on a non Tech Dir account, please give them the correct email address and tell them that someone will reply in due course, as soon as is possible.

Action Item: Medics have to be billed ~ £6,000.

5 Budgeting

- JS would like it to be known that budgeting was a 'shitshow'.
- Financially, our society's allocated budget is pretty much identical to last year.

²Jack made the whole GB cast go to this workshop, so indeed there was.

- It appears A-lines have been funded at a higher percentage for all societies. However, B-lines have not been funded at all and been completely ignored (e.g. Fringe budget).
- This de-incentivises good accounting practises and makes B-lines a waste of time.
- Jack has sent an email to the A&E board regarding this matter, and additionally reminded them that DramSoc is not a cleaning service for other societies.

6 Socials

- There has been grumbling among members about the lack of socials this term.
- HKS is quite busy at the moment, and would rather someone else organised it to make the process more efficient.
- Frankie has offered to organise a social, she will be given the go ahead in due course.

7 AOB

- Policies: JO requested policies be named something prettier online, and AK requested a soft copy of the Dangerous Props Policy for formatting.
- It was agreed that DramSoc should be renamed the 'The Passive Aggressive Sign Soc'. This amendment has not made it to the constitution as of yet³.

8 Adjournment

Jack says: "End". Anisha calls for Adjournment, and the motion is seconded.

³And probably never will.

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