

**Minute of 2008 / 09 Committee Meeting #1
held on Wednesday 19 March 2008, at the Noose & Monkey, at 6pm.**

Present:

Brychan Cromwell (Outgoing President) Thomas Henderson (Incoming President)
Andrew Brebner (Administrator) Helen Alba (Incoming Director)
Gwen Knight (1st Year Member / Incoming Vice-President)
Brian Gunnee (Outgoing Musical Director)

Apologies:

Iain Hingston (Outgoing Director) Anne Herbert (Incoming M.D.)
Joanna Gill (Outgoing Treasurer) James Corrigan (Incoming Treasurer)
Andy MacDonald (Vice President / Incoming Administrator)
Kirsten Anderson (Outgoing Administrator)

1. Committee Packets

- Society student members are required to fill out the appropriate re-affiliation forms, which will be done at a future Committee meeting when all are present.

2. Society Of The Year

- BRYCHAN indicated she would putting the Society forward for this award, run by the S.A.

3. Change of signatories

- The outgoing and incoming Treasurer, Vice-President and President must meet to fill out the appropriate signatory forms at a mutually convenient date.

4. Torcher

- The Torcher Parade will be taking place on Saturday 26th April. Entry forms are available online, and a £60 deposit and £10 registration fee is required from each participating society. The Charities Campaign can reserve specific items if they are given advance notice.
- After some discussion, the Committee members present decided on a Torcher float theme of 'Sweeney Todd'.
- More detailed plans for float design, generator hire, etc, will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

5. DVD Showing

- This was proposed to take place after the Easter holidays, and, if possible, before the Torcher Parade, allowing society members to be hold of the Torcher arrangements in person when at the DVD showing.
- Entry is to be free for members, with a £1 charge for friends / non-members.

- Venue for the showing should be somewhere on campus, preferably the Arts Lecture Theatre.
- Provisional date for the showing is Sunday 20th April. However, it has since been indicated that BRIAN will not be available on this date to provide the master copy and distribute the finished DVDs, and so a change of showing date may be required. Members are to be informed of the showing date via email.

6. Masked Ball

- The Masked Ball for Uni theatre societies is to be held on Sat 3rd May. The cost was thought to be £15, but no venue details have yet been forthcoming. A decision will be made at a later Committee meeting as to whether G&S will take part in this Ball.

7. Sub-Committee

- A Sub-Committee has been created to assist in Admin and Social events. This Sub-Committee consists of AmyBeth Smith (who will assist with Admin / Sponsorship duties) and Cat Stewart (who will assist the Social Convenor). It was decided that Sub-Committee members do not need to attend all full Committee meetings unless requested.
- It was proposed that additional members (including non-students) should be sought for this Sub-Committee to act as Fundraising Co-ordinators. Interest will be gauged from society members at the DVD showing.
- It was proposed that if the Sub-Committee requires a meeting of their own, a Committee member should be present to report back to the main Committee.

8. AOCB

- It was suggested that the Society may be a beneficiary of the G&S company run by Gwen's parents. It was also suggested that we could rent Iolanthe scores to Tom's father's G&S company.
- It was proposed that the Society could look into some form of show to be staged either at the end of this term, or during Freshers Week in Sept, as a means to keep society members in contact over the summer break, and promote the society at the new term. Suggestions included an evening of G&S parodies, a series of G&S scenes, or an 'X Factor' event with pop songs performed in the G&S style. Staging of this show will depend on availability of production personnel and society members over summer. It was noted that previous attempts to stage a similar production have not worked due to a lack of interest. Once again, members interest will be gauged at the DVD showing.
- It may be possible for the Society to gain Scottish Charity status. More sources of funding would be potentially available to the Society if it gained this status, and it was noted that other amdram groups in Aberdeen operate in this way. It was noted that it may be an incentive for companies to sponsor the Society if it had charitable status. The process of becoming a charity will be looked into for discussion at at future Committee meeting.

- ANDREW was asked to create a poster advertising the G&S Torcher involvement, which could be emailed to members.
- ANDREW will also update the Sponsor pack for the next years show.
- It was felt that KATE should be given access to the G&S bebo site, enabling her to have control of this as well as the Society Facebook site and website.

9. Next Meeting

The date of the next Committee meeting has been set for **6.30pm** on **Thursday 17th April** in the Noose and Monkey. There being no other competent business, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Andrew Brebner