

**Minute of 2006 / 07 Committee Meeting #2
held on Sunday 26 March 2006, at The Illicit Still.**

Present:

Anne Herbert (President)
Andrew Brebner (Administrator)
Kate Friday (Webmaster)
Amy Chambers (Outgoing Vice-President)
Emily Bidwell (Outgoing President)

Ron Martin (Vice-President)
Brian Gunnee (Administrator / Co-MD)
Victoria McLean (Treasurer)
Nichola Alexander (Director)

Apologies:

Paul Tierney (Co-Musical Director)

1. Torcher

- G&S have applied for their place in this year's Torcher parade, which is being held on Saturday 29th April. 24 names are on the list of people who wish to be involved. We are currently in line for a 40 foot uncovered lorry, but need to swap this for a covered one, if possible. In honour of the G&S anniversary this year, the theme for our float will be a kids birthday party – so plenty of scope for cake, jelly & the obligatory rollicking buns! **EMILY** and **AMY** are to co-ordinate the organisation of this event and will email details to the people on the list.

2. Summer Show

- So far only 8 names are on the list for this show, and **BRIAN** feels there is not a sufficient spread of voice parts for a show to be feasible. He suggested it could be worth bringing in people from outside the society to increase the numbers, though **RON** argued that this may give a false impression as to our company's abilities and personnel. **BRIAN** countered that if people were brought in they may wish to stay on in the company for the main show. Any progress on this summer show will not happen unless more names are added to the list.

3. Re-affiliation

- The re-affiliation form is to be filled in by **ANNE**. Though affiliation with the Student Association does impose some restrictions in the society (e.g. treasurer rule, etc), it was felt that their financial assistance is worthwhile being affiliated in return. The "Sales Pitch" blurb for the society is to be drafted by **ANDREW**, in consultation with **ANNE**, for use in publicity including the Freshers packs, etc.

4. Social Events & DVD Showing

- All footage has been gathered and now just needs edited. The date for the DVD showing is to be advised but **BRIAN** assures it will be before the end of the spring term.
- **RON** has not had a chance to speak to Chris about a bowling evening at Sunset Boulevard yet, although Chris remains keen to accommodate us. A Sunday or Wednesday bowling lane for free has been mentioned.
- The University Music Ball is on Sat 13th May, and it has been suggested that G&S have a presence at this event, which is being held at Elphinstone Hall with tickets priced at £28. However, there is also talk of a G&S / TTB joint Ball being held around the same time, though details of this have yet to be decided upon. **BRIAN** will give details of both events to company members via email and gauge interest.
- The 30th Anniversary Party that Shirley and Kevin were to be organising is not now going ahead.
- **ANDREW** suggested there should be a G&S trip to see the Student Show at HMT, given the involvement of several company members in this production. It was decided to try and arrange a group to go along at the first performance on Saturday 22nd April (5.30 start) as this is often easier to obtain tickets for. **RON** will email the society members on this.
- **RON** wishes to appoint a social sub-committee of three or four people to assist with ensuring a variety of social events for next year. He will email the society members inviting volunteers for this sub-committee and select suitable candidates from the responses.

5. Freshers Week / Membership Campaign

- Society information will again be included as part of the Fresher packs sent out to every new student. These packs are sent out in August / September. **AMY** has a selection of posters and photos used in the G&S Freshers Fair Stand last year which can be re-used. Last years Freshers Fair was very successful, so the same will be done this year, with society members on the stall attracting new recruits via branded clothing, short skirts and sweets!
- RGU Freshers Fair will also be attended by G&S, though for this occasion we shall not publicise the 'University Of Aberdeen' part of the society name.
- **BRIAN** suggested flyers be sent to Aberdeen College Performance Arts courses, in lieu of attending at their general Freshers Fair.

6. Sponsorship

- Work on the Sponsor packs is in progress by **BRIAN**. He has updated his business directory and intends sending packs to a wider number of businesses this year, which may increase costs in the short term but should be rewarded with a greater financial return.

7. Fundraising

- The G&S Concert held at Ferryhill Church is to be re-mounted in April, possibly on Thurs 27th, though this date may change. Possible venues include the Arts Centre bar or Marischal College Picture Gallery. As a fundraising / social event for the society, it was felt the committee could take over the publicity for this event, allowing the performers to concentrate on rehearsing. **BRIAN** has agreed to look into a venue, produce the poster for this concert, and see about an advert for it in the Student Show programme. **ANDREW** is to design the programme and assist in any publicity.

8. Constitution

- The Constitutional Ammendments discussed at the last meeting have been incorporated into a new draft by **ANNE**. This document is to be put before the company members at the upcoming EGM / DVD showing.

9. AOCB

- **KATE** has found a means of incorporating a discussion forum / bulletin board into the society website, within the University server. It was suggested that a Committee section be incorporated into the website, for the constitution and committee minutes to be freely available for general society members to view.
- **ANNE** suggested an inventory should be drawn up of society assets.

10. Date of Next meeting.

- The Illicit Still (Upstairs) on Monday 24th April at 19.00

There being no other competent business, the meeting closed at 20.30

Andrew Brebner