

EGTG Committee meeting

7 October 2024

Apologies: Siobhan McGovern, Kate Stephenson, Claire Morand

Minutes approved by Hannah, seconded by Robert.

1. Dangerous Corner

No long-based vans available from City Car Club. Kate has done a price comparison for both van hire and Man With Van costs. Man With Van costs seem competitive and a good option as we don't have a ready driver. Martin has various questions that he will raise with Kate at a meeting tomorrow. Kate is missing a front of house person for Saturday night. Claire W volunteered and will let Kate that she can do it.

Martin reported that he is broadly happy with the show – various minor problems that are being addressed (props / furniture that needs to be sourced, Ross or Martin will need to run sound at the tech but a plan is being formed for this).

2. baba

Rehearsals have started. Tricky to get such a huge cast together all at the same time of course. Initial budget was set at £300 but given higher than usual venue costs, was reduced to £150 in recognition of this. Propose a child ticket price for the show, given that it's a play for children. Group discussed appropriate prices and agreed that £10 is appropriate. Discussed extending membership discount to all tickets in one booking as a festive / seventieth anniversary celebration. Committee agreed that this was worth testing as an idea. Claire to think about a content warning for ticketing site.

Group discussed inviting charities to see the show and giving them a quantity of free tickets, potentially a children's charity, given the huge house size (300 seats), should we need to increase audience numbers. Hannah noted that we had discussed giving tickets to a Ukrainian society, for example. Committee comfortable with a targeted approach only.

Hannah notified committee that most of the cast have joined the group – two membership payments are outstanding. To be chased. One cast member's membership will expire one week before the show and group discussed whether or not that membership should be extended as an act of grace to that member. The committee voted for or against this notion and the vote favoured the membership extension in these unusual circumstances.

3. 2025 Directors proposals

Committee agreed to meet to hear proposals on Tuesday 29 October at 7pm at BP.

4. Festive / Platinum Anniversary Get Together

Committee discussed Friday 6 December (evening) as a possible date. General consensus that booking space in a bar for drinks might be more practical than dinner given high costs of food at Christmas. Hannah to confirm dates with Kate.

5. Platinum Exhibition

Plan to hold an exhibition of our historic items during baba. Hannah is going to meet Edinburgh University to see our archived supplies. It may also be possible to get items from the National Library of Scotland. Also considering displaying the two costumes from the costume store that burnt down alongside newspaper article about the fire along with other press coverage / memorabilia. Claire to contact long-standing members to see whether they have other items to contribute. Robert suggested that we create a quiz or questions about some of the items for attendees. Group agreed this was a lovely idea.

6. Membership Update

Kate reported (in absentia) that we have 60 members.

7. Treasurer Update

We need a treasurer. Fringe final profit pending one director's expenses looks to be around £2500. Directors of baba will soon both have access to their budget through Equals Money.

8. Home Street

Kate reported on work undertaken to clear the drainage outside the premises – the drain is now clear. The cost for work was £864. Once roofer returns from holiday, he will make this section of the roof watertight. Group discussed whether or not it was worth claiming the cost on insurance and agreed that the impact on the premium would negate the short-term benefit of covering the initial outlay. Subsequent discussion about the merits of phoning the council (shared repairs) to see whether the costs of drain and / or roof works could be shared between local residents. General pessimism about the chances of success of this but initial investigations will be made. Martin to speak to Kate in the first instance. Our thanks to Kate for pursuing this time-consuming and burdensome work.

9. Any other business

Hannah noted that the SCDA AGM is in 2 November in Stirling – a morning meeting followed by lunch and workshops. Present committee members aren't able to attend but remaining committee members may wish to.

10. Next meeting

Noted that committee will be together next on 22 October and then 29 October. Next meeting date to be agreed at one of these sessions.

Martin to bring tea and biscuits to committee open day on 22 October.