



# PantoSoc

## Meeting Minutes

10/10/10

*Committee Meeting*

Chair: Sarah Holden  
Minutes: Tom Brown

Meeting Called At: 2:12

In Attendance: Sarah Holden, Anthony Smith, Ellie Grice, Rosie Potter, Pete Bagot, Tom Brown, Mark Courtier, Matt Watt.

Apologies: Helena Hoyle, Alice Charteris, Glenys McIntyre, Lottie Kruber, Helena Hoyle, Mike Blitz

In Absence: Rob Allcott, Kate Field, Luke De Roemer,

### Updates

- Chris Harris workshop went well, Pete Bagot particularly found it useful from a directors point of view. Overall many useful techniques were taken from it.
- Freshers fair, 65 people have signed up for auditions so far, next year we may want to consider spacing the audition time slots further apart to start with and then filling in the gaps later to avoid one day filling up so fast.
- Grand costume unveiling is greeted with claps all round and girly gasps from Sarah. We need to send receipts and photos of the cast in the new clothes to the alumni foundation by November if possible.

(2:22, Hannah Chidwick arrives)

### Sleeping Beauty

- Going well
- Do we want a stage skills workshop? YES, James would be ok to set up a vocal part of the workshop but need to double check with him. The room bookings are all done for Sleeping Beauty, we just need to choose a time and a place that we can take out of the rehearsal schedule. We would like to make the workshop mandatory for all cast members. Matt watt will organise teachers in a workshop meeting in week 2 or 3.
- Budget. Last year the budget was £2000, which we went over by £500. In Sleeping Beauty we have more scenes, which will mean more money, so we should now have a budget of £2300.

(2:29 Pete Stone arrives)

### Socials

- Mark wants to pass on some social sec responsibilities to someone else this term as he is producing. Matt volunteers
- First social, games to be discussed after the meeting
- Halloween, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of October.
- Coffee Crawl, Afternoon of Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Chris Harris Panto in Bath, week 1 of the new term, to discuss more at the next meeting.

### Stores

- The creation of a general inventory would probably best be left until Stores needs a good tidy. Ellie is currently working on a new 'trouser system'.

### Risk Assessment

- People falling off stage
- Strobe lights
- Pyrotechnics
- Falling scenery/lights
- Heavy lifting
- Electricity
- Loose wires
- Make sure people know the proper fire procedures
- Warm up properly
- At this point Pete is tickled which triggers a 'no, no, no, no' response.

### Edinburgh

- Do we want to do it?
- Hopefully we could get a free show
- Cost of accommodation (which is very expensive) and travel would have to be covered by the cast and crew, but there may be scope for a union fund?
- We could only take a small show (15 people max, including producer and director). So it would have to work on a first come first served basis, and these first 15 people would then audition for the parts available.
- We could use an old show but it would have to be widely adapted for less people and make it more child friendly.
- It should be noted though that it would not be like what we do here, it is VERY hard work.
- We couldn't take Dobbin.
- Keep thinking about it.

### Dobbin

- Send a request out in a newsletter for someone who's good with needle to give him a bit of attention (Grace?)
- Get a quote from a dry cleaner, possibly send him to one after he's been fixed.
- See about his head later, give it a very gentle clean.

### Any Other Business

- Give committee T-Shirt money to Sarah please.

- Website updates are nearly ready to go, the audition times need putting up and people can email Pete if they need to cancel.
- Pete to email Sarah all stuff on sleeping beauty.
- Production Team for Sleeping Beauty to give regular updates at committee meetings on progress. Also we should have another production/committee meeting closer to showtime (weekend between weeks 7 and 8).
- SCA wants us to do a Kid's panto for them in the union, for which we would need the Winston theatre, which we wouldn't be able to get. Remember as a possibility, and Pete to send details of SCA people to Sarah.

Next meeting: 5:00pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October (not Cocktober)

Meeting adjourned 3:27