

Trustees of the Sinodun Players

Minutes of the 101st Trustees Meeting held on Monday 11 May 2020 via Zoom at 7.30pm.

Agenda

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of 100th meeting on 10 March 2020
- 3 Matters arising from 100th meeting not covered elsewhere
- 4 Safeguarding training and Encore consent form (re on-line teaching) has been lodged with the Child Protection Officer (John J).
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- 5 Items to and from the Board
- 6 Items to and from SP Committee
- 7 Financial Matters inc Preference Shares
- 8 Fundraising
- 9 Any other business
- 10 Date of next meetings

Present: (via Zoom) JUtley (Chr), D Diacon (Minutes), JEvans (Board), J Jeskins, Enid Stevens, RDewell, JWright, GWright,

1. Apologies:

Eric Leadbetter cd not get on Zoom

2. Minutes of 100th meeting 10 March 2020

Were approved. Signed off.

3. Matters arising from 100th meeting not covered elsewhere

These minutes are being taken for an on-line Zoom meeting.

4. Safeguarding training and Encore's on-line consent form

JU has been in touch with a lady via LTG link 31.8 re on-line training. JU wants to know if we can support a cost of £39.99 for safeguarding training for JJeskins. *This was approved.* Consent form for Encore – JJ has signed his approval.

4a. Government guidance re Funding during Lockdown from LTG. JWright said he did not think there is any money for us. AGM: Due on Sept. The Govt document suggests we look at can we/how to hold our AGM by distance. Our constitution seems to allow motions put forward in writing – so distance. We must hold our AGM within 15 months, Trustees can change the Rules. So can roll over Officers to serve for another year (change to Rules) due to current circumstances. This should normally be ratified by Members at AGM. JU not comfortable not consulting Members. GW spoke outlining consequences of her ending her office on time which wd mean she would come off Chair of SPC and therefore off the Board with the Lesters Planning appeal looming in November. Discussion

followed. JW pointed out we need to get the finances signed off and submitted to Charity Commission by end of Jan. *Decided:* to send out a Survey Monkey asking Members' view about rolling over Officers, and discuss AGM details at next meeting. JE said CX holds a full licence for Survey Monkey.

5. Items to and from board – JE reports

Note from Board mtg: Need a Trustee to join sub-committee re Re-opening

1. **Building** – Bd had to restate instruction for no-one to enter building except Greg Ryder (building check) and GW (post). Blg has been made safe. FS heading up a Reopening sub-committee – **JU will be Trustee rep on this.**
2. **Finance** – KYapp presented a layout of finances, presently a healthy balance which will be heavily hit soon by repayment of Roof loans Oct £21k, roof repairs – est £19k +VAT, and also repay Preference Shares to Trustees. Rec'd £10k from SODC –small businesses. £2.5k back from pre-booked tickets, grant request to BFI - £15k. Cash flow for BFI showed us going negative around Oct. With grant, can be cash positive to end of year.
3. **Planning – GW reports:** see my (DD's) notes summarising Board mtg 4 May. On line convo Thurs 14 this week of our team plus SODC's barrister in order to agree way forward. Since Bd and SPC meeting is that JE has informed us that Lesters have now applied for consent on the back flat. Nothing we can do to fight that. Get Barrister to raise this at the appeal. This is seen as a threat to us – cd put someone in there who will cause problems for us – therefore better for us to work with Lesters on the major development. Now hopeful of getting the acoustic survey done before 29 June.

6. Items to and from Sinodun Players Committee

See my notes of SPC mtg of 6May. GW clarified work by Oliver on cleaning up the members database, which we can use more effectively, in house on our own server. Name, email and phone number and areas of interest – 150 members gave consent and so all this info can be viewed by all members. Higher level will be available only to officers of 3 committees as at present.

7. Financial Matters.

£4,600 of donations so far on our Giving page. Trustees are committed up to £40 for fighting fund. CX will pay the bills – it's their fight – and we will transfer money over.

Dividends: over last two years we have waived our rights. *Decision:* we should do so again – *nem con.* JW is talking to KYapp about all things financial. GW was asked whether we can do a Panto – GW said maybe we should perform it later in Feb. Need to be able to start rehearsals in Sept/Oct.

8. Fundraising

Nothing to report

9. Any other business

RD said we are still working on getting replacement for KYapp. Did any of the Trustees know someone who might be suitable and willing? Enid said she will ask someone in Goring. Enid has since reported back that her contact is not keen as he's still working, but he might step in for a year if we are desperate.

Date of Next Meetings

Trustees: Mon 13 July (Keith Yapp – Board rep)

Next Board meeting:

Mon 8 June - JJ will attend

Mon 6 July – JU will ask Eric to do

SPC:

Wed 3 June - Debi