**COMMITTEE MEETING 10/10/12**

**MINUTES**

Present Apologies

ALL NONE

1. Well done for a smooth start to the year.
2. Committee meetings – Wednesdays at 5pm preferred by Sam to avoid clashing with an uncut show.

- If it becomes an issue we can think about moving them later in the year.

1. Space sharing problem – meetings with Ed Hart over the past few weeks in relation to us sharing our new space specifically with TFSR but potentially with other groups who they’ve been asked to give a home > some space

- This issue was initially brought up last term but resolved (temporarily) by emails between Meg and the Vice-Chancellor

- SU have sent over a list of what they do for us in order to try and sway us into agreeing to hand over some of the new space

- Essentially, we’re now stuck between the university and the SU who have very different standpoints and do not agree with each other. From the uni’s point of view the building is completely ours to do with as we wish and from the SU’s view they are in a position to maybe take it from us.

- Two needs = bike storage for a once a fortnight shop service (probably a rehearsal room and TFSR who Ed would like to be housed in our workshop.

If we need to say yes to one the consensus is for the bike scheme (8 hours/day every fortnight) whereas the sharing workshop idea is realistically not feasible.

Comments:

- The rest of the socs/groups that were housed in the neighbouring building have been found new spaces (Karni, kayaking, etc)

- We should do what we can to keep the SU on side to be able to keep some sense of leverage in terms of funding as the impact campaign will take a year to fully come through

- Ed Hart could easily turn around and go back on his word; especially if he offers us the ‘chance’ to make a fundraising bid in return for us accepting his offers

- In the past (before summer) Ed suggested that our rehearsal rooms would be bookable by band soc, etc through SU reception – hasn’t been mentioned since but this will need confirmation

- Being in our workshop would be detrimental to TFSR: noise, mess, business, constant building around them, etc

- A meeting with TFSR present might be beneficial to work out exactly what they need as it seems they may not yet be aware of the situation, they might be on our side, etc.

- Would need to confirm what times exactly the bike shop would need access for, might need an hour of set up/break down time, etc

- Game plan: go into the next meeting and accept the bike situation making it clear that it wasn’t an easy decision but say that housing TFSR building and storage space is not feasible.

Why we can’t house TFSR:

- Health and safety – we move large objects

- Empty space will be filled

- We do all set building ourselves; they haven’t in the past and are unlikely to want to help us out

- They may be concerned about the security of their tools

- Their storage spilled out into the corridors last year – where would they store their items?

- We can’t guarantee the access times that they could have as we need access 24 hours/7 days a week to build up to two working sets

- May impact our insurance – non-members using our space

- Not students so going against our bids for the Impact campaign and Cascade campaign: their help may void these bids

- Noise pollution

- Constantly busy

- It is a training venue as well as a working venue

- If they had their own key our things may be at risk - insurance may be affected.

- If any of either of our belongings get stolen/go missing there is no way to prove liability

Haven’t feasibly got the space, ability or capacity to house them!

1. Casting review

- Went well however, lots of people didn’t get cast so we really need to push the other opportunities that we have.

1. Building

Jess: fire alarm concern passed on from Phil. Sam planning to do a walk around with Jules pre-opening to get everything sorted.

1. PWC

Imogen from PWC would like to do a ‘message from your sponsor event’ ideally in November and ideally in the theatre.

- The hoodies are also missing the PWC logo so ideally these would be sent back in advance of this event

1. McKinsey opportunity

This company have contacted Sam and offered each member of the committee a place at their talented student career event on the 16th October

1. Uncut

- Proposals will work similarly to the main season but cut off for contacting people will be sooner (pre-8pm)

Comments: does everyone need to be there?

-Some people think that for all of the committee to not attend may make it appear as a secondary season.

- If time is a concern it might be an idea for all of the committee to hear all of the proposals and then leave the decision making process up to Sam, Will and James

- Don’t forget Lakeside meeting at 10am on Saturday!

1. The Tab

Tom Barnes is writing for this new magazine and they would like to write a weekly review of our shows. Would like a weekly comp ticket. Promise to have reviews up by Thursday morning.

1. Impact

- Is it an issue that people previously involved with theatre/currently involved with theatre are down to review shows?

1. Interest from people hoping to propose for Uncut but not for official dates (after Christmas) – just something to think on!

- Is it an issue?

- Could they just propose after Christmas?

- Could we give them the Off White Horse slot

- More than one role in uncut

12. AOB

Email from Singapore society

- They would like to perform in March and wanted to maybe use the theatre

Reminder from Nicola that the e-ticketing meeting will be at 2pm 17th October @ lakeside

Offer from A younger theatre to blog about us.