



## Minutes of SHADDO AGM held on Wednesday 28 April 2021 (Via Zoom)

### Present:

Gareth Jones, Hilary Tucker, Cheryl Milne, Chris Ambrose, Alex Cousins, Angela Jones, Charmaine Wood, Rosemary Appleby, Pam Hudgell, Jo Stone, Neill Wilkinson, Allen Appleby, Beryl Lawson, Peter Crowther, Simon Goldthorpe, Neil McAdam, Henry Loud, Ashley Wright, Mark Manson, Pip Collings, Liz James, Simon Classey, Terry James, Becky Ilderton

### Apologies:

Jan Bishop

### 1. Adoption of Chair for the AGM

Cheryl was unanimously elected to act as Chair for the AGM.

Cheryl started by welcoming everyone to the meeting, there being 24 attendees via Zoom.

A particular welcome was extended to those joining us for the first time (Simon, Chris and Jo) and to those former Shaddo members who had returned after living away from the Shiplake area for a while (Ashley and Alex).

### 2. Election of Executive Committee Members and Officers for 2021-22

#### (a) Committee Members

A list of nominations received by Hilary (Secretary) in advance of the AGM had been posted on the Shaddo website and a copy of the list is annexed to these minutes. There were two further nominations for Committee Members, both put forward at the AGM, namely Ellie Classie and Ashley Wright.

#### (b) Officers

The list on the website (and annexed to these minutes) also contained nominations received in advance of the AGM for the positions of Shaddo Officers for 2021-22. There were no additional nominations to add to those on the list.

In accordance with the above, the nominees were proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

The Executive Committee for 2021-22 will therefore be as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chair	Cheryl Milne
Vice-Chair	Henry Loud
Secretary	Hilary Tucker

Treasurer	Gareth Jones
Committee Member	Simon Classey
Committee Member	Ellie Classey
Committee Member	Pam Hudgell
Committee Member	Liz James
Committee Member	Angela Jones
Committee Member	Neill Wilkinson
Committee Member	Ashley Wright

### 3. Chair's Report for 2020-21 on behalf of the Executive Committee

Cheryl delivered this report in her capacity as Shaddo Chair and a full copy of the report is annexed to these minutes.

### 4. Treasurer's Report for 2020 -21 on behalf of the Executive Committee

Gareth delivered this report in his capacity as Treasurer and a full copy of the report is annexed to these minutes.

A copy of the associated Balance Sheet (Cash Balance) and Income and Expenditure for 2020-21 is also annexed to these minutes.

Gareth stressed that, despite the COVID-19 pandemic and no performance revenues, the Society still ended the year in a strong financial position, with over £7,000 in the bank (only about £360 less than at the start of the year). This is fully explained in the report. The Society would therefore be in a position to stage a panto in the coming year even if there were potential losses due to restrictions in place. Gareth thanked Neil McAdam for examining and confirming the accounts on behalf of the Executive Committee.

### 5. Resolution for amendments to the Shaddo Constitution

Gareth explained the proposed amendments to Clauses 18, 19 and 24 of the Shaddo Constitution. Details had been posted on the website in advance of the AGM to give the requisite advance notice to Shaddo Members in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. A full copy of the proposed amendments together with the rationale for these is annexed to these minutes.

The proposed amendments were essentially to remove the requirement for the accounts to be formally audited by a qualified Auditor since this was not legally required for a society of Shaddo's size and nature.

The amendments were proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.

A copy of the amended constitution will be posted on the Shaddo website following the AGM.

### 6. Determination of Shaddo subscriptions, fees and maximum performance fees for 2021-22

Gareth explained it had been decided several years ago to dispense with subscriptions and move to a system based on performance fees. Shaddo was not dependent on these fees for its operation.

It was unanimously agreed by the meeting that a maximum performance fee (i.e. irrespective of how many productions a member took part in) would be set for 2021-22 as follows:

£20.00 for adult members

£10.00 for junior members

## 7. AOB

### (a) Play Readings

Peter confirmed that he would organise the play readings for June and July 2021, before handing over the role. Peter was thanked for all his sterling work in organising these play readings which had proved very successful.

Pam and Rosemary kindly offered to take over the organisation of the play readings after July 2021 and were thanked for agreeing to do this.

Cheryl agreed to approach the management at the Baskerville to assess scope for continuing to hold play readings there.

### **Action – Cheryl, Peter, Pam, Rosemary**

### (b) Future events – discussion and ideas

There followed an informal and detailed discussion about ideas for future Shaddo events and it was agreed that the new committee would consider these at the next committee meeting, where future events would be the main focus. The following ideas emerged from the discussion:

- Repeating the “12 Days of Christmas” style of online event, either at Christmas or at another appropriate time of year.
- An outside variety event, hopefully in summer 2021, perhaps to be combined with a [socially distanced] picnic. It was suggested that it might perhaps be better to aim for September as many people would probably want to go away on holiday over the summer. Another suggestion was a picnic where Shaddo members would be “strolling minstrels” providing items of entertainment such as songs and magic.
- Putting together a “library” of smaller performances in anticipation of a variety event, so everything did not have to be organised close to the time. It was felt that it might be possible to have a few acts “ready to go”.
- Establishing a Shaddo “community choir” to put together some musical items and to have fun singing.
- Organising a “Gilbert and Sullivan” musical production along the lines of the former *Trial by Jury* production which Shaddo staged some years ago [this was a selection of songs from the work, performed in a relatively short, staged and costumed show, rather than being a performance of the whole work, so was more manageable than rehearsing a full G&S performance].
- Organising a BBQ. Cheryl kindly offered to host this in her garden and would discuss a date with the committee to put out to members.

### **Action – Cheryl and Committee**

- Putting on a 2022 pantomime. It was agreed that first steps would need to be thought out soon, for example who would direct the production? These preliminary steps would need to be considered over the next month or so. It was agreed that if anyone had any thoughts or views about panto matters, they would send them to the committee, via Cheryl or Hilary, for collation and consideration at the next committee meeting (meeting of the new committee – see below).

**Action: Everyone, Cheryl, Hilary**

**(c) Theatrical events to be added to website**

Two emails had been received by Shaddo regarding online mime classes being offered by a theatrical company and some opportunities for theatrical experience with a Reading production in 2021. Gareth would put details on the website in case members were interested in either.

**Action: Gareth**

**(d) Membership of Shaddo**

There were several queries about how to become a Member of Shaddo and how Members were informed about new events.

Gareth explained that all persons who are involved with Shaddo productions, or who have expressed an interest in Shaddo and have provided contact details, are considered to be "Members" of Shaddo. We do not charge a membership fee. Instead, we charge a performance fee for each production a Member is involved in. Membership essentially means inclusion on the Shaddo mailing list. The mailing list, Shaddo website and Shaddo Facebook pages, provide the main methods we use to keep in touch with Members. All Members are also welcome to attend Shaddo committee meetings.

**(e) Next committee meeting (see date below)**

It was agreed that this would focus on events for 2021-22. This meeting would be held via Zoom and the Zoom link would be put onto the Shaddo website. All members were welcome to attend.

**Action: Hilary, Cheryl, Gareth**

Cheryl concluded the formal business of the AGM with thanks to all for attending and with thanks to the current committee for all their help and commitment over the year.

A social event followed with informal discussion and a fun/interesting "word game" organised and hosted by Angela with help from Mark, Charmaine and Simon.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Date of next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom</b></p>
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