



Cambridge University Amateur Dramatic Club

Minutes, 17.01.20, 17.00, via Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence

Present: Nick Harris, Ella Pound, Isobel Wood, Sam Frakes, Beth Kelly, Phoebe Rowell John, Emily Beck, Ross Guinea McIntyre, Ella Fitt, Sameer Aggarwal, Matt Paul, Bella Biddle

Absent with apology: Will Audis

Absent without apology: Mahon Hughes, Craig Stewart, Benedict Mulcare

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

None.

3. COVID Update

All shows have been cancelled, though management have offered for shows to go online if they would like to.

4. CR/Elections Timeline

NH takes committee through the timeline for elections and constitutional review. The AGM will take place on 21st February, with an SGM pencilled in for 7th February if there are any objections to the Constitutional Amendments.

Committee discusses format of AGM, which will be a quiz with rounds for specific sections of the meeting (i.e presidential speech, accounts).

Action point: BK to make quiz rounds for the AGM.

5. Publicity for Elections

Committee discusses the Idea of doing some kind of publicity for elections, such as a Zoom Q&A. NH suggests the idea of a document, and asks everyone to send him a role description.

Action point: Everyone to write a role description for a document to be used to publicise.

Document to go out on 31st January.

6. Constitutional Review

RGM takes committee through proposed amendments, which include changes to move voting online and to make sure those running for Group O and M (except for President) are not required to take part in hustings.

Edit clause **24.5.1** to read; The Secretary shall publish the name of each candidate, proposer, and seconder, along with each candidate's manifesto, in the Clubroom and online.

Insert clause **24.5A**; Candidates for the role of President must participate in a round of hustings, either online or in-person.

Insert clause **24.5A.1**; Candidates standing for roles in Group O and/or Group M are not required to participate in a round of hustings, either online or in-person.

Insert clause **24.1A**; In the following section the words "ballot" and "ballot paper" refer to electronic forms of voting.

Insert clause **24.8A**; For the election of all posts, voting must take place online.

Insert clause **24.8A.1**; If a Member is unable to cast their vote on the designated online system, it is the responsibility of the Committee to provide them with an alternative form of voting.

Remove clause **24.14**.

Clause **7.5** – insert comma after the words "except that".

Clause **11.4** – insert "or Annual Subscription" after the words "Full Subscription".

Clause **35.3** – insert "The show contact will meet with the director and/or the producer of the show a week before the show goes up" at the end.

Clause **48.4** – change "57.5.1" to "58.2.4"

Clause **52.4** – edit to read "...of a Special Member, Associate Member, or Honorary Member..."

Committee discusses whether we need the 'in-person' element of suggested clauses regarding voting. IW outlines that the in-person element makes the anonymous aspect of voting impossible so safer to move everything online, with a clause included to make

sure the committee has the responsibility of making sure those who cannot access the online voting system selected can still vote.

Committee votes unanimously in favour of proposed amendments.

SF raises the issue of how we are conducting the election. CUSU election system suggested, but still issue of ARU students being unable to vote. It is agreed that ARU students will email returning officer with vote.

Issue of returning officer needing a CRSID. Possibility of management/exec sitting as returning officer.

7. A.O.B

SF brings up the issue of those running for committee needing a proposer and seconder. IW suggests just making it clear what this means in the lead up to elections.

SA asks if we know what's happening with Club Dinner. RGM to ring University Arms and move date to June.