UWA Pantomime Society

BGM Minutes
19 October 2011

Meeting opened: 6:36pm

1. Welcome
   - Apologies
     i. Sally
     ii. Andrew
     iii. Chris K
     iv. Ivo
     v. Lewis
   - Proxy votes
     i. Bradley for Sally, Andrew and Chris
     ii. Ash for Ivo, Becky and James
     iii. 7:50pm: Lois begins proxy voting for Emily.
     iv. Nicola for Lewis on semester pitches.

2. Executive Reports
   - President – Nicola
     i. Relay for life: PantoSoc wins the award for Best Club and raises around $2,300. Now equipped with a society owned and operated milkshake maker and pancake caker.

     ii. Panto merchandise still available on CafePress website.

     iii. Semester 1, 2012 production week from April 8th to the 15th.

     iv. Christmas panto production dates: 12th Dec is bump in, rehearsals 13th and 14th; two performances on the 17th (matinee and evening), matinee on the 18th, and an evening performance on the 19th. Steven boldly declares his availability as an usher for every performance.

   - President of Vice - Liam
     i. Employment opportunities for stilt-walkers in February and March. If you are interested, panto will forward your contact details to the relevant head-hunters.

     ii. First semester next year will be the last time John Doyle is running the lighting course. It qualifies you for an extremely important and useful role. Contact the society if you are interested.

     iii. A new banner: vows to ‘do it’ in the holidays (i.e. place the order then). Decision is binding on the new committee. [Arguably unconstitutional – K]

- Treasurer - Ash
  1. The society is fiscally sound with lots of surplus. Ash recommends purchasing some lumber and limestone with this chump change.
  2. If anybody is interested in purchasing a $50 Coles-Myer voucher from the society, please email.

- Secretary – Kira
  1. Sally made an error in an old set of Minutes. Attention successfully deflected.

3. Feedback for *The Strange Case of Dr Seuss and Mr Hyde*
   - Bradley’s students like his cast shirt, when they can understand it. Similarly, strangers (see: alpaca lady) want to buy Alysha’s cast shirt.
   - Rob suggests the action was too far upstage. He is correct.

4. Jack Award
   - Lois nominates Laura, Steven seconds.
     1. Reason: her thrilling anecdote about performing fellatio on Cam.
        1. Votes: 2
   - Zack nominates Ben, Kira seconds.
     1. Reason: profanity-laden sink vomiting.
        1. Votes: 15
   - Cam nominates Ash, Zack seconds:
     1. Reason: trying to fight Patrick, and succeeding.
        1. Votes: 4

Jack Award winner: Chips (‘Chunks’)

5. Committee Elections
   - President
     1. Liam nominates Nicola, Ash seconds.
     2. Zack nominates Liam, Liam declines [but first he pretends it is serious]
     3. Nicola wins by default, which as good a way to win as any other.
   - President of Vice
     1. Lois nominates Liam, Adam seconds.
     2. Rob nominates Adam, Adam declines [in popularity]
     3. Liam wins by default, which is becoming increasingly less alluring.
   - Treasurer
     1. Lois nominates Ash, Nicola seconds.
ii. Ash wins by default, or as it is now known, conformity.

- Sexretary
  i. Bradley nominates Kira, Zack seconds.
  ii. Kira wins by default, which is as good a fault as any other fault.


- Web Wench
  i. Ash nominates Rob, Nicola seconds.
  ii. Rob wins by default, and tyranny.

- Biscuit Wenches (OCM)
  i. Emily nominates herself, Alysha seconds.
     1. Reason: As a non-member of the elite (UWA students), is unable to do anything else on committee. Do it or she’ll punch you.
  ii. Cam nominates himself, Adam seconds.
     1. Reason: Got really excited last semester (cf. fellatio anecdote)
  iii. Liam nominates Jeremy, Ellie B seconds.
     1. Reason: Too gay to function, in the narrow sense of attending meetings.
     1. Reason: Thinks it would be a good first position and enjoys coercion.
  v. Shaanniii nominates Ben Reynolds, Newton Ben seconds (in solidarity)
     1. Reason: [I didn’t hear his speech, but brevity is usually good. – K]
  vi. Ben nominates Shanniiii, Newton Ben seconds.
     1. Reason: Please vote for her.

OCMs: Emily, Cam and Declan.

6. **Pitches for Semester 1, 2012**
   - The Greek, the Bad and the Godly
   - Mr Monopoly and the Count of Monte Cristo
     i. Includes a free parking strategy in the Dolphin theatre.
   - Deus ex Matrix
   - The Sound of Murder
   - Around the World in 80 Lays
     i. Consider versatility of a sub-plot which seeks to ascertain whether or not a particular character is a praying mantis.
   - Fungeons and Flagons: A Zack Sheppard Plaything
   - Robots
i. Hannah suggests that the show could involve ‘Halloween robots’. Nobody knows what this means, but we love it.

Semester 1, 2012 Pitch: The Sound of Murder

7. Semester Production Committee Elections

- Head Writer(s)
  i. Adam nominates Kira & Bradley (Kiradley), Ash seconds.
     1. Kiradley win by virtue of divine right.

- Director(s)
  i. Lois nominates Bradley & Liam (Bradliam), Nicola seconds.

- Producer(s)
  i. Nicola nominates Kira, Zack seconds.
  ii. Liam nominates Cam, Cam declines.
  iii. Liam nominates Alysha, Alysha declines.
  iv. There is some ruckus and confusion about whether or not there will be a MacriPherson trio, but it is ultimately withdrawn.
  v. Nicola nominates Alysha and Kira (Alyshra/McMacri), Liam seconds.
     1. After all that hassle, McMacri win by default.

- Stage Manager
  i. Ash nominates Lois, Lois declines (respectfully).
  ii. Liam nominates Brad K, Nicola seconds.
     1. Brad K wins stage manager by default (i.e. stage manager reverts to Brad.)

- Costumator/Propmaster
  i. Ash nominates Chips, Zack seconds.
  ii. Lois nominates Laura, Adam seconds.
  iii. Liam nominates Rob, Rob says ‘no, thank you’.
  iv. Rob nominates Kat Gee, Adam seconds.

Outcome: Alysha makes a ‘props’ pun. Humour Treasurer says pun budget is exhausted. Also, Kat Gee wins.

- Sonic Engineer
  i. Ash nominates Ivo, Adam seconds.
     1. This is considered acceptable by everyone who doesn’t want to also nominate themselves, i.e. Ivo wins by default.

- Lighting Guy (non-elected position)
  i. Nobody at the meeting able to volunteer.
  ii. Contact Shamini and company; encourage people to be interested in the lighting course run by John Doyle.

8. Christmas Panto

- Jack and the Beanstalk
i. **Plot:** follows Jack, a young tomboy (according to strict gender divisions) whose mother is a Pageant Mom, forcing her to lead a life of aesthetic exhibitionism. The rest is a much reiterated literary history: Jack encounters giants and somehow this helps her solve any problems that seemed important in the exposition.

9. **Christmas Production Committee Elections**
   - **Director**
     i. Sally nominates herself, Bradley seconds.
        1. Speech: Sally uses imported French phrases in her speech. Considering she is not a member of 19th century Russian society, this is difficult to overlook. However, good use of oratory techniques, such as rhetorical questions and imagery ("stabbing in the face").
        2. Sally is director (i.e. we tossed the Sallad).
     ii. Brad K nominates himself, Ben R seconds.
        1. Speech: Brad has directed a show, directed the music and served in every executive role at some point in the history of the society. Keeps vouching for the merits of his beard which is getting an increasingly tepid reception.
     iii. Ellie B nominates Adam, Adam declines.
     iv. Nicola nominates Sally and Brad (Sallad), Lois seconds.

Director: Sally (i.e. we tossed the Sallad).

   - **Costumator/Propmaster**
     i. Adam nominates himself, Nicola seconded.
        1. Adam uses a strategy of guilt to garner votes (he will be absent for the semester panto).
     ii. Rob nominates Ash, Zack seconds.
        1. Ash can ‘devote all her time to whatevs’.

Costumator/Propmaster: Ash

   - **Sonic Engineer**
     i. Ash nominates Ivo, Adam seconds.
     ii. Cam nominates himself, Ben seconds.

Sonic Engineer: Cam

   - **Lighting Guy**
     i. Consult the usual people.

   - **Stage Manager**
     i. Nicola nominates Lois, Steven seconds.
     ii. Ash nominates Ivo, Kira seconds.
     iii. Zack nominates Adam, Steven seconds.
     iv. Cam nominates himself, Ben seconds. Cam withdraws (Kira’s meal seconds, i.e. is regurgitated).
Stage Manager: Lois

10. General Bidness

- After-After Party
  i. Date
     1. Friday, 25th November.
  ii. Venue
     1. Adam tentatively volunteers his house.
     2. Kat Gee volunteers her house.
     3. Email and forum will be used to conclude this matter.
  iii. Theme
     1. Cowboys.
     2. Things that other people are passionate about which you don’t give a fuck about.
     3. Jesus.
     4. Yourself as an old person.
     5. Initials party.
     6. Email and forum used to conclude this matter

- Midland storage
  i. Need people to volunteer to help move items out of our Midland storage space. Volunteers so far include Nicola, Liam, Cam, Adam, Ben R.
  ii. Email sent out in the near future.

- Props from Seuss & Hyde will be obtained from Kat, Adam and Cam at some point in the near future.
  i. In the future, organise some kind of coordinated strategy for the disposal and organisation of props after Bump Out.

- Be aware of future renovations to Cameron Hall and developing a contingency plan for our items in storage in this event.

- Some people compliment Nicola’s hair. Nicola’s hair declines.

- Lois nominates Ash to tell a hilarious story. Ash accepts.
  i. Ash thinks “Joe’s Party” refers to “Jo’s Party”, and pretends that she is invited.

Meeting close: 9:35pm.