Chorlton Players Committee Meeting 17th July 2025

Attendees: Paul Bluer, Lolly Chant, Rohan Shenoy, Luis Escorihuela, Steve Lewyckyj, Tony Morgan, Annie Wallace, Tom Baker

Apologies: Rob Hall

Agenda

1. AGM minutes sign-off
2. Panto 2026
3. Audition process feedback
4. Christmas Party
5. Website updates
6. AOB

AGM minutes sign-off – duly signed off

Actions:

- LC to distribute minutes
- AW to update website with concession for Blue Light Member

Panto 2026 - Committee was due to hear a pitch but the candidate had to withdraw. Further comms will be sent to encourage pitches and expressions of interest. Contingency plans were discussed in case no-one comes forward, with a deadline of 31st July for submissions, pitches due to be heard Tuesday 5th August

Actions:

- PB to email membership asking for pitches to come forward

Audition process feedback - feedback was submitted by a member of the group regarding the current audition structure. The committee discussed the suggestions raised but ultimately felt that it was up to individual directors to decide how to run the process. However all directors will be encouraged to offer reasonable accommodations to anyone who asks for any reason, for example auditioning separately or via video.. A member of committee will be present at auditions to help welcome new members and explain the process to them. For the next round of auditions we will experiment with signs asking those preparing to audition to keep noise to a minimum, and committee will also keep on eye on noise levels

Actions:

- PB to liaise with director of the next show (Alice Steen) to make sure these details are communicated
- LC to create signs

Christmas Party – date agreed as December 13th following poll of members. TB is looking at venues with a couple of suggestions put forward by the committee. Strong preference is being given to those with a later licence. Budget was discussed but will be signed off once venue is secured. Committee also thanked TB for organising the picnic social on Saturday 12th July

Actions:

- TB to investigate venue options and update committee

Website update – AW and RS have updated box office system, so that information can be entered in real time by FOH and a manual will be produced for those using it. The system is optimised for mobile and iPad, with equipment donated by AW and Simon Butler for use. The main CPADS website has also been updated to display better on mobile devices, with the changes pushed to live after agreement. SL raised ongoing issues with delivery rate of the mailing list; further investigation is needed on the causes of this before it can be resolved.

Actions:

- AW to produce user manual for box office system
- SL and AW to try alternate means of sending mailing list, follow up actions to be discussed following results

AOB – Committee has been notified of a change of management at the Spread Eagle and will proactively reach out to ensure the smooth relationship continues and there are no changes to our agreements with them. Proposal by LC to investigate production of CPADS merchandise, e.g. hoodies and t-shirts. LE organising an Open Day for potential new members on Wednesday July 30th at the Spread Eagle. St. Werburgh's Hall have confirmed they are happy for licence requests to be submitted for the full year rather than show by show

Actions:

- LC and RS to meet with Spread – may also ask Jo Bryan to attend due to existing relationship
- LC to bring proposal for merchandise to next meeting
- LC to submit licence requests to SWH

Date of next meeting agreed as Tuesday 5th August for pitches