

**Present:**

- Harry Clements (*President*)
- Nieve Fay (*Vice President*)
- Ben White (*Treasurer*)
- Nathan Langford (*Social Secretary*)
- Nicole Antoine (*Equality and Wellbeing Officer*)
- Sam Sayan (*Communications Officer*)
- Adèle Carr (*External Opportunities Officer*)
- Liam Carty-Howe (*Alumni Representative*)



**In Attendance:**

- Naomi Fallon (*Secretary*)

**1 - Apologies:**

- Abi Wander (*Social Secretary*)

**2 - Actions Update:**

- ACTION Sam: update the MTB website- Done
- ACTION Adèle and Liam: Send headshots to Sam in black and white- Done
- ACTION Committee: Send Abi the TikTok video- Ongoing
- ACTION Committee: Send Abi the letter photo- Done
- ACTION Ben, Abi, Nathan: Committee/ Members Merch- Ongoing
- ACTION Ben: Announce the winning Charity and reach out to them to let them know!
- ACTION Sam: Put the charity logo on the website.
- ACTION Harry: Ask the SU about the banner!
- ACTION Harry and Nicole: Meet to write the Equalities Action plan.
- ACTION Nathan: Put out the poll for Society Merch.
- ACTION Committee: Fill out availability form for Welcome Fair.

**3 - Treasurer's Report:**

- Ben: It's the first month that we've actually made money in a long time. Eight new freshers, who are new to the society, have bought membership!
- It's a marginal victory but we did make money this month, woo!!
- Harry: We should get some more money once the SU has done the Loco invoice.
- Ben: The charity form had 14 responses and the winner is ... Travelling Lights, which is a Bristol based Children's charity that provides access to theatre through performances and workshop groups!
- ACTION Ben: Announce the winning Charity and reach out to them to let them know!
- ACTION Sam: Put the charity logo on the website.

**4 - Balloon Accreditation Scheme:**

- Harry: Not much has happened, but we have 5 out of 18 currently.
- Once the equality report is done we'll get another one!
- Harry: They haven't spoken up about the banner yet :(
- ACTION Harry: Ask the SU about the banner!

## 5 - Workshops Update:

- Adèle: The Give It A Go! Session will be an 'Acting Through Dance' Zoom workshop and it will hopefully be the weekend after Freshers Fair.
- Adèle: We made a group chat with Meryl to ask her to run it, but think that the group got hidden in her requests, so Liam has messaged her individually to see if she responds.
- If there is no response from Meryl we still want an alumni-led Give It A Go!
- The Give It A Go is the main priority at the moment, but then later we will have another Zoom workshop.
- Adèle: Want to hold an in person workshop, but this depends on room bookings.
- Adèle will make a poll on the freshers page to see what workshops they want this term.

## 6 - Alumni Update:

- Liam: As Adèle said I've messaged Meryl about the Give It A Go! I've also been in contact with Ruth, who is keen to do a regular alumni workshop and she will have a think about what this could involve.
- Liam is doing the last touches on his alumni newsletter and it looks beautiful!!

## 7 - Socials Update:

- The first social has been announced and will be a family social at La Rocca on the 15th October!!
- Event link:  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/5035082033172259/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A%229%22%2C%22ref\\_notif\\_type%22%3A%22plan\\_user\\_invited%22%2C%22action\\_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D&notif\\_id=1601837791528575&notif\\_t=plan\\_user\\_invited&ref=notif](https://www.facebook.com/events/5035082033172259/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A%229%22%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3A%22plan_user_invited%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D&notif_id=1601837791528575&notif_t=plan_user_invited&ref=notif)
- To sign up to be in a family...  
<https://forms.gle/Y7CPU79qvKeprT3s7>
- Nathan: There are a few things in the pipeline. We're currently talking to Revolution and La Rocca (Encore PAF night) about socials this term!!

## 8 - Society Diversity:

### 8.1 Equality Report Responses

- Nicole: There were 30 responses and it was posted 3 or 4 times on the facebook page. The general consensus was really positive!
- The feedback on discrimination in the society was that there was an unspoken agreement that this behaviour is just not tolerated.
- The responses on what more the society could do to combat discrimination was to cast all roles race/ gender blind and encourage more minority groups to audition.
- It was also suggested for MTB to have workshops to help educate ourselves more on the discrimination found in the theatre industry.
- The feedback on communication with our members was really positive with people feeling that the facebook posts, meeting minutes and instagram kept them updated, but to improve members want to see more things on the youtube and other social medias, more emails, newsletters and to open up committee meetings.
- Nicole: Some of the negatives are things we have spoken about before, such as, more transparency around casting and more non-auditioned opportunities for all members.

- People said that there can be cliques and sometimes there can be a divide between people in a main show and people in cabarets and we want to bridge this gap and bring the society together more as a whole. This could be done with more socials.
- Harry: Last year there weren't many socials, so there was no bridge between different casts, but with two socials this month hopefully it can be alleviated.
- Another negative thing mentioned was nepotism in casting.
- Harry: Nepotism is a hard thing to combat as a lot of people in the society are friends, but it can give a strange bias without realising.
- Nicole: Yes it's very difficult as everyone could think of their friends more favourably.
- Harry: We will tell production teams to pick the person for the role.
- Nieve: We will be in the Showcase casting meeting, so if it is obviously friendship groups being cast, we can interfere.
- Nicole: Other suggestions were about increasing our society diversity by reaching out to and collaborating with the BME network and skill swap workshops.

## 8.2 Action Plan

- **ACTION Harry and Nicole: Meet to write the Equalities Action plan.**

## 9 - Preparations before TB1:

### 9.1 Welcome Fair

- Harry: It's online this year and we're with dramsoc, we have our flyer, poster and video and there will be a few of us logged in at same time (probably 3).
- **ACTION Committee: Fill out availability form for Welcome Fair.**
- There is a chat room for texting and people also have the option to video call.

### 9.2 Website

- Sam: Everything will be finished before the Welcome Fair and the aesthetics will be done gradually after.
- Harry: We originally wanted a section for freshers to look at and that can be seen on every page or just a separate one.
- Sam: There is one but it's currently hidden, because there's nothing on it.
- Harry: Can include facebook page, newsletter, promo video, info on the next social, Give It A Go session and the fresher rep role.
- Adèle: Promo video is done, but the behind the scenes one is in the works.
- Nieve: The committee pictures look glitchy on mobile sites.
- Harry: We can go to Catt for any problems with that.

## 10 - TB1 Plans:

### 10.1 Room bookings

- Harry: We're a society that relies on ad hoc bookings, but ad hoc bookings have been banned for TB1.
- Harry has sent the SU lots of different hours to see if we can get more regular slots in a mix of big and small rooms and we will hear back from the SU by Tuesday.
- The SU opens on Monday with the reduced hours of weekdays 8am- 8pm and weekends 10am- 4pm :o
- Harry: We can't use any rooms till 12th October anyway and we do have our regular room booking of AR5.
- Once room bookings are sorted, we can look more into the Winston Cabaret properly.
- If ad hoc booking is still not available in TB2 it could affect Showcase quite a lot.

- There will also hopefully be a Winter Cabaret in December and Newbies at the start of TB2.
- Harry: Just playing everything by ear at the moment. Nieve and I will make some contingency plans for Showcase. There may need to be more online performance opportunities.
- Nieve: If there's no newbies cabaret this term, they can do a multitrack instead in TB1, just so that there is something for freshers.

## 11 - Showcase V:

- RESERVED

## 12 - MTB Merch:

### 12.1 Society Merch

- Nathan: We will start doing this next week and going to get them from Shirt Tales (where the legally merch was from), local and great quality!
- Nathan: I'll put out a poll to see what people want.
- Ben: Best not to have too many items, as it can get pricey!
- Nicole and Nieve want a  $\frac{3}{4}$  zip fleece!
- Nathan will make a poll and pick the top three or four items.
- **ACTION Nathan: Put out the poll for Society Merch.**

### 12.2 Committee Merch

- Nathan: We will also make a committee poll soon.
- This will just be teal t-shirts with our name and job on the back.

## 13 - IUMTF:

- Harry: No big updates here, but think it will be unlikely that SU's will allow teams to travel to other Uni's.
- This means it could be online again!
- We could film something in person rather than a multitrack if that's possible near the time.
- This will be on the backburner until the new year.

## 14 - Into The Woods Update:

- RESERVED

## 15 - AOB:

### 15.1 Sam: Do we want committee bio's on the website?

- Yesss would be cute!

### 15.2 Nieve: Meet the Committee posts

- Post every day on facebook about someone.
- Also want to do a meet the committee tik tok!!

## 16 - Musical of the Week:

- Singing in the Rain
- Will it ever stop raining D: