

Seagull Theatre Club EGM Monday 18th April 2016

Minutes

Attendees:

Edwin Mascorn	EM (Chair)
Taraneh Jahanpour	TJ (Sec)
Lee Johnson	LJ (Interim Treasurer)
Roz Fallon	RF (committee member)
Jo Bartlett	JB (committee member)
Richard Boakes	RB (committee member)
Nick Wright	NW
Wendy Moore	WM
Tom Meneghello	TM
Roger Lee	RL
Diana Bettinson	DB
Peter Mason	PM
Linda Howard	LH
Mary Hunt	MH
Gary Woolerton	GW
Richard Melchior	RM
Annie Marler	AM
Karen Read	KR
Dave Higgins	DH

Apologies:

Becca Martin, Marion Small, Steve Elliott.

Chair's Report

EM acknowledged recent productions and thanked club members for their participation and support for recent productions.

Raised the idea of producing some site-specific, touring performances. Described his view of the club as an alternative to other local groups, the 'Channel 4' of the local theatrical offer.

Future production plans are

- Coward's Hay Fever,
- The Effect,
- Absurd Person Singular.

Since initial discussions to put on Hay Fever EM has learned that Agnes Lillis is directing a production of this for October.

Changes to the constitution were explained.

Questions to the chair:

Tom M: Aren't the things he mentioned at the end set by the new committee? Yes.

Is this meeting the AGM? Yes.

Wendy M: What defines an honorary member? Lifetime free membership.

Secretary's Report

TJ stated there had been a hiatus for time since the previous AGM.
Committee has reviewed the constitution.
TJ invited as many people as she could think of for the EGM.
No paid up members.

Treasurer's Report

LJ has stood as treasurer by default as HSBC has not removed his name from the bank account.

- Blitzed was the biggest profit making production in the club's recent history, generating £1076.
- A Kick in the Baubles netted £870.
- Wind in the Willows made a profit of £710
- An Evening of Pinter took £521.10 but made a loss of around £100

Rights for the August production of Lord of the Flies cost £584.82p

The account balance 12 months ago was £2973.98p, it currently stands at £2373.84p
Members' Fees will go some way to improving the balance.

Question to the Treasurer:

Nick W: Does the committee have any plans to have the accounts audited?

ACTION: LJ will arrange to have accounts audited.

Peter M added that it does not have to be done professionally.

Karen Read

Took over management of the Seagull Theatre in 2015. She is committed to building bridges, overcoming differences and bringing people back to the theatre. She has recognised the requirement to maintain the Hut and the challenges that posed to the club.

With that in mind she has worked out a way to bring the Hut under the responsibility of the theatre. Leading with a Men's Shed group she proposes to make better use of the Hut during the daytimes. If the current bid for this project is successful there will be funds to make major improvements to the building, including fixing the roof and updating the heating system.

Election

Number of people casting votes: 17

Result:

Edwin Mascorn – Chair

Taraneh Jahanpour – Secretary

Lee Johnson - Treasurer

Jo Bartlett – General

Richard Boakes –General

Roz Fallon – General

Rebecca Martin – General

Date of next AGM

Thursday 20th April 2017