



Minutes of A.G.M. 10th July 2018 8pm.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** D Bill, J Crebbin, T Furness, M Copsey, J Ratcliffe
- 2. Minutes of 2017 AGM.** Minutes available online and circulated WP and JB approved and seconded..
- 3. Chairman's Report.** Available online.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** Copies of the Audited accounts were handed out by Samuel Maurice as Treasurer. The accounts were audited by Peter Taylor who is independent to both the society and to the Treasurer. A brief summary and a breakdown of the years productions was given. The Treasurer stated all productions during the financial year had shown a profit, membership monies were up from last year. P Taylor happy to audit next year but will be agreed at committee level to reappoint.
- 5. Auditors Report**
P Taylor happy to submit to Charities Commission. Nothing further to add.
- 6. Membership Report**
Highlighted within Chairman's report. 202 paid members. Not too much to report back. Advised of a new system that is GDPR compliant and an effective way of communication text messages etc. MC looking into this.
- 7. Elections.** The Chairman read out the nominations received for Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer: These positions being for one year as per the constitution.
For Chairman – L Brennan, Secretary – C Egerton, Treasurer – S Maurice
Since no other alternative nominations had been received it was proposed they be re-elected. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman then advised the meeting that due to the Society becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation there were 2 spaces available on the committee with 3 people having been nominated for the positions. JB proposed that all 3 be voted on to the committee Richard Ryder seconded. Carried unanimously.

8. Past and Future Productions.

Again this point was highlighted within the Chairman's Report.

Discussion was held around Next Generation. The floor was advised that a document has been drafted dealing with the official JOD of the Artistic Director. Confirmed that there was a legal obligation on someone who sits on the board cannot gain from the society therefore GJ would step down as a committee member.

Anne Frank – challenged of a show – JB and NB were thanked for their assistance.

GJ confirmed the success of the Lowry and confirmed the feedback we received was fantastic. Agreed that we should do the showcase again next year.

9. A.O.B.

Points were raised with regards to the changes being made in pursuit of MAODS. Namely the change re Next Gen. LB confirmed that MAODS will have 100% control and will have the final say. Due to our Charitable status and in order to operate legally we must govern next gen.

- NG – plays and showcases @ Studio agreed that these are technically a disaster as Walkways not being used correctly .
- More money is to be invested on sound. We do however need people to operate it. discussions around training new people to operate the mics. Also suggested that we do more workshops however it was recognised that we have limited capacity and resources when putting on three productions a year and given the fact that the majority of the committee are in full time work with young families. It was recognised that we have to be realistic with our time.

PD suggested we reach out to colleges for their craft of light and sound. Suggested we should train students on the most up to date equipment however the value to students it was agreed was questionable.

- Margaret Perkins highlighted the issues with Chaperones during show week. She felt the children didn't know that the Chaperones were a legal requirement. We should have 1 either side of the stage 1 in the dressing room and 1 spare. Agreed that we do not have enough mal chaperones.

Agreed that a briefing should be given to young people advising what they are what they do and what the child needs to do.

Agreed we should invest in chaperone t-shirts.

Confirmed that we had 10 chaperone licences in place as committee members.

- Representatives to attend AGMS of each group we are in. JB willing to go to some but not all. Agreed however that this should be reciprocated by them coming to our AGM.
- Banners – confirmed that not having as many banners HAS NOT had a negative impact on ticket sales. Confirmed that we as the committee are given decision to make and this decision was made democratically to lose some banners.
- Discussions were had around the “Opt in” to our mailing list due to GPDR. It was reiterated that most things in this century are no digitally driven. We have a database of 1950 people. It was pointed out that an Amdram society was charged £35K for breaching GDPR. It was confirmed that we had dealt with the new GDPR regulations in a timely and efficient manner.
- The commitment of the committee was congratulated. JF confirmed that GJ did a brilliant job with the Lowry Showcase and that we should out way above the rest.

The Chairman requested that the newly elected trustees stay behind for a short while to arrange the next GC meeting and complete New Trustee Details Form.

As there was no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and brought the meeting to a close at 9.10pm.

Claire Egerton – Hons Sec