



Minutes of Annual General meeting

February 4th 2008, 8.00 pm
Brampton Church Hall

PRESENT: Michael Black, Peter Welsh, Caroline Harbord, John Morgan, Ronald Stevenson, Ann Monk, Chris Topham, Annie Welsh, Mark Lamberth.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Carol Wadey, Kelly Mason, Jeanette Brown, Kevin Webb, Richard Meredith, Roy Bellass, Mark Hebert, Jacquie Spencer.
2. **MINUTES OF LAST AGM:** Agreed to be an accurate record. Proposed by **JM**, seconded by **RS**.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** (*items not elsewhere on agenda*). None.
4. **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Was distributed around the group.
5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** All covered within the Chair's report.
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** **RS** reported that the current bank balance stands at £1,916 as at the 7th January. It has been a good financially, with a healthy bank balance even after a donation of £1,000 to lights at the Commemoration Hall and the purchase of display boards for £140. **RS** noted that our fixed costs amount to c. £350 per annum, before putting on any productions. It was also noted that for the current production rehearsal costs have increased significantly because of using a rehearsal space in Huntingdon. It was agreed to poll the cast after the production to see if the increased cost (c. £140) was worth it. **Action: New committee.**
7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**
Chair: **AW** proposed **MB**, seconded by **ML**. Elected.
Vice-Chair: **JM** proposed **CW**, seconded by **AM**. Elected.
Treasurer: **AW** proposed **RS**, seconded by **ML**. **MB** proposed **KM**, seconded by **AM**
A ballot was held and **KM** won by a small margin. Elected. The committee thanked **RS** for all his work to date as Treasurer.
Secretary: **AW** proposed **CH**, seconded by **JM**. Elected.
8. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:** The following were voted on to the committee as ordinary members: **AM, RM, RS, JM**.
9. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:** It was agreed to ask Richard Allen to check the accounts.
10. **HYT REPORT:** None as **RL** absent.
11. **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2008:** These will increase to £12 as they have not increased for several years, and they need to cover the fixed costs referred to in the Treasurer's Report. **CT** asked that we document who is liable to pay subs and who should be exempt. **Action: New committee.**
12. **AOB:** **ML** requested to hand over the newsletter. **JM** volunteered to make it part of his role as website editor. The committee thanked **ML** for all his work to date on the newsletter.

CT raised an objection to the funds allocated to the Mayor's charities on the opening night of the autumn production, and felt that this had not been made clear enough to members of the club in advance of the production. A debate followed regarding the value derived from the charity evening and it was felt that

advantages had been gained although some of these were intangible and couldn't be measured in terms of bottom line profit. It was agreed that the amount charged to the Mayor didn't cover our costs for that night's production.

CT requested that the minutes of all committee meetings be made available to members. It was agreed to post them on the website. **Action: JM**

CT requested that the club should invest in a new sound board / a lighting board to avoid having to borrow these items. JM reported that discussions were ongoing with HYT and Panto '89 regarding joint purchases. **Action: carried forward for new committee.**