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Minutes 2009 AGM **30/12/2009 7:30pm**

1. Attendance

Present: Elaine Bishop (Chair 2009), Hannah Coleman (Sec 2009), Adam Bishop (Tres 2009), Rowena Perry, Cathryn Garner, Daniel Kingston, James Coleman, Leonie Spilsbury, Daniella Ord, Luke Musson, Sophie Knowles, Anna Wilson, Josh Lee

Non-members present: Louise Hull, Richard Baker, Harriet Bunting

Apologies: Stephen Blanchard, Roy and Sue Coleman (Patron 2009), Mary and Eric Duggan (Patron 2009), Steph and Jon Bishop (Patron 2009), Lucy Kierl, Tim Williams (MD 2009), Rosie Clifford, Caroline Stevenson, Vicky King

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Daniel proposed, Elaine seconded.

3. Chair's report

Elaine expressed her thanks to the whole society for their hard work over the past year, especially through some difficult circumstances. She commented that the standard of the production was, if possible, even higher than last years.

Elaine had mentioned we had learnt a lot from the problems faced this year. We will now receive post-dated cheques from each cast member for £30, which will only be cashed if we do not receive a score back from them, or if they do not complete the show.

She expressed her thanks to the committee for being so supportive this year, especially to Hannah who had to deal with the problems while she and Adam were on honeymoon.

Another thanks to the production team – Hannah, Sophie and Tim. Again, especially due to the last minute change of circumstances, and the fact the chair and tres disappeared for the show!

A special thank you must go to Roy and Sue Coleman, who kindly give up their house, costume making abilities, FoH help and general support for the last year. Similarly thanks to Steph and Jon Bishop for their help with the show, and any other parents who helped during the show week.

Thanks to Christ Church for letting us invade the hall for our rehearsals and other events.

Elaine mentioned the NODA Award 2008 that we won for Hot Mikado. Well done to all involved.

Also, how great it is to see so many of our members performing in other shows and with other societies.

We have had lots of Patrons this year, but we would like to see more – please ask anyone you know! Our fundraising has also been excellent this year – we need to keep that up for next year!

4. Treasurer's report

Last year we closed the year with £691.30. This year we closed with £1354.77. This was mainly due to fundraising, as the show just about broke even. This year we sold more tickets, programmes and raffle tickets – but not as many tickets as we would have liked. So, next year we need to publicize even better. Patrons are an excellent way of getting more people to see the show, and make a little bit of money. Daniel

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pointed out that we should shop around for Sound and Lights as they are a big part of our expenses. Please let us know if we can get sponsorship from any shops or people.

A discussion about membership fees was opened to the society. It was decided for 2010 membership would be £15 per person. This was proposed by Anna, Seconded by Luke and voted NEM CON.

It was also voted that Roger Baker should remain our auditor – Daniella proposed, Sophie seconded – voted NEM CON.

5. Director's Report

- Show was fabulous – despite the technical and directing challenges. Hannah expressed her pride in the cast performing so well – especially in the round and with only a week's rehearsal.
- She thanked the committee for their support – especially Elaine and Adam who kindly went away show week and left her to it!
- We got amazing reviews from both NODA and the journal, and have received 4 extra patrons off the back of the show – all this proves what a superb show it was!
- Special thanks to Tom, Josh and Rosie for re-learning parts and performing so well at short notice.
- Hannah thanked Tim and Soph for all their help, and cannot wait for next year!!

6. Next Show

In November, the committee discussed many shows, but it was chosen to be 'A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum'. The Production team will be the same as for The Boy Friend. Hannah spoke a little bit about the show and the rehearsal structure – same as last year. Auditions will be the 3 July, rehearsals the 17 – 22 August with the show week 23 – 28 August. Two music rehearsals will be the 2 and 10 August as this year.

7. Next Committee

Hannah explained a little bit about the different positions. She also mentioned that we should ideally have mainly over 18s on the committee, and you should consider people's previous commitments before voting.

Chair:

- *Nominated:* Sophie Knowles *Proposed:* Elaine Bishop, *Seconded:* Daniella Ord
- *Nominated:* Daniel Kingston, *Proposed:* James Coleman, *Seconded:* Richard Baker

Sophie was appointed

Secretary:

- *Nominated:* Cathryn Garner, *Proposed:* Daniella Ord, *Seconded:* Elaine Bishop

Cathryn was appointed, NEM CON

Treasurer:

- *Nominated:* Elaine Bishop, *Proposed:* Adam Bishop, *Seconded:* Anna Wilson

Elaine was appointed, NEM CON

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Communication's Officer:

- *Nominated:* Anna Wilson, *Proposed:* Luke Musson, *Seconded:* Daniel Kingston

Anna was appointed, NEM CON

NPOs (x3)

All were proposed by Elaine Bishop, seconded by Hannah Coleman

- Luke Musson
- Daniella Ord
- Harriet Bunting
- Daniel Kingston
- Adam Bishop
- Richard Baker
- Kerry Smith

Luke, Adam and Richard were appointed

8. Fundraising

After the success of this years carol singing, we will DEFINITELY be doing that again!

Luke mentioned that he would be doing a bungee jump for charity, and could perhaps give some money to GYTS. The next committee shall sort this.

Josh asked if we could enter a swimarathon team. Josh will organize it for us – committee to co-ordinate, and Cathryn shall enter a team. Hannah pointed out that we could also ask for some of the money from the swimarathon. Elaine will also see about organizing another bag pack. It was pointed out that if we organize things, we need people to attend them. Josh also mentioned that we could hire out gravity for an evening, and make some money from that – Elaine to talk to Josh about it.

9. AOB

- Events – all member have been given an events list for next year. These include workshops and concerts. Hannah mentioned organizing a concert of Cinderella for next Christmas.
- The website was discussed – perhaps have more photos of us on the banners etc? Anna to look into.
- It was mentioned that Dave Bauer productions may be looking to perform a show at the same time as us. Elaine stated that we had already booked our event and venue etc, so we cannot move our show. We hope that we do not have to 'compete' with another similar show, as general feeling is that everyone should be encouraged to do as many shows as possible. Audiences etc would suffer for both shows if they tried to compete.

Meeting closed 9.05pm

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