



2021 AGM Minutes

Monday 01 March 2021
7.30 pm on line meeting
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Welcome to everyone from all members of the Committee

Apologies: Lisa Green, Lee Smith, Gemma McDonald, Carole and David Metcalfe

Committee Member Attendees: - Alison Ashton, Marie-Louise Surgenor, Helen Woodall, Paul Mantle, Sam Woodall, Graham Smith, Howard Ella, Leni Ella and Tammy Banks.

Attendees: - Nigel Metheringham, Chris Higgins, Jeanette Hunter, Martyn Hunter, Geoff Walker, Hannah King, Sophie Abbott, Sam Richardson and Sian Walshaw.

Howard led the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. It is worth noting that currently the Covid-19 virus is still having an effect on day-to-day living. Theatres remain closed as the country is still in lockdown.

Review of the 2020 AGM minutes

Howard talked us through last year's minutes, which we all agreed were correct. Helen Woodall proposed and Alison Ashton seconded.

Summary of 2020 Season

Our year started badly as we were dealing with the aftermath of the fire at our workshop in Murton. In line with the requirements of our insurance and Constitution, Committee members signed up to the new membership scheme via membership - mojo. The plan was to roll this out to everyone during the course of the year. However, as theatres remain closed and we had no shows, this did not happen so our membership at present is just the committee members.

We hope the rollout will happen during the coming year. The cost is £10 for the year from when you sign up and you must be a member to work with us or take part in any of our shows. Once you become a member, you can add show fees to your membership account. We will send the link to anyone wishing to join.

The Committee agreed that in view of the unusual circumstances, all those present at the meeting tonight could vote on any issues arising.

2020 Season

The plan for the year was to do *The Missing Peace* by Ian Donaghy and Panto. However, these did not happen and for the first time in a very long time, we did not put on any shows. The fire at Murton meant that we had to rebuild the store and in some respects, the pandemic gave us the time we needed to get this sorted.

We still plan to do *The Missing Peace* - hopefully in 2022.

Financial Accounts

Marie talked us through the finances, details of which are available on a separate sheet and available to us all. Our bank balance is looking healthy at £31,837.77.

The fire forced us to have a clear out at the store. We had to buy all new tools. The kitchen area has now been rebuilt so we hope to have it all up and running in about 3 weeks.

Everyone was happy with the accounts, proposed by Leni Ella, 2nd by Helen Woodall.

2021 Season

16 - 18 July - *A Brief History of York - The Musical*, by Howard Ella and Andy Welch

Auditions and rehearsals start soon and we will confirm the dates during next weeks Committee Meeting.

24 - 25 September - *Spider's Web* by Agatha Christie

This might be our first production this year, depending on how the current rules are relaxed. Howard Ella will be directing this.

4 - 11 December - *Dick Whittington*, by Howard Ella and Andy Welch

It's ready but we need a read through when the restrictions ease. Doing this via Zoom is not practical because of the time delay that sometimes happens.

We plan to do *Cinderella* in 2022.

We are waiting for the theatre to confirm a fundraiser in April, which will be a series of monologues.

Committee Elections

There are no resignations.

- Secretary – Alison Ashton was re-elected to the role.
- Treasurer – Marie –Louise Surgenor was re-elected.

Chair person will be elected at the next Committee meeting and other committee members will be co-opted on.

The rest of the committee remains the same and we hope they will continue in their current roles as follows:-

Marie - Finance

Alison - Secretary

Paul - Technical/Stage Manager

Leni, Gemma and Helen - Marketing

Tammy - Safeguarding

Lee and Sam - Technical, Stage and Production Assistant

Helen - Panto Company Manager

Gemma - Social Secretary

Leni and Lisa - General Assistance

We currently have vacancies for committee members so please let us know if you would like to join us.

Awards

No awards for the William Wallace Cup or The Joan Sadler Shield this year as no shows took place.

A O B

It would seem that this was the first time that some people received an email notification about the AGM. We were not aware there was a problem with this so we will look into the matter and see what steps to take to make sure everyone is informed.

Jim Hammond, a huge advocate of Rowntree Players and member for over 40 years passed away recently. He won the William Wallace Cup three times for best performance of the season. His funeral takes place on 11 March. He will be sadly missed and there will be a tribute to him in the panto programme.

Thank you to everyone for attending tonight's meeting and for your continued support.

The next AGM will take place during March 2022.