



2023 AGM Minutes

Monday 20 March 2023

7.30 pm @ Door 84, Lowther Street, York

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Welcome to everyone from all members of the Committee

Apologies: Lisa Green, Tammy Banks, Gemma McDonald, Paul Mantle, Christine Rigg, Nigel Metherringham, Sian Walshaw

Committee Member Attendees: - Marie-Louise Surgenor, Helen Woodall, Howard Ella, Graham Smith, Alison Ashton, Lee Smith and Leni Ella

Attendees: - Jeanette Hunter, David and Carole Metcalfe, Joe Marucci, Mark and Sam Lofthouse, Jamie McKellar and Laura Simcox

Housekeeping/ fire safety

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Howard led the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Review of the 2022 AGM minutes

The committee went through the main points of the 2022 AGM, which we all agreed were correct. Leni Ella proposed and Helen Woodall seconded.

Review of Constitution

There are no changes to the constitution but we are looking at changes to the committee structure for next year. We would like to include attending festivals and play readings both of which the society has carried out in the past.

2022 Season

27th - 29th January 2022 - **The Missing Peace** - by Ian Donaghy - Adapted and Directed by Gemma McDonald

31st March - 2nd April 2022 - **Sex, Drugs Rick n Noel** by David Tristram - Directed by Graham Smith.

3rd - 10th December 2022 - **Babes in the Wood** - Written and Directed by Howard Ella.

A good year with no major events (such as fire or pandemic) interrupting proceedings! The charity collection at panto raised £1092.06 for Family Fund who have thanked us for the donation.

Sex, Drugs, Rick n Noel was hard to sell as it is not a well know play and was quite a financial loss. Panto did well and ticket sales are improving after Covid.

Financial Accounts

Marie talked us through the finances, details available on a separate sheet (attached) and available to us all.

Sex, Drugs, Rick n Noel. We did the musical version, which was more expensive to put on and although it did well, it made a loss of £3,389.88. It proves that known titles are the ones that sell.

Panto did well making a profit of £16,155.65. We have invested in some costumes, the cost of which will be spread over this year and next. As is always the case, the profit from panto allows us to do plays. However, with costs rising as they are, we will need to look at our ticket prices. We all agreed the accounts were correct. Graham Smith proposed and Lee Smith seconded.

2023 Season

16 - 18 March - Teechers by John Godber and directed by Jamie McKeller. We have just finished this excellent production, which looks like it may break even in terms of costs.

13 - 15 July - Look Back In Anger by John Osborne and directed by Sue Hawes. Auditions for this will take place on 30 April.

09 - 16 December - Cinderella, Written and directed by Howard Ella and Gemma McDonald. Writing has started.

We are hoping to do two plays in 2024. The Woman in Black has now finished touring so the license should be available soon. It would be a good one to do around Halloween time.

Committee Elections

There are no resignations.

- Secretary – Alison Ashton was re-elected to the role. Marie-Louise Surgenor proposed and Helen Woodall seconded.
- Treasurer – Marie –Louise Surgenor was re-elected. Leni Ella proposed and Alison Ashton seconded.

The Chairperson will be elected at the next Committee meeting. 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, Alison and Helen - Marketing and social events
Tammy - Safeguarding
Lee - Technical and Backstage Assistants
Helen - Panto Company Manager
Gemma - Social Secretary
Lisa - Liaisons with Door 84

Graham Smith and Mark Lofthouse are both co-opted members of the committee, which leaves a vacancy if anyone would like to join us.

Awards

William Wallace Award - Presented by Carole and David Metcalfe - David and Carole read a lovely review of all the shows from the last year (attached) and presented the award to Joe Marrucci.

Joan Sadler Award - Howard did a short speech and the cup was award to Lee Smith for his set building skills.

A O B

Jamie McKeller asked the committee if he could direct a production of Bouncers by John Godber next year. The committee unanimously accepted Jamie's offer to do this. We need dates for next years productions.

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

The next AGM will take place during March 2024.