



WELWYN THALIANS

RECORD OF AGM

Meeting Venue:	Thalian Hall	Date of Meeting:	24th March 2016	
Time of Meeting:	8.00pm	Duration:	60 minutes	
Chair:	Attendees:	Abbrvs:	Apologies:	Distribution:
Mr Geoff Kite (President)	Executive Committee Members			Members notice board/email

Point

No. Item

- 1. Welcome:**
Peter Dunham welcomed everyone, in particular Geoff Kite. He thanked Dr Goss in his absence for his many years of support.
- 2. Apologies:**
Dr Goss (he sent a donation of £150; Alison has written thanking him)
Tammy Wall
- 3. Last Year's Minutes:**
No matters arising
- 4. Matters arising:**
None
- 5. Chairman's Report:**
Peter stated that this has been a challenging year in terms of how we use and pay for the Hawthorne Theatre, but that we have nevertheless put on two excellent shows. For the first time in a long time we brought in an outside director, followed by a decision by the manager of the Hawthorne to ask us to pay full theatre costs. We subsequently managed to reduce this figure by half for 2015. The rationale behind Guys and Dolls was to attract more men into the society and make new friends and contacts, all of which were achieved. However this was a very expensive show, as more people involved incurred extra costs.
Zoe Jasko resigned as Hon Secretary. Mandy took on the role, then after Guys and Dolls Alison took it over. Peter thanked Alison for carrying out the PA role during Guys and Dolls.
The 2016 Music Hall show is looking good. We are working to attract new charities, and articles put in papers by Emma have increased exposure.
We are confident that we will be able to stage a show at the Hawthorne this year as prices have been frozen.
Peter thanked all the members of the executive committee for their hard work this year.

Proposed: Brian King; seconded Terry Cull.

6. Treasurers Report:

Accounts are drawn up on income and expenditure. They are independently reviewed by Peter Sayers.

Angela stated that the Music Hall charity nights had proved financially viable for all parties. The travelling Music Hall show at Mill Green was so successful that they have requested a return visit, which will take place in June this year.

We have learnt valuable lessons from Guys and Dolls, including financial ones. Unfortunately we decided to pay for an outside director before we knew about rising costs at the Hawthorne. However creatively it was a great success, with reasonable ticket sales. Even with a 50% reduction on theatre costs we still made a significant loss.

Upkeep of the hall continues to account for a large proportion of our expenditure. We remain indebted to the many supporters of the society.

Accounts: We received more membership subscriptions due to our new members, but show fees for all were waived. Guys and Dolls ticket sales were not shown and will appear on next year's accounts. There was a charge of £96 by Dress Circle for lost costumes. There was a query about the contribution from the Isabel Hospice; was it perhaps included in the overall ticket sales? This will be looked into.

There was a massive drop in the cost of our buildings insurance.

Musicians and extra rehearsals requiring pianists added greatly to expenditure.

Total loss of £7,753.27 on Guys and Dolls.

Overall the society made a small profit. The hall just about pays for itself.

Proposed: Louise Bateman
Seconded : Ray Beckman.

7. Secretary's Report:

Mandy gave an entertaining anecdotal reflection of the Music Hall and thanked Peter and Angela for their continued expertise and new ideas. She also thanked all those involved in the successful production of the event; lighting, props, stage management, bar, front of house. The show had included more modern themes, songs and dances and contributed to our continued financial stability. Louise performed her first solo, and Ray his first performance. She thanked Tam and Alison for their contributions to the choreography.

Alison contributed a report on Guys and Dolls where she congratulated our guest director, Linda Dyne on her expertise and creativity, and her part in recruiting so many new members. Our own Thaliens performed superbly, and support from the backstage crew and front of house was excellent. It was a most enjoyable experience for all involved.

Proposed: Jackie Radford
Seconded: Angela

8. Election of Chairman, Officers and members of the Executive Committee:

All committee members were re-elected en masse.

Avril Robinson was elected onto the executive committee. Her role will be decided in due course.

9. Election of Life Members:

n/a

10. Election of Legal Advisor:

To be appointed by the Executive Committee as and when required..

11. Election of Auditor/scrutineer:

Peter Sayers re-elected

12. Resolution to amend rules/new rules:

None

13. AOB:

Louise asked if it would be possible to set up an online booking system for buying Music Hall tickets. This will be considered for next year, but there are implications for insurance. We have had to drop a night for the last two years and will need to advertise if opening it up to the community.

Peter Farrell asked if we could buy the services of a professional fundraiser. A good idea, however cost implications.

14. The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

