



WELWYN THALIANS

RECORD OF AGM

Meeting Venue:	Remotely via Zoom	Date of Meeting:	29 th April, 2021
Time of Meeting:	8.00pm	Duration:	50 minutes
Chair:	Attendees:	Apologies:	Distribution:
Mr Vincent Clemmens	Executive Committee Members	See below	Emailed to members

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No. Item

1. Welcome:

Vinnie Clemmens welcomed everyone

2. Apologies:

Brian King, Mandy sayers, Peter Sayers, Vanessa baker

3. Last Year's Minutes:

No matters arising. Proposed by Martin Lester, seconded by Gill Shaw

4. Matters arising:

None

5. Chairman's Report:

The year 2020 was a challenge, but we have done our best to keep going during the Covid pandemic. Thank you to those on the committee that provided the online activities. We should hopefully be back in the hall soon, although the situation is still a little unclear. We very much hope to be able to put on a show before Christmas. The executive committee continues to work hard to maintain the hall; there have been various sort outs and tidying sessions, including a costume cupboard rehaul. We have some new hirers for the hall, which is good news for our finances. The heating system will soon be overhauled. Many thanks to Angela for her perseverance and negotiations in this respect. We put on an excellent production of Chicago in January, 2020, which was unfortunately our only production of the year.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Pete Dunham, following a period of ill health. Pete was a stalwart of the society, having joined in 1956. He was Chairman for forty years and a committee member for many years also. He was both knowledgeable and helpful in all matters theatre related and Vinnie learnt a lot from him regarding backstage management. All that knew him have fond memories of him and he will be greatly missed.

Proposed: Tammy wall

Seconded: Angela Monaghan

6. Treasurers Report:

(Angela Monaghan)

The accounts have been reviewed by Peter Sayers as scrutineer. Thank you, Peter.

The society has fared fairly well financially, during a tough year.

Discussing the General Income and Expenditure document, Angela stated that the company hiring our parking spaces has generated a small, steady income. We also received a Government grant of £10,000 due to the pandemic.

There had been a fraudulent transaction affecting one of our hirers, which is currently with the financial ombudsman.

The year 2020 ends in profit. Angela highlighted the fundraising achieved by Clive and others in getting donations through advertising for the Chicago programme, as well as the Government grant. In terms of expenditure we managed to keep the costs down on costumes and scenery for Chicago. Also no fish and chips. However the hall maintenance costs remain fairly high.

Speaking about the Fund Accounts, Angela noted a profit of £3,750 for Chicago. We have a high electricity bill which will be addressed this year.

Many thanks to Angela for her hard work this year; this is a big job.

Proposed: Louise Bateman

Seconded: Martin Lester

7. Secretary's Report:

Clive Dancey reported on Chicago, which he stated was his adult directorial debut. He decided from the outset that the casting would be opened up to other societies. Tammy produced amazing choreography. Sara's audition for Velma left the audition panel speechless! Tammy played Roxy, Kat was Mamma, Chris White was Amos, Carl Robinson played Billy, and Mandy performed a very difficult song with her usual aplomb! The set was very fitting for our stage. After a few sleepless nights Clive came up with the idea of strapping poles to chairs for the prison bars. Thanks to Tim and Martin for the bold red lettering of the Chicago sign. Music was provided by the wonderful Dan Ephgrave and his team. Thank you to Carl for a large donation from his company via advertising. This was really appreciated due to the big outlay required for musicians. After a slow start, ticket sales really picked up after Christmas, so much so that there was standing room only by the last night. Thank you to Clifton for the loan and implementation of lighting. Clive said how proud he felt about the show and the amazing audience reaction. In addition a healthy profit of £3, 750.

Proposed: Alison Downes

Seconded: Louise Bateman

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

All committee members were re-elected en masse.

Proposed: Richard

Seconded: Nick

9. Election of Life Members:

None

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

Proposed: Colleen

Seconded: Annette

12. Resolution to amend rules/new rules:

The updated constitution now states that the married status regarding membership fees also applies to those co-habiting. There have been no membership fees charged for 2021. These will resume in January 2022.

13. AOB:

The committee are looking for an additional member to be responsible for, or take on aspects of a Publicity Manager role.

14. The meeting was closed at 20.50

