



WELWYN THALIANS

RECORD OF AGM

Meeting Venue:	Thalian Hall, WGC	Date of Meeting:	25 th April, 2022.
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 .
- 2. Apologies:**
Brian King, Colleen Town, Tammy Wall
- 3. Last Year's Minutes:**
No matters arising. Proposed by Martin Lester, seconded by Adam Beckman
- 4. Matters arising:**
None
- 5. Chairman's Report:**
Mandy appeared on a radio talk show (Pure West radio) to promote our society.
The society is getting back to normal after two years of disruption due to the Covid pandemic.
In September Mandy put on a tribute concert for Peter Dunham, who sadly passed away earlier in the year.
We put on a Christmas show, our first large scale production since Covid.
The heating has been fixed and the hall painted. Tim is in the process of upgrading the stage lighting. We have obtained a grant of £1000 towards a new performance grade stage floor.
The set is looking good for Jack the Ripper- thank you Tim and Martin.
Thank you to the committee for all their hard work this year.
Thank you also to all our members for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Proposed: Avril Robinson
Seconded: Richard Griffiths
- 6. Treasurers Report:**
(Angela Monaghan)
The accounts have been reviewed by Peter Sayers as scrutineer. Thank you, Peter.
We made an £800 profit from the tribute concert for Peter, which was donated to the Garden House Hospice.
We made a small profit from the Christmas show. However, the spiralling cost of fish and chips , and the inconvenience of providing it, means that we will not be providing this at future shows.
The fraud debt has been repaid.
We have let the hall to another dance group.
The upkeep of the hall continues to be a large expenditure, and we are expecting large increases in charges in the coming months.
Our financial position is satisfactory.

Carl asked how we can maximise our profits. Angela replied that we are looking carefully at the type of shows we put on, now that we are concentrating on performing in our own theatre. We are trying to make it into a more attractive space for ourselves and potential hirers. We are always looking for sponsorship, via advertising, as this proved very successful with Chicago.
With ticket sales we are aiming for 75% capacity.

Proposed: Alex Ryde
Seconded: Carl Robinson

**7. Report on tribute concert for Peter Dunham:
(Mandy Sayers)**

This took place on 25th September 2021, and was a celebration of Peter's life. The audience sat around tables and there was a licenced bar. Thalian members sang songs that Peter either loved, or from shows he had been involved in. Hannah Maxwell performed her one woman show, I Am Dram during the first half of the show. She also hosted the second half. Mandy thanked all the participants and Peter Farrell for playing the piano. £800 was raised for the Garden House Hospice. Mandy said that producing this show was a huge help in working through her grief.

Proposed: MJ
Seconded: Annette Leishman

**Report on A Christmas Night to Remember:
(Alison Downes)**

This show was special for participants and audiences alike, as it marked our comeback after the long break due to the pandemic. Directed by Tammy and Alison, co-ordinated by Mandy, accompanied by Peter Farrell (also seen on stage), co-directed by Clive, lit and sound produced by Andy Barker, helped by a host of backstage and front of house crew. A real team effort, with all on stage getting their moment to shine. Expertly hosted by Bob Fergusson. The show comprised solos, duets, men's and ladies' ensemble numbers, sketches, dancing and more. From a personal perspective, Alison had enjoyed having the opportunity to pen some of the lyrics and script, which was very rewarding to see come to life on stage. The icing on the cake was a glowing report from our Noda rep, Vicki Avery. Thank you to everyone involved, and Well done, Welwyn Thilians!

Proposed: Vicki Shaw
Seconded: Peter Farrell

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

All committee members were re-elected en masse.

Martin Lester had been co-opted onto the committee to overhaul our website, and was duly elected formally onto the committee.

Proposed: Peter Sayers
Seconded: Gill Shaw

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

12. Resolution to amend rules/new rules:

Vinnie explained that the committee are in the process of rebranding the society, with the help of Jenny. The membership voted in agreement that we should look into a new name for the society and the theatre, as well as a logo, colour scheme, etc. If changes are suggested, the membership will be consulted and an extraordinary meeting called to take a vote.

There are no new rules to be proposed. We are currently looking at updating the constitution.

13. AOB:

Vinnie congratulated all involved in the recent NODA awards for Chicago (best production and best musical in Eastern District).

14. The meeting was closed at 21.00



