
Meeting opened at 20:02

1. **Apologies:** Sue Grandison *SG* (Chair), Patricia Staley *PS*, Margaret Corry *MC*, Steve Bearpark *SB*, Jean Morgan, James Biddles

Present: Mark Watson-Lee *MWL* (Treasurer), Harry Morrison *HM* (Outgoing Secretary), Juliette Bird *JB* (Newsletter & Incoming Minutes Secretary), Karol Patten *KP* (Incoming Secretary), Bill Wells *BW* (Incoming Chairman), Brenda Le Surf *BLS* (Outgoing Minutes Secretary), George Churchill, Keith Morgan.

Minutes from 2021 AGM: Signed by HM in SG's absence

2. **Club Accounts:** See separate document provided by MWL.

MWL explained: Quiz in 2021 raised funds for club, other events have not broken even. Pandemic is still affecting the club – Brentwood School (usual host for productions) is yet to confirm all their requirements to us going forward, which have changed since the pandemic. Members annual fees are considered as follows: £25 fee, £10 towards each production (usually two per year) and £5 admin fee to the club. 2022 Autumn production was cancelled and some fees refunded, but scripts purchased and will be saved for 2023 Autumn. It costs about £1000 to keep the club running annually. Mark recommends to try and make 2023's planned shows at least break even in the future. But this depends on whether Brentwood School will charge us for use of the facilities now. The 2019 anniversary dinner lost money. We're not in the red but could easily be so. Quiz events have been lucrative, but had to cancel the last two as not many wanted to attend, so we may need to think of other fundraising events.

Accounts were proposed by HM and seconded by George Churchill.

3. **Elect Hon. Treasurer:** All happy to re-elect MWL as treasurer

Chairperson's report: See separate document provided by SG and read by KP.

See also separate document provided and read by HM specifically regarding the 2022 production of Lockdown in Little Grimley update.

Regarding 2023 productions: Graham Poultney would aim to keep cast already chosen for Autumn 2023. Spring 2023 Variation on a theme, directed by June Fitzgearld,

auditions to be held soon. Spring 2024 will hopefully be The Ladykillers. Directed by Louise O'Connor has also been cast but may need to change as this is still 18 months away.

Keith Morgan asked when the 120th Anniversary dinner will be – 2024 – exact date TBC. BW paid tribute to outgoing chairperson SG. Really grateful for all SG has done for the club over the years and very pleased that Sue will remain on the committee as we will continue to benefit from all her great ideas, event organisation and catering skills. SG has very happily accepted the role of a club VP.

4. Elect general club members to the committee:

Elect 11 general members is stated on agenda – review club rules to check this number still appropriate for the club. Proposals for committee members are: BW Chairperson (SG retiring). KP Secretary (HM retiring). MWL Treasurer (see item 3). JB Minutes Secretary (BLS retiring). General committee members: SG, MC, BLS, SB. The proposals above proposed en bloc by George Churchill and seconded by Keith Morgan.

BW stated that he has been a club member for 25 years (invited by Keith Morgan) and is happy to have been on the committee in recent years and to now be chairperson. HM and PS are sad losses to the committee. KP stated that she is happy to be secretary and is happy that HM will provide some mentoring regarding theatrical knowledge as she learns the role.

5. Matters brought forward by the committee:

HM – production instruction documents for all parties involved (cast / crew / front of house etc.) need updating as they are wordy and possibly outdated. To be reviewed at the December committee meeting.

6. Members suggestions for committee's consideration:

Keith Morgan: Set building – who will be in charge now? Committee advise that this is an issue already identified and we are looking for help – with possibly a new potential member coming to the Spring production meeting 2 December, TBC. He has expressed an interest in backstage work. The next two productions planned for 2023 are from directors who traditionally do not want a large set and so this should help us. 2024 we

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hope to perform Ladykillers and the set is complete, with a scale model available to work from, but we would need help with the heavy lifting. Keith stated he is happy to help with sets but no heavy lifting. Committee stated we have to be mindful of the insurance rules at the barn which do not cover anyone over 80. SG gardener can potentially help occasionally, BLS son and son in law can potentially help. Chris Bridgman may be available too sometimes.

Meeting closed at 20:40

Minutes agreed by: _____

Date: _____