

Minutes of the AGM Aberdyfi Players June 11th 2016

Welcome Our Chairman, Louis Hiatt welcomed all those present to the meeting

Apologies were received from the following
Trevor & Izzy Lumley, Sally Hughes, Lisa Daley-Allan, Terry & Ruth Loftus, Colin Grainger, Rachael Cartwright, Annette Pullen, Trish & Mark Jones, Menna Diamond, Elin Williams, Vanessa Hughes, Kelly Watkinson and Sharon Mason.

Minutes Minutes of last years meeting were read and approved. Proposer Mo Richards seconded Alison Sayes.

Matters Arising Des George mentioned that some items were missing from the minutes, eg a list of officers. This would be rectified.
DBS accreditation funding was being withdrawn in September, therefore it was suggested that everyone who needed to be accredited should be done before the deadline.

Chairman's report See attached report.
Clarification was made of his statement that Susie Maslin had retired as children's coordinator and would need replacing. Pam Williams is the children's coordinator and Susie was choreographer. This is the role that needs to be filled. Pam has this in hand. There could be funding from the Arts Council for training in this field and Des George will look into this.

Treasurers Report See attached report.

Election of Executive Committee and Officers.

The Chairman Louis Hiatt, and Vice Chairman Des George agreed to remain in Office. Approved. The Secretary Lisa Daley-Allan has resigned. No one came forward from the meeting to fill this role. These were proposed by Pam Williams Seconded by Helen Williams

The list of Committee membership is as follows:

President Sally Hughes

Chair Louis Hiatt

Vice Chair Des George

Secretary Vacant

Treasurer Debbie Lumley

Members John O'Neill, Angie Sykes Trevor Lumley, Rachael Cartwright
Lisa Daley Allan, Pam Williams, Su Tacey, Elaine Foote, Beth Edwards, Kay Richards.

These were proposed by Kirsty Sanders Seconded by Meurig Lumley

Open Discussion

The society's thanks were expressed to Mike & Brenda Kidman for their compilation and printing of the programme. The Treasurer raised the issue of what constitutes membership. Dai Williams resigned as Membership Secretary and Kay Richards agreed to take over the role. A few people would get together with her and discuss these issues. It was proposed that the ticket prices be raised as we will be initiating a new method of selling tickets. This will be done on-line and we will be charged a fee. The new system was discussed and was generally accepted that it would be a better system. Also the seating for the disabled must be revised following an unfortunate incident last year. It was suggested that we drop the 1st Friday performance as this is poorly attended and instead add a Sunday matinee. This was deferred until next year to see how the on-line system had run for this year. It was proposed that tickets be raised to £8 for Adults and £4 for children. Cast members will still have access to seats a week before they went on general sale.

Proposed Des George Seconded Mo Richards.

The matter of hall bookings was raised by Pam Williams the Neuadd Dyfi booking officer. It is very difficult for her to keep track of when the Players are using the hall outside of their regular bookings. It was proposed that the Players make a block booking fee, this would cover the extra use. An average of the last few years rent was made by the Treasurer and the £5000 was deemed a fair amount. The Treasurer agreed to £5000, paid in five monthly installments of £1000. October through to February.

Neuadd Dyfi Des George said that there is a bid in for funding to put in place Ground source heating to replace our antiquated system and also for air conditioning for the studio. We have reached the second round a decision will be reached in the late summer. The cost will be approximately £100,000.

The Future It was announced that this year's Panto will be Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Elaine Foote to get posters out to announce the Auditions which will be held on 11th & 12th July 6.30 pm in the Neuadd Dyfi. Performances will be 27th & 28th January & 3rd & 4th February.

Any other Business. There being no further discussions the meeting closed at 8.55pm.