

Wells Operatic Society Limited
Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 4th November 2013

COMMITTEE

Kate Lynch (chair), Doreen Grant, Richard Wright, Gerald Eyers, Mark Wall, Pauline Perrin, Sharon Edmonds, Ken Edmonds, Lyn Jones, Norman Cowell, Alisa Creaser, Graham Brown, Sarah Neale and The Mayor of Wells

1. **Apologies** - Graham Brown, Sharon Edmonds, Sarah Neale (late),
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** - agreed
3. **Matters Arising**
 - Hearing loop - **GB ongoing**
 - Divers' Hut repairs – **MW**, needs more details on costs, **ongoing**
 - Update on title deeds/ownership – **RW** waiting to hear, **ongoing**
 - NODA insurance - updating contents insurance, committee agreed to pay a slight increase in premium to cover a more realistic contents limit of £57,000. Look at again when the next premium is due. **RW**
 - Tree – **MW** – works have been done £95 costs
 - Shakespeare's 400th birthday – **KE** local theatre events involving the link with the RSC were limited, the deadline has now passed.
 - Long term plans for renovation, repair and maintenance – **MW & GE ongoing**
 - Orchestra Pit sub-group report - **RW**. Next meeting is Thursday 7th November. After consideration the sub group agreed to go for the full £70,000 +VAT plan. Letters have gone out to various potential supporters and sponsors this will help to identify potential support, and see if it is possible to raise the required amount. Nick Furze is looking at trust funds; we may need to go back to the Arts Council and ask for more. We have to aim to raise £90,000 because the VAT refund is not secure. The small step back is that the water table test hole is filling up with water – we need to wait and see how far.
 - WW1 show – John Little has written and compiled a show which is probably all ready to go to a director for the next step. Committee agreed to email membership and pass the copy of the script around to see if there is an interested director / producer and MD. Potentially we have a slot 24th - 27th Sept 2014. **PP**
4. **Correspondence**

Funeral Hire this Thursday (Patricia Williams) Unwins arranging. **RW** and **GE**
5. **Treasurer's Report – PP**
 - Rumours - £2200 profit so far last bills to pay
 - Pajama Game broke even with a £31 surplus
6. **Membership**
 - Dinner Dance, date to set – **GE** – spoken to Louise Baker who is investigating options. Possible dates are Fri. 25th April, Fri. 2nd May, or possibly Fri. 4th April. **ongoing**
 - **AGM** date – Friday 21st March, 7.30 for 8pm
 - Carnival – Louise Baker and Sarah Briton, £4.50, tickets on the door, Alan H and Irene to provide food. Members have been asked to reply to Louise's email regarding numbers for catering. Guests to be signed in. GE to provide list of drinking members.
 - New Members – Lewis Wyatt – ordinary - Agreed

- Myfanwy Hall – Child fro panto- Agreed

- Thanks to all those involved (Vicky, Nick, Alisa etc) in the excellent murder mystery event, loads of fun and things to do – amazing! About 40 people attended.

7. Publicity

Panto publicity on the way

8. Theatre Renovations

- Roof quotes – **MW ongoing**
- Solar Panels – **NC ongoing**
- New steps / ladders – **MW ongoing**

9. Production/Trifold/Hire

- **Rumours** – Review – very good, successful, well done Doreen.
- **December 14th – 21st 2013 *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* – SE - Directing, Nick Barlow - MD, Vicky Orman - Producer, Charlie Watkins - SM, Sarah Briton - Costume, Sandra Marshall and Cast - Adult Choreography, Ella Upham - Children's choreographer, GB - Lighting, Adrian Mitchell - Sound, FB - Prompt, Lesley Ricketts - Props, Budget – set, Ticket price – **£10, £7**, Rehearsal schedule – **agreed****
- **March 26th – 29th 2014 – *Stepping Out* by Richard Harris – Gerald and Tina Evers directing, ? -Set Design, GB - Stage Manager, PR - Lighting & Sound, ?- Props, ? - Costume, ? – Prompt, Budget - tba, Ticket price – **£10, £8**. Rehearsal schedule - **agreed****
- **May 19th – 24th 2014 – *Into the Woods* - Lois Harbinson – Directing, GB - Producing, Sheila Ross - MD, Catherine Tucker – SM, SN - Choreography, Louise Baker - Costumes, GB - Lighting, Pete Ross - Sound, Emma Longley - Props, Budget – TBA, Ticket Price – TBA, Rehearsal schedule - TBA**
- **September 24th- 27th 2014 – Play or musical? Any volunteers? Have a look at WW1 show.**
- **December 13th - 20th 2014 - Pantomime? Any volunteers?**
- **March 2015 – a play, Any volunteers?**
- **May 2015 - *Spend Spend Spend*, Brian Epps – Directing, RW - Producing, ? Sheila Ross - MD, ? – SM, Carol Applegate - Choreography, ? - Costumes, ? - Lighting, ? - Sound, ? - Props, Budget – TBA, Ticket Price – TBA, Rehearsal schedule – TBA**
- **May 2016 – Ken Edmonds** has suggested that we consider *Kiss Me Kate* as this is the 400th year after Shakespeare's death. Other Shakespeare productions might also be considered for this year. **Ongoing.**

10. Training - ntr

11. Show Reviews

- *From Here to Eternity*, Shaftsbury Theatre London, written by Tim Rice etc. Pearl harbour story, great dancing and movement, gritty story based on the film. Great. GE
- *Romeo and Juliet* at the Royal Opera House – Fab-u-lous! GE
- *As you like it* at Stratford, very good, fast and slick, really good, excellent use of the pause – RW
- *Anything Goes* – WSM – very good, old version (which is a bit tired) - RW
- *A Chorus Line* – Taunton, Tacchi Morris centre, Great production, - SN
- *Strode Golden Gala* - Strode 50th year, – some good bits but not a full representation of their range. Some sections felt under rehearsed and quite weak i.e. the final bow. Some parts seemed more thrown together, KE and MW, SN

12. Any Other Business

- Car park clear up – date set for Sunday 24th November, 10-1. MW to arrange skip. GE to email members.
- Some concerns over the use of the Green Room for storage, the green room is for resting, not using as a work area or to store props etc in there. KE offered a sofa, but it was probably too large. KE MW
- Maybe we need to look at the back sink area for washing and storing brushes etc DG
- Box office volunteers – more needed, 16th Nov training session PP to contact members and ask for volunteers

13. Date of next meeting – Monday 2nd December (Chaired by KE), then 6th January 2014 (Chaired by AC) then, Tues February 4th