

Wells Operatic Society Ltd.
Minutes of the AGM and Members Social Evening
Friday 25th March 2022

7.30pm

Reception and drinks in the theatre bar.

7.45pm

AGM held in the theatre auditorium, 25 full members and Cllr Stewart Cursley attended. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Carol Phillimore, Catriona Eagle, Cllr Philip Welsh, Roger and Jean Reeson, Adam and Emma Lanfranchi, Doreen Grant, Mark Wall, Graham and Frieda Brown, Sarah Britton, Kate Lynch, Penny and Frank Bonetti, Janet Chaplain

Minutes of the 2021 AGM

Held virtually in light of the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions on the 25th March 2021 have been shared with members on the website.

Matters Arising

None, the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting

Proposer Sandra Marshall

Secunder Jo Hartley-Scammell

KE signed the minute book in due course.

Chairman's report

I present this report in this the 120th year of Wells Operatic Society Limited's existence. The society is registered at Companies House (registered number 1377655) and is also a registered charity (number 276308).

Roy Bevan Award will be announced and presented at the next permitted Dinner Dance.

Members' Reports

Show report: Sharon Edmonds.

Social report: Niamh McGrogan.

Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Accountants

For the first half of 2021 we continued to be in lockdown as far as the theatre was concerned. Fortunately, we received Small Business Grants from Mendip District Council which, including the initial £10,000 that appeared in last year's accounts, have totalled approximately £38,000. This has meant that we have been able to continue to meet all the basic costs of running the theatre and has enabled us to do some much needed decoration and repairs.

By the middle of the year, we were able to reopen the theatre and rehearsals were resumed for Quartet which had been cancelled in 2020. It took place in September, we were pleasantly surprised at the number of people who were willing to come and see it even though mandatory mask wearing had just been reintroduced owing to rising cases of Covid. We took £2700 in ticket sales and the show overall made a profit of nearly £1000. In December we put on a very successful production of Cinderella, selling every ticket for all 8 performances. Ticket sales amounted to almost £17,000 and with very low production costs this gave us a profit of around £14,750.

The bar reopened as soon as covid legislation allowed and subscriptions were reinstated in September. Room hire has also been possible in the latter part of the year. Taking everything into account our total income for the year was £54,504. Expenditure was £38,569, of which £15,000 was spent on repairs and maintenance. Our net income for was therefore £15,935. At the beginning of 2022 we had just over £50,000 in the bank and another £41,500 in our COIF Deposit account. Full details of the accounts are on the homepage of the website and members are encouraged to read them.

Recommend that Webb & Co remain as our accountants and business advisers.

Proposer Sandra Marshall

Secunder Sharon Edmonds

I commend the accounts to the meeting and propose that they be adopted.

Proposer Jo Hartley-Scammell

Secunder Vicky Orman

President's address

The deputy mayor apologies for the mayor's absence as there was a conflict in scheduling. He commented on the website and how fantastic it is that the society has been running for so long and is still going strong. He commented on the contribution of the theatre to the community of Wells and the links between members and the other contributions to the community. He wished the society well and is looking forward to seeing future productions.

Election of officers and Committee

There has been one nomination for each of the following posts on the committee:

Chairman	Ken Edmonds
Vice-Chairman	Emma Lanfranchi
Secretary	Niamh McGrogan
Treasurer	Pauline Perrin
Publicity Officer	Adam Lanfranchi
Patrons Secretary	Liz Carey

Theatre Administrator	Position vacant
Stage Representative	Graham Brown

Agree the committee as presented:

Proposer Vicky Orman

Secunder Sandra Marshall

There have been 8 nominations for the positions of Committee members: Jo Hartley-Scammell, Mike Scammell, Glynn Webster, Bobby Bass, Nat Hope, Tom Creswick, Caroline Hoare, Lucy Payne

Proposer Sandra Marshall

Secunder Vicky Orman

Members were invited to challenge any of the above appointments:

All in favour, none against, no abstentions

Date of the next committee meeting

Tues 19th April 2022 7:30pm

Any Other Business

There have been no other issues raised in writing to the secretary before the meeting. There was one additional point raised:

Members now apply for their own NODA badges by accessing the pdf version of the form on the NODA website, completing it in full and giving it to a committee member. It will then be ordered and can either be sent out or presented at the dinner dance.

The meeting closed at 8:17pm