

**Wells Operatic Society Limited**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on**  
**17 September 2012**

**COMMITTEE**

Richard Wright, Gerald Eyers, Mark Wall, Pauline Perrin, Alan Hooley, Sharon Edmonds, Ken Edmonds, Doreen Grant, Lyn Jones, Graham Brown, Norman Cowell and The Mayor of Wells

1. **Apologies** - Norman Cowell, Alan Hooley, Sharon Edmonds, Mark Wall,
2. **Minutes of the last meeting -agreed**
3. **Matters Arising**
  - Improving pit and orchestra area - Arts Council Grant application - **RW ongoing**
  - Window replacement in lighting box - **MW & GB** -ongoing
  - Repainting of the bar -**SE & MW ongoing** MW has obtained quotes for the work. It was agreed to use Haxtons painter and decorator, (£2400) start 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. Ron Thompson to supply the blinds (cost to be confirmed, fitting on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct - agreed to go ahead. Clear bar 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 12.30 clear into the RR, which can be kept locked. RW to inform members and PP inform Divers (including the Thursday they will not be able to use the bar)
  - Purchase of two new timpani drums - **RW done** - these should now be stored at Dave Collyer's house
  - New sound system - progress check - **GE** ongoing - Rob and GB have met and agreed installation procedure. Materials can now be purchased. Plan to start.1<sup>st</sup> Oct.
  - Work to be done (addition of a curb) at the gap by the windows in the upstairs dressing room - **MW ongoing**
  - Possible Theatre Club **GE** - waiting to hear from Sarah Briton who has had a meeting Doreen, Lois and Catriona Eagle, ongoing
  - Purchase of new keyboard - **RW** - waiting to hear from **SR & NB ongoing**
  - Big Snap picture - **KE & GB done**, many thanks to GB and KE. **RW** to hang (the picture) after bar redecoration.
  - Theatre Polo Shirt- **GE ongoing**. It was mentioned that the Youth Theatre might be interested in a hoodie.
  - Purchase of new dimmers for the follow spots - **GB** one is purchased and tested and now ready to install. Ongoing
  - Workshop clearout 27 October - **MW** Thanks to Catherine and her team after ALNM the workshop is in a much better state. It would therefore be useful to consider installing racking and shelving on the clear out date. **RW** to inform back stage crew and MW
4. **Correspondence**
  - Lucy Plant has offered to direct 'Into The Woods' 'Cabaret' or 'Chicago'. Committee agreed this was welcome news but suggested Lucy start with a play, maybe in the February, **RW** to contact her.
  - Email from Sarah Briton regarding heating and cleaning the dressing rooms. Agreed to purchase new oil filled heater (1.5Kw at £60) and

ask Sarah to organise the carpet cleaning in the dressing rooms (£70) RW to inform Sarah Briton

- Email from **AH** regarding theatre security policy this is ongoing. The carnival curry night rota to be prepared and sent out to members. The new till/cash register was considered (£250 dual prices, digital record keeping). **AH** is asked to check details of costs, programming and telephone support. If these were satisfactory it was agreed to go ahead.
- Email correspondence from Lisa Cope with regard to charity night at the theatre and use of the box office for tickets for that event. Agreed to support. Chris Spray is updating the box office programme which will answer this request.
- Quotation from Weelers (Westbury) Ltd 13 August 2012 to supply and deliver two Dakin Air Filters for air conditioning would be £52.80 plus VAT. agreed
- Quotation from Pulse Services Ltd. after the maintenance visit they suggested additional items to be replaced, it was agreed to go ahead with the Dressing room heater valve, the programme timer, but not the additional protective grill.
- Alistair Glanville telephoned GE to remind the committee that the week including September 4<sup>th</sup> will always be St Cuthbert's Festival, and so potentially clash with our September production. **GE** to make a note in the diary.
- Kate Hathway emailed the producer of ALNM to claim travelling expenses for costume collection. This is not something that the committee can support, **RW** to contact Kate to explain.
- Email from Sarah Briton - Sandy is away 24-30<sup>th</sup> Sept, but and no cleaning is required due to the bar redecoration so no cover is required. **RW** to reply

## 5. **Treasurer's Report - PP**

- Sale of shares with Barclays Bank - nearly there - **PP ongoing**
- NODA Insurance renewal - refund received and new Ecclesiastical policy is effective **done**
- Credit Card system AH has helped CS with this we are now compliant! many thanks to AH.
- **ALNM** - looks like it has made a loss, final details to follow. Ticket sales were down (55%), and some expenses were higher than anticipated.

## 6. **Membership**

- New members - none
- Arrangements for next Carnival Curry night on November 16 in hand. Tickets should go on sale soon, via the website
- **Dinner Dance** - May 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 - **AH**
- **AGM** - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013 The committee were reminded that the Chairman will complete his 4 years in office, and so a new Chairperson will be needed.
- Patrons - NTR

## 7. **Publicity**

- ALNM, the billboards were not as effective as they should have been.

- Additional photographers are needed - to ease the demands on those involved. **KE** to ask Jason if he is interested in Panto.

## 8. Theatre Renovations

- Downpipe - **MW ongoing**
- Code lock on front door and remove crash bar; budget of £200 to complete - **MW done**
- Lighting in workshop and hanging sockets - **GB ongoing**

## 9. Production/Trifold/Hire

- **Rumpelstiltskin - December 15-22 2012** written by **Vicky Orman**, **RW** Directing, **Vicky Orman** Producing, **Nick Barlow** MD, **Dave Papworth** SM, **Charlie Watkins** ASM, Lighting - **Graham Brown**, Prompt - **Freda Brown**, Sound - **Pete Ross**, Adult Choreography - **Kim Fisher**, Child Choreography - **Judi Neale**, Rehearsal Schedule - done, Budget - done, Ticket Price - **£9 & £7**
- **February 21 - 23** - One act plays? Poss. The Radio Play and then a play from Lucy Plant
- **Anything Goes - April 22 - 27 2013** - **GE** directing and producing; **TE** - choreography, **Judy Neale** - Tap Choreography, **MD** - **Sheila Ross**, Programme & Publicity - ?, Stage Designer - ?, Stage Manager - **David Papworth**, Costumes - **Louise Baker**, Lighting - **Rob Rodgers**, Props - ?, Prompt - **DG**, Rehearsal Schedule - **Agreed**, Budget - **TBA**, Ticket Price - **TBA**
- **May 29 - June 1-** Youth Theatre Show - Beauty & The Beast. **Sarah Neale** - Directing, **Nicky Hann** - Assistant Director
- **July 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2013** - Mort by Terry Pratchett - **KE**
- **September 11 - 14 2013** - Musical play? - Pajama Game - **AH agreed to go ahead**
- **October 23 - 26 2013** - Play - **DG?**
- **Pantomime December 14 - 21 2013 any offers?**
- **Spring 2014** - **KE? MW** Looking at the rights for 'The Producers'
- **Spring 2016** - **Ken Edmonds** has suggested that we consider 'Kiss Me Kate' as this is the 400<sup>th</sup> year after Shakespeare's death. Other Shakespeare productions might also be considered for this year. **Ongoing.**

## 10. Training

**NTR**

## 11. Show Reviews

**GE** saw Billy Elliot in the West End - not as good as the Film, quite commercial and a bit disappointing.

**LJ** saw Translunar Paradise at the Edinburgh Fringe - 2 actors and a musician, really good well worth seeing.

**LJ** saw Soldiers Wives' starring Catherine Shipton (Duffy in Casualty) who plays all the wives - amazing and again well worth it.

**LJ** saw the NT (Cottesloe) live stream at Strode Theatre of **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**, really good, technically excellent.

## 12. Any Other Business

GB - Thanks to Chris - for the fridge in the green room!  
GE asked members to consider the cost and reason for the auditorium seat sponsorship. Think about for next time...

**13. Date of next meeting** - 22 October 2012 and then 26<sup>th</sup> Nov