Wells Operatic Society Ltd.

Minutes of the AGM and Members Social Evening Friday 22nd March 2019

- 7.30 **Reception** of wine and nibbles in the bar The Mayor, our President, Cllr Celia Wride attended.
- 8.15 AGM held in the theatre auditorium, 45 Full members attended, 5 other. In the absence of a Chairman the Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - 1 Apologies for Absence. Lyn Jones, Nicky and Triss Hann, Frank and Penny Bonetti, Mary Hayter, Dick and Julie Makin, Burnie Mundy, Bobby Bass, Carol Phillimore, Freda Brown, Dan Carey
 - 2 Minutes of the 2018 A.G.M. held on the 23rd March 2018 have been on the bar notice board.
 - Matters Arising none, the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting 3 Marcel Wills Sandra Marshall RW sign the minute book Proposer Seconder
 - Chairman's report. This is the 117th year of Wells Operatic Society Limited's existence. The Society is registered at Companies' House 4 (registered number 1377655) and is also a registered charity (number 276308) The Vice Chairman reported that it has been a very eventful year. Productions, social events and some planned developments to the building. We secured planning permission to put a new publicity LED lit sign above the front entrance of the theatre and a new illuminated sign by the tree. Important because the Wells City Council has had to stop the use of banner across the High Street. The wardrobe needs fumigation again. The heating system still has issues, but we are working on it. Also under review is a possible CCTV and security light system. Rob Trayhurn is developing a safety manual. With the decision not to proceed with the Arts Council grant application, we are seeking suggestions from pit users for improvements to it. Gerald and his wife Tina Eyers are leaving. We will miss them. The Vice Chairman praised their contribution made over 33 years and wished them well for the future. Gerald was awarded Life Membership. Gerald and Tina thanked the Theatre for all the many happy memories, promised to remain involved, and gave out car stickers - 'I Love Wells Little Theatre'. Thanks also to everyone who has served on the Committee this year. Gerald, Pauline, Ken, Lyn, Graham, Mike, Sharon, Niamh and Adam. Also Nick Barlow who oversees our website. Tina Eyers the wardrobe, Vicky Orman props area and store, and runs the Facebook page, and Norman Cowell and his team for running the box office throughout the year. Angelo Giannetti for maintenance of the building. Sally Trayhurn for Front of House duties, and to Jackie Young and Marcel Wills who have finally stepped down. We need more volunteers. Please help. This will be my last year on committee.

NODA awards. Helen Makin 20 years, Chris Spray 20 Years, Richard Wright 25 years, Tina Eyers 40 years. Roy Bevan Award will be announced and presented at the Dinner Dance.

Tomorrow in Ilminster (the Warehouse Theatre) Mark Wall and his Merry Band will be performing his One Act Play Counting Your Chickens in the County One Act play competition.

Members' Reports 5

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a) Shows of the past year and the year to come - Sharon Edmonds. Sharon reminded us of a very successful year. Little Shop of Horrors. Nick Barlow did an outstanding job of his directorial debut.

The very funny and successful Merry Wives of Windsor followed in September. Aladdin was this year's Panto. Another fab script from Vicky and The Opposite Sex, directed by Ken, was nothing short of brilliant. It was great to see so many of us come and support Mark and his team for the One Act Play on Monday. It was just so clever and funny and had us all in stiches. Coming up in 2019: Fiddler on the Roof led by Lois will be on stage in May.

Anne of Green Gables will be led by Bobby Bass in her directorial debut at Wells. In a change to our December offering, Kate Lynch will be doing Wind in the Willows.

In 2020 we will have Niamh McGrogan bringing us Big Fish.

- b) Niamh outlined the full calendar of Social events we enjoyed last year, and reminded us to keep an eye out for the events planned for 2019.
- Patrons report. This year we have unfortunately lost several Patrons due to aging and ill health. However the remaining Patrons continue to c) support the theatre's productions and are looking forward to the Spring show and Civic night. This year some of the newly formed Friends of the Theatre have volunteered to help serving drinks and canapés at this event, which is really helpful.

6 Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Accountants

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

Niamh McGrogan

Proposer Seconder All accounts are in credit and the financial situation is very healthy. Overall our total income was £58,858 and our total 2. expenditure was £52,538 giving us an increase of £6320.

3. In 2018 our own four productions made a magnificent surplus of £16,282 thanks mainly, as always, to the pantomime. Theatre hire and other non-society productions brought in a further £8500 and membership fees were stable at around £5000. We received donations of £5000, much of which was for seat sponsorship.

- The gross profit for the bar remains at around £4500. Still room for improvement! 4.
- 5. Full details of the accounts are on the noticeboard in the bar and members are encouraged to read them.
- 6. I commend the accounts to the meeting and propose that they be adopted.

Proposer Pauline Perrin Seconder Sandra Marshall

7 President's address. The Mayor, our President, Cllr Celia Wride. Said she really enjoyed meeting, so much fun, so many laughs!, She explain that the City Council were determined to replace the wires above the High Street, will happen soon. She advertise Moon Stone theatre murder mystery event on Sat 14th April at the Town Hall.

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8 Election of officers and Committee

There has been one nomination for each of the following posts on the committee. -Chairman - Richard Wright Vice-Chairman - no nominations, position left vacant Treasurer - Pauline Perrin Secretary - Niamh McGrogan Patrons Secretary – Lyn Jones Publicity Officer - Ken Edmonds Stage Representative - Graham Brown Theatre Administrator - Sharon Edmonds

There have been 2 nominations for the positions of Committee members. Mike Scammell and Adam Lanfranchi. All were elected unanimously.

Date of the next committee meeting - Monday April 23rd 7.30pm in the Little Theatre Bar

9 Any Other Business

There have been no other issues raised in writing to the secretary before the meeting. There were no additional questions. The meeting closed at 9.05.