

Wells Operatic Society Limited
Committee meeting Minutes
21st March 2023 at 7.30pm via Skype

COMMITTEE

Ken Edmonds (chair), Bobby Bass, Graham Brown, Liz Carey, Tom Creswick, Caroline Hoare, Natalie Hope, Emma Lanfranchi, Lucy Payne, Pauline Perrin, Jo Scammell, Mike Scammell, Glynn Webster

Apologies – Lucy Plant

<p>Purpose of Meeting PP met with the accountants on 16th March who confirmed that as we made a profit overall from our shows in 2022 there are available funds in the account now for further purchases and maintenance work. Additional meeting called to discuss some recent expenditure requests and other planned work, to include consideration of priorities.</p>	
<p>Items Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional iPad for the bar. Requested as it has proved to be difficult keeping up with the bar pre-show orders whilst the second iPad is being used for the box office. - Agreed. PP to order. 2. Monitors and Cabling. Proposals from Nick B regarding replacement backstage monitors plus associated cabling discussed. Agreed to go ahead. AL will speak to Nick to see if these can be installed in time for Avenue Q (which would be helpful as the plan is for the band to be in the rehearsal room for this show). 3. Gates for side porch - we have another 'guest' who has set up camp in the side porch area (unclear if this is the same person as previously or someone else) They have been asked to move on and advised on how to access the council homelessness services. Proposal for lockable gates to be installed - agreed. GB to get quotes. As it is a fire exit the gates would need to have a push bar on the inside and/or a key for them kept inside the side entrance door. 4. Refurbishment of ladies' toilets - agreed this is the next priority for maintenance funding. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GB</p>
<p>Projects for future consideration/discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Insulation for the roof above the workshop. Agreed this can wait until the Autumn for further consideration. 2. Upgraded projector. GW will investigate options and get some prices. 3. Repair of outbuilding roof. CH has some information and prices for MS to review. 4. Use of vacant space above the rehearsal room. It may be possible to knock through upstairs and relocate the costume store to that space and then put an additional dressing room area upstairs. This could be expensive to do, and we would need to bear in mind which are supporting walls. Agreed this is something to consider in the longer term, but not currently as there are other jobs which require funding first. 	<p style="text-align: center;">GW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CH/MS</p>

<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Dinner dance / summer social. Wells Golf Club can provide a cold buffet menu option on Saturday 6th May at £20 per head, including room hire, based on 80 people attending. Committee still unsure about this option/cost. Suggestion made to do a more general social event later in the summer, ie afternoon and early evening event, simple catering, outdoor games and bring your own drinks. JS will contact Henton Village Hall for hire costs.</p>	<p>JS</p>
<p>Signage inside the theatre. Sally (FOH) has requested an additional set of direction signs for the toilets to go on the middle set of doors. MS will organise. Additional signs to be printed off reminding customers “no drinks in the auditorium”.</p>	<p>MS</p>
<p>AGM - first drink only is free of charge. Whoever is on the bar to keep a written list of what has been given out.</p>	<p>KE</p>
<p>Comedy Festival - PP has still not been able to get hold of the organisers. We need to determine exactly when they want access for setting up and there is no formal agreement in place with them yet and the hiring prices have been increased for 2023.</p>	

Theatre AGM is being held on Friday 31st March at 7:30pm
Next full Committee meeting Monday 17th April at 7:30pm