

**Wells Operatic Society Limited**  
**Agenda of the meeting held on**  
**14 January 2013**

**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** Alan Hooley and Ken Edmonds (late)
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** agreed
3. **Matters Arising**
  - Improving pit and orchestra area - Arts Council Grant application - **RW ongoing**
  - Lighting desk and window replacement - **MW & GB done**
  - Finishing the bar - new TV (**GE** New Year) and lighting bar in the bar (**GB** New Year) **ongoing**
  - New sound system - **GB and Rob Rogers ongoing**
  - Work to be done (addition of a curb) at the gap by the windows in the upstairs dressing room - **MW done**
  - Possible Theatre Club **GE** - waiting to hear from Sarah Briton
  - Purchase of new keyboard - **RW** - waiting to hear from **SR & NB**
  - David Read - painting exhibition - **RW** waiting to hear from David, possibly to exhibit during Anything Goes
  - New till/cash register - **AH** final costs now identified. It was agreed to purchase one new till at £274 +VAT
  - Theatre security policy - **AH ongoing**
  - Additional photographers - **RW** - Arik Casey took photos for the pantomime. Lisa Willets is still available. Other volunteers would be welcomed (to ease the pressure on these).
  - Leak in the bar roof - **MW done and downpipe fixed**
  - Electrically powered stage cloth rollers - **RW ongoing**
  - Website - **RW & CS** - generally, very good but now some issues about finding out 'what's on' and general site navigation need another look. Purchasing tickets for curry night was only partly successful. **RW** to arrange a meeting with CS.

#### 4. Correspondence

- Letter from Nichola White of Mellifont Abby thanking the society for another great Pantomime.

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

- Sale of shares with Barclays Bank - **PP & RW** done! £502.67 done after expenses'! Yippee
- Credit Card system **AH** - Update - done
- Rumpelstiltskin - figures still to finalise but it looks like a profit of about £7,000. Well done to all.
- Programme sales - with the loss of Thales' sponsorship we need to look again at the price, quality and quantity of show programmes printed. It was suggested that  $\frac{1}{4}$  sales of the programmes is a better estimate than the present  $\frac{1}{3}$  of projected seat sales. Programmes should not be increased in price, but if possible reduced.
- CRS Building Supplies Ltd - credit account has been set up.

#### 6. Membership

- New members - Adrian Mitchell, Janice Holwill, Natalie Hope and Nick Creaser, all Ordinary, all agreed.
- Arrangements for **Civic night** - **LJ** - asked for clarification over how patrons' names should go in the programme. **GE** to invite the Mayor and guests (a max. party of 10). Pre show 6.30pm drinks and canapés in the bar, all other members of the public should use the Rehearsal Room before the show. Blue School to be asked again to provide the catering (GE).
- **Dinner Dance** - May 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 - **AH** arrangements have been made. Tickets will be on sale during Anything Goes.
- **AGM** - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013 - There will be a number of changes to the committee at this time, including the Chairman who will complete his 4 year term and Alan Hooley who has resigned from the committee leaving his social events portfolio needing another coordinator. **RW** to write to the membership.
- Subscriptions poster and car park information - **GE done**

7. **Publicity** - Anything Goes details to KE asap.
8. **Theatre Renovations**
  - Downpipe - **MW done**
  - **MW** to look at the cast iron gutters around the building, some are leaking and in a poor state.
9. **Production/Trifold/Hire**
  - **February 21 - 23 - Endgame - DG** this production has been rescheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> with an introductory reading on the 5<sup>th</sup> March. This is a workshop performance for members only. There will not be the same overheads as other shows.
  - **Anything Goes - April 22 - 27 2013 - GE** directing and producing; **TE** - choreography, **Judy Neale** - Tap Choreography, **MD** - **Sheila Ross**, Programme & Publicity - **Vicky Orman**, Stage Manager - **David Papworth**, Costumes - **Louise Baker & Clara Bosque Wiberg**, Lighting - **Rob Rodgers**, Props - **Lesley Ricketts & Jill Stone**, Make-Up - **Helen & Julie Makin** Prompt - **DG**, Rehearsal Schedule - **Agreed**, Budget - **Agreed**, Ticket Price - **£12 & £9** no concessions Friday or Saturday
  - **May 29 - June 1-** Youth Theatre Show - Beauty & The Beast. **Sarah Neale** - Directing, **Nicky Hann** - Assistant Director and Producer, **Chris Spray** - Stage Manager, **MD** - **Sheila Ross**, Choreography - **Sarah Neale & Harriet Durston**, Programme & Publicity - ?, Lighting - ?, Set design - **Catharine Tucker**, Props - ?, Prompt - ?, Make-Up - **Daisy Nicholson-Layley plus team**, Rehearsal Schedule - **Agreed**, Budget - **TBA**, Ticket price - **TBA**. Possible sponsorship,
  - **Moonfleet - BOVTS 18 June** - this is **now cancelled**
  - **July 3 - 6 2013** - Mort by Terry Pratchett - **KE** Directing, Producer - **Vicky Orman**, Stage Manager - **Charlie Watkins**, Costumes - **Sarah Briton**, Props - **Lesley Ricketts**, budget meeting tba **£9 £7**
  - **Pajama Game** - September 11 - 14 2013 - **AH** Directing, **Sheila Ross** - **MD**, **Carol Applegate** - Choreography, Lighting - **GB**, Stage Manager - ?, Budget - **TBA**, Ticket price - **TBA**, Rehearsal Schedule - **TBA**
  - **October 23 - 26 2013** - Play - **DG & MW?**
  - **Pantomime December 14 - 21 2013** Possibly look at something else for next year - Wind in the Willows, Scrooge, Christmas Carol, needs kids and company, and the same type of content Wizard of Oz, **offers?**

**RW** to talk to Vicky and thank her for the last 4 generous successful years, and we look forward to her writing for us again in the future.

- **February 2014** - Two One Act Plays - **LH**
- **Spring 2014** - any ideas?
- **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**

Snow White and the seven dwarfs, Bath Theatre Royal with Chris Harris. Excellent, really enjoyable. **GE**

Jack and the Beanstalk, Moorlight Theatre company, Street **KE** and **GB** very good, interesting and clever beanstalk. Enjoyable.

'Old Money' at the Hampstead Theatre, London with Maureen Lipman - a clash of the old actress giving way (or not) with the new, not very good, could be better, disappointing. **LJ**

Last night of the Christmas Proms at the Colston Hall - a rousing selection of timeless British favorites including Nessun Dorma, Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory. Really enjoyed it, plus a spot of flag waving **MW**

#### **12. Any Other Business**

**MW** - raised the question as to why the bar was shut on Friday night of the panto, with guests and it being a 'club night' it was unexpected and disappointing.

**GB** - Panto DVD replay will be in the auditorium, volunteers are need to run the bar.

**GB** - asked if we could buy a second dimmer for the other follow spot. Agreed.

**RW** - Dave Collyer and Sheila have sorted the new timps, they have covers and a new skin.

#### **13. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February (apologies from NC and LJ)

Then Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (apologies form LJ)

Then Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Then the AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup> May