

Wells Operatic Society Limited
Minutes of the meeting on
Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at 7.30pm

COMMITTEE

Gerald Eyers (chair), Richard Wright, Pauline Perrin, Ken Edmonds, Alisa Creaser, Graham Brown, Kate Lynch, Lyn Jones, Norman Cowell, Sarah Neale, Sharon Edmonds

1. **Apologies** – Kate Lynch, Lyn Jones, Sarah Neale
 2. **Minutes of the last meeting** - agreed
 3. **Matters Arising** - none
 4. **Correspondence**
 - Nick Barlow presented the idea, and explained how ‘crowd funding’ works. The proposal by the pit project sub-committee is that this should be set up to deal with charitable donations on a wide scale basis. It involves setting up a website as part of **Indigogo** in the name of the Little Theatre. Agreed to go ahead with **Indigogo** who have a good track record with lots of similar projects.
 5. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - Waiting for the Theatre accounts to be returned, these will be posted on the bar notice board asap.
 - RW asked for approval to set up a second Little Theatre Bank account for the purposes of receiving any money earned or received/raised for the purposes of the stage and pit project. This was agreed, **PP** to arrange.
 - We have received notification that our Rates will remain as last year.
 - Total costs for pit beam are £1056 inc. VAT. **RW** to send invoice to the Town Council for payment.
 6. **Membership**
 - Carnival Night payment. – **RW** - ongoing
 - Civic Night - **Monday 18th May 2015**. Mayor and 9 guests invited. **NC** to arrange tickets. Blue School catering. **LJ** to arrange.
 - New members – Sara Plant – Ordinary. Others to follow for Spend Spend Spend.
 - AGM – **Friday 27th March 2015**. – Arrangements as last year. **PP** to send out reminder and a call for committee volunteers. The Mayor has accepted invitation, Notices are now up. Committee nomination forms are on the notice board. Meeting Agenda below.
- 7.30pm Reception of Wine and nibbles in the bar (KE & SE)
- 8.15pm AGM in the Theatre Auditorium (List of members entitled to vote – GE)
1. Apologies for Absence (GE)
 2. Minutes of AGM 2014 (GE)
 3. Matters Arising (GE)
 4. Chairman’s Report (RW)
 - (Inc. request for bar volunteers and supervisor)
 - NODA awards – we have 12 Awards (KL, KE, NC to present)
 - Roy Bevan Award – (Sharon Upham to arrange)
 5. Members’ Reports
 1. Past and Forthcoming Productions (SE)
 2. Entertainment and Social report – (AC & Louise Baker)
 3. Orchestra Pit and Stage Improvements Project – (Nick Furze & RW)
 4. Publicity (KE)
 6. Treasurer’s Report and Appointment of Accountants (PP)
(Inc. the proposed increase in subscriptions.)
 7. President’s Address - The Mayor
 8. Election Of Committee and Officers (GE and Mayor)

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Stage Representative
Theatre Administrator
Publicity Officer
Patrons Secretary
Committee Members (4)
9. Any Other Business (RW)

7. **Publicity**

- All on track for Spend Spend Spend.
- It was agreed that a Twitter account for the Theatre is set up. Nick Barlow and Vicky Orman to arrange.

8. **Theatre Renovations**

- Orchestra Pit Development (including handrail). Arrangements are now being made to launch in the very near future the full fundraising campaign for the stage and orchestra pit project. This will involve a few scheduled events this year, setting up a website for donations to be made through *Indigogo*, the Arts Council application, and specific approaches to potential donors.
- Ongoing items taken from the **maintenance minutes** are –
 - a. Rear Emergency Exit / passage lighting – **GB** Bishops have now completed this work.
 - b. Bar lighting and music system – **GB ongoing**
 - c. Auditorium seating – **KE** visit the company in Westbury, Wilts next week
 - d. Wooden beam above the pit is now replaced with the steel version. Thanks to Croscombe Roofing. Completed

9. **Productions/Trifold/Hire**

- **Friday and Saturday March 20th -21st 2015 – Deckchairs** - four duologues, licence £90.00 (for 1 night), £40.00 spent on scripts, very little other costs. Members and guests can sign up for tickets or ring Doreen, £5.00 per person. Performance in the bar approx. 45 seats. Possibility of doing the Saturday night if there is the demand. Rehearsals Tuesday nights in the bar and Sunday afternoon 15th March, set up the bar on the Thursday night 19th March. (Divers have their AGM and are happy to work around). Low key lighting and sound run by Pete Ross.
- **May 18th – 23rd 2015 - *Spend Spend Spend***, Director – **Brian Epps**, Producer - **RW**, MD - **Sheila Ross**, SM - **Catherine Tucker**, Set Design - **Catherine Tucker**, Choreography – **Carol Applegate**, Costumes – **Tina Eyers and Jenny Hailes**, Lighting - **GB**, Sound - **GB**, Props – **Doreen Grant**, Budget – **agreed**, Ticket Price – **£12 & £10**, Rehearsal schedule – **done**
- **June 25th BOVTS** return with ***Beau Stratagem***. **RW**. **GB** to let them in.
- ***Wells Variety Show*** in aid of the Pit Development Fund **11th & 12th July**, ticket price £10. **SN** - director.
- **September 23rd – 26th 2015 – *Little Lights Up 3*** Director -**Tina Eyers**, Producer - **GE**, MD - **Nick Barlow**, SM- **Chris Spray**, Set Design – **GE and Gareth Loxton**, Adult Choreography – **Judi Neale and Tina Eyers**, Children’s Choreography – **Sarah Neale**, Sketches coordinator – **Doreen Grant**, Costumes **?**, Lighting- **Rob Rogers**, Sound – **Adrian Mitchell**, Props -**?**, Budget – **agreed**, Ticket Price – **£10 and £8**, Rehearsal schedule – **done**
- **December 12th – 19th 2015 – *Pantomime - George and the Dragon*** written by **Matthew Maisey**, Director – **Matthew Maisey**, Producer – **Vicky Orman**.
- **March 16th – 19th 2016 – Any ideas??**
- **Spring Show 16th-21st May 2016 – *Return to the Forbidden Planet***, Director - **Lois Harbinson**, MD - **Sheila Ross**, Rights have been agreed. **GB** - produce and Lights

- **September 21st - 24th 2016 - *Twelfth Night*, Director - RW**
- **December 10th - 17th 2016 – Pantomime – any Volunteers?**

10. Training
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11. Show Reviews
84 Charing Cross Road. Salisbury Playhouse. GE. Excellent performances Janie Dee and Clive Francis.

12. Any Other Business
AGM - NC will not be standing for election. GB gave his apologies.

13. Date of next meeting

AGM on Friday March 27th then Tues 28th April (SE chair)