

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE THEATRE ROYAL ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 pm**

The Chairman, Pat Brinicombe, took the Chair in the presence of 24 members.

**Apologies** - received from 28 members.

Minutes of the last AGM were read by the Secretary as one or two members didn't seem to have received the email with the AGM Notice and minutes attached. Minutes approved (proposed by Viv Young and seconded by Pam Armstrong); no matters arising.

One minute's silence held in remembrance of long-standing members Marjorie Hool and Barbara Singleton.

**Chairman's Report** presented by Pat Brinicombe

**Treasurer's Report** presented by Gilda Wells

Acceptance of the Accounts proposed by Jane Douglas, seconded by Penny Elias .

Gilda explained the meaning of "restricted" funds - those received from grants and set aside for a specific purpose.

**Theatre Management Report** presented by Gilda Wells

**Productions Report** presented by Jenni Rushton

**Theatre Royal Second Stars Youth Theatre** presented by Paul Adams

**Technical Report** presented by Geoff Brinicombe

**Election of Officers and Council Members** - the following were elected:

<b>President*</b>	Geoffrey Hall (prop. Pat Brinicombe, sec. Grace Walker)
<b>Chairman*</b>	Pat Brinicombe (prop. Grace Walker, sec. Gilda Wells)
<b>Treasurer*</b>	Gilda Wells (prop. Grace Walker, sec. Pat Brinicombe)
<b>Secretary*</b>	Val Brown (prop. Pat Brinicombe, sec. Jane Douglas)
Assistant Treasurer	Anne Hindmoor (prop. Gilda Wells, sec. Grace Walker)
Company Auditor	Glynis Hayton (prop. Peter Inglis, sec. Geoffrey Hall)
<b>Company Secretary*</b>	Geoffrey Hall (prop. Grace Walker, sec. Peter Inglis)
Chair of Theatre Management Group	Gilda Wells (prop. Pat Brinicombe, sec. Pam Armstrong)
<b>Technical Director*</b>	Geoff Brinicombe (prop. Sarah Delorme, sec. Jenni Rushton)
<b>Productions Director*</b>	Morgan Sweeney (prop. Gwyneth Savage, sec. Kelly Davis)
<b>Publicity &amp; Marketing Director*</b>	Pat Brinicombe (prop. Penny Elias, sec. Amanda Sweeney)
Membership Secretary	Jenni Rushton (prop. Pat Brinicombe, sec. Viv Young)
Wardrobe	Helen Earl (prop. Grace Walker, Sec. Pat Brinicombe)
Maintenance Manager	Tony Magorrian (prop. Gilda Wells, sec. Grace Walker)
Second Stars Facilitator	Paul Adams (prop. Geoffrey Hall, sec. Gordon Rushton)
Properties Convenor	Jane Douglas (prop. Gwyneth Savage, sec. Pat Brinicombe)
Front of House Manager	Glynn Scurr (prop. Gwyneth Savage, sec. Sarah Delorme)
Licensed Bar Manager	Heather Scholey (prop. Glyn Scurr, sec. Jane Douglas)
Prompter Editor	Gill Scholey (prop. Viv Young, sec. Pat Brinicombe)

**\*denotes Directors of the Limited Company and Council members**

Pat Brinicombe proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Secretary, Grace Walker and a presentation was made.

**Any Other Business** -

1. One member asked what had happened to the original rules of the Club and in response Geoffrey Hall replied that they no longer existed since formation of the Company Limited by Guarantee and that they have been replaced by our Articles of Association. Our purpose for setting up the Limited Company, as explained in previous years, was to protect members from being sued individually. Directors of the Limited Company serve on Council (fewer members than previously) and Theatre Management Group is responsible for the day-to-day running of the theatre, leaving those who wish to act free to do so. The Articles are available for anyone to read; copy to be shown to the member after the meeting and copy to be emailed to Jenni to be forwarded to all members).
2. We now have a licence to show films (cost £160 pa); Morgan is to organise regular films, perhaps on Sunday evenings; eblast to be sent out. We cannot charge but can ask for donations.
3. Socialites have been holding membership nights on Wednesdays; not very well attended so considering changing to Thursdays. Anyone wishing to join the group should contact Viv Young.

4. Paul Adams, facilitator of Second Stars, advised that Kiera Pearson has replaced Millie Hardy-Sims (who has gone away to university) as the “responsible adult” for Saturday sessions and has about 6 volunteers available to help out when necessary.
5. LTG Northern Conference to be held in Durham weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> September. We contribute £50 towards expenses; any members interested in attending should contact Geoffrey Hall.
6. Membership; Jenni uses Mailchimp to communicate. Please allow 48 hours if asking her to do a mailing.
7. Data protection; many members have in the past worked from home on their private laptops. Information must now be on theatre computer only.
8. Some criticism that Playgoers has changed and become a business, which many members do not like. This was countered by Peter Inglis and Geoffrey Hall who stated that our whole purpose is to ensure the continuation and financial health of the Club, which was seriously in question before the Lottery grant, when we had only £2k left available. Members were encouraged to pull together, for the sake of the Club as criticism is not constructive. Anyone with ideas on ways to improve should let a Council member know.
9. A new member who joined a year ago and was attending his first AGM, found it extremely valuable and now felt in touch with the way the management of the Club worked, for which he thanked everyone.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

