

ABERDYFI PLAYERS AGM

Friday 15th June 2012 @ 7.30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting commenced @ 19.36

1. Welcome

Sally (The Chairman) welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending on such a horrid & wet evening. The clipboard was handed around for members to write their e-mail addresses on clearly. Sally was pleased to see Neville back.

2. Apologies

Ian & Myra Dodds, Mark Jones, John & Rita Sidebotham, Lynn Fowles, Wendy, Mo Richards, Maciek, Rick Williamson, Louis, Ken, Trish & Mark, Katie, Suzie, Ellen, Martin Leat.

3. Minutes of AGM 2011

Most items would be covered in tonight's agenda. The minutes were proposed by Bob Lake & seconded by Angie Sykes.

4. Committee/Other Jobs

Sally stated that there was a 16 strong committee (Debbie, John, Des, Pam, Beth, Marion, Angie, Maciek, Brian, Trevor, Alan, Alison, Annie, Wendy, Elaine) Sally asked if everyone was happy to continue serving and whether anyone else wanted to join the committee. All Officers will be re-elected at the 1st committee meeting (Friday 22nd June, 7.30 p.m.) The 16 strong team were read through. Sally also stated that this was the 20th year of Aberdyfi Players and that if the members would like her to stay on as Chairman she would for this year because next year she would be stepping down. However, she explained that she would still want to be a part of Aberdyfi Players but would relinquish the Chairman's role. She asked if anyone present wanted to take over her role or to shadow her role over the next 12 months to please let her know. Sally thanked Dai for collecting the membership and membership fees were now due as all members have to pay as it is in the constitution rules. The membership fees would remain at 16+ @ £5 & 4 - 16 @ £2. This money is used for refreshments. The officers were Sally (Chairman), Des (Vice- Chairman), Debbie (Treasurer), Alison (Secretary). Sally stated that Annie Lake was handing over the Marketing role that she had done for a few years and thanked her for her efforts and also asked for everyone to have a think if anyone else wanted to take over this role for distributing flyers & posters in the locality to let her know. Any volunteers welcome. Sally then went through other important jobs and thanked all concerned as follows:-

Beth (Social Secretary) - organising the social events.

Doris - Press & Advertising.

Brian - Posters.

Des - Website & organising Neuadd Dyfi by setting up before and tidying up after rehearsals. Sally stated that lots of groups use the hall and requested that members did not just "buzz off" at the end of a rehearsal but please could everyone help Des to clear up.

Alison - Photos & Front of House Board.

Elaine & Wendy (Chorus Co-ordinators) - great job co-ordinating the chorus.

Alan & Marion - music, lyrics etc. - superb.

Brenda & Mike - Programme & Adverts - once again so very professional.

Debbie - Tickets - printing, organising & selling (assisted by Lynn)

Paul - Refreshments

Sally - Call sheets (assisted by Pam & Elaine)

Sally asked if anyone could think of any more jobs to please say.

DICK Whittington ACCOUNTS 1st APRIL to 3rd MARCH 2012

As at 31st March 2012 we had £23001.58 in total in the bank
£6918.82 current account £16082.76 deposit account

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This year we have donated £6040.53 made up of £5000 to Neuadd Dyfi £175 to the youth club £300 to the schools and £565.53 to the RNLI SOS £223.20 was raised on the raffle on the first evening which was then added to by the high school and the dyfi who had collections and a quiz so the total collected was very good and I was able to match fund the amount. With this in mind we took £20858.48 in and spent £19885.84 so we have made £972.64 so we have not done so bad!

So what have we taken in ?

£590.50 for sweatshirts we still have some money to come in for that and we do have items that you can buy see Beth

£984.00 DVD 2011 still have people to collect these so if they do not pick them up then we have made a loss . So that is why the new system has been introduced and all have been collected

DVD 2012 £924.00

Membership Child £ 92.00

Adult £276.00

£368.00

this runs from one financial year to another so will be now due for this year.

Advertisements £1280. This creates valuable income to help cover the cost of printing Tickets £11797 (0 down by £590.00 looking at comparisons we certainly had more. unsold tickets this year 257 for the first weekend compared to 186 last year down by 71 but sold 13 more for the 2nd weekend. The first night is the one that needs more people 141 tickets unsold about two thirds full.

We had interest of £9.15

Ice cream we took £1007.85 cost us £843.05 made £164.81 sold little less than last year programmes £518.20

raffle £1271.80 we did well because the first night the proceeds went to RNLI £223.20

so we would have done £1495.00 which meant we would have been up by £48.00

Tuck £922.44 cost £703.45 made £218.98 took more this year but cost us more the price of chocolate has gone up as has everything else,

We had a donation of £20.00

So what have we spent?

£48.00 Village quiz

DVD 2011 £1020 Advertisements £180.00 Children's disco £50.00 Noda membership £154.80 Insurance £359.84 Front of House photos £31.66 Scripts printing performing rights £660.61

A new music programme £208.88 banner £35.69 printing £1348.08 so advertising is important

Hire of hall / school £2325.00 but £500.00 to be added to this as the Cheque had been issued but not Presented.

Tea coffee biscuits children's party bookers £405.11 Donations as stated before

Costumes £1743. 81 less than last year by £552.37 props scenery lighting £310732 more than last year by £457.95 .

Just a note about submitting bills for payment could I please have invoices listed and totalled stating what they are for costumes props etc and who cheque is to be paid to

Thanks Debbie Lumley

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Sally thanked Debbie for The Treasurer's Report and asked if there were any questions.

Pam thanked Aberdyfi Players on behalf of the RNLI for the 1st Night Raffle Money that The Bank (Barclays) had matched £550. Debbie mentioned the "Paint the Foyer" work party that would take place @ 10.00 a.m. on 16/06/2012. Monies had been used to purchase shelving for lots of boxes for Aberdyfi Players "stuff". Debbie stated that she had past copies of DVDs and previous video formats could be put onto DVD by Alan Louis for £5. Des asked about copyright issues with copying the DVDs & Videos (to be discussed at the 1st Committee Meeting)

6. Neuadd Dyfi

Sally congratulated Des on the opening of the studio. Des had worked hard and overcome a lot of hassle with the builders and architects but because of his hard work it was now resolved - thank you Des. Des explained that the official completion should have been 15th December but then 31st March but stuff still ongoing. There had been all sorts of problems to overcome with damp on the insulated concrete floor, leaks etc. However, we now have a super additional facility - The Storeroom - all Panto stuff could be put in there as there is a mass of space. Mike asked about The Props Room - Des explained that that would be part of the Projection Room. The old store room was to be cleared completely and used to store a year's supply of loo rolls as you had better purchasing power when buying that amount. The Rehearsal Room was divided and with a room above, a great space with lots of configurations for usage. However, we were over budget by a lot – Quillions? Sally asked if there were any questions for Des.

Des mentioned 5th August - Godspell, also projects supported by the Arts Council - it mystified Des as to why Aberdyfi Players members do not support these Arts Council events. There are some absolutely fantastic events being hosted in Neuadd Dyfi so please support them.

7. Chairman's Report

Sally thanked Des then read out 2 letters from Aberdyfi Community Councillors and Sheila Lumley complimenting Aberdyfi Players for this year's performance of Dick Whittington. Sally read her report which in summary is as follows: Dick Whittington - what a success! The toll bar scene, such good comedy and timing, the does and shipwreck so fantastic with Annie going overboard and the fantastic Octopus. All due to Des & Trevor & Backstage Crew & Actors & Chorus. DO we realise just how good our Panto is. The professionalism of everyone in Aberdyfi Players. Sally explained how she parked her car at the side and walked around to the front where the Front of House team were there greeting the public, so professional. The technology used for the scenery, props, lighting and sound. The absolutely amazing costumes. How many amateur groups have a house band? How lucky we are. Brian & Tim for the sound Ian lighting. Could we repeat the Glenn Miller Concert? We don't have to stay as we are we can grow and develop. Perhaps the idea of a choir that Sally had mentioned previously, not a formal choir but just where everyone gathers to sing and enjoy company. We need lots more help to continue to grow and develop new young blood with new ideas and with fresh approaches. Sally stated that she cares passionately about the Aberdyfi Players so she asked members to spread so that we don't stand still but move forward.

Open Discussion

a) Rehearsal Arrangements - need to check dance club dates. Des said that The Studio could be used. Elaine stated that the chorus missed out on the coffee when they use the school and they pay the same membership fees. Des hoped to get more user groups so it would depend on who uses it and when and where. Alan agreed that the separation of the Chorus and the Actors had worked well. Des stated that we have now a lot more space than before. Annie explained that the preliminary workshops had worked well and were very useful. It was suggested that the rehearsals on stage would start

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like last year on the first week in November. b) Music | Chorus | Choreography - Rachel is now in charge of chorus choreography. Elaine foot Wendy will continue to organise he on/off for chorus. Alan & Marion stated all worked OK. Angie stated that Lisa Dare is willing to help.

c) Children | Schools Liaison - Pam had nothing to say

d) Marketing | Publicity | Posters | Website

Des will discuss with Louis the use of Facebook for members for future communication. Rachel, Angie & Sue agreed that Facebook was a quick and easy way of catching up compared to using the website. To be discussed at the 1st committee meeting.

e) Ticket Prices | Helpline | Number of Performances

There was a discussion about increase how to increase attendance on the 1st night. Should we increase the price of the Saturday night tickets? Should we Lower the price for the Friday night? Was it a marketing issue for the 1st night numbers to be so poor? This was to be discussed at the 1st Committee Meeting and a way forward decided upon there.

f) Costumes | Dressing Rooms | Facilities for Cast - Most members stated that the new facilities were marvellous. Val stated that she appreciated all other facilities were great but she felt that the Male dressing room was not so great as the door was kept being opened for the smokers. Des said that it was better than the shed and next year there would not be the pile of timber. Next year the Male facilities would be rethought over. Debbie was to arrange with Pete and Liz from Medina to provide food between the matinee and the evening performance.

9. Future Plans

a) Golf Club Quiz - Thanks to Angie for coaching team - who won!

b) Social Events - The show at Aberystwyth only about 12 - 15 people go and usually by car for best value. BBQ to be organised before rehearsals get underway.

c) Pantomime 2013 - Lisa Pollard is leaving Tywyn - Sally said what a wonderful actress she is and also that she had helped in so many other ways over the years. We wish her luck in her new job. Beth to organise a card for members to sign. Pantomime 2013 to be either Babes in the Wood or Aladdin. The reading group have not yet decided so watch this space!

d) Auditions - Friday evening & Saturday Morning as before - dates to be finalised at 1st Committee Meeting. Details to be posted on website (Des) and character analysis to be at Dovey Marine. Rehearsals need to be before 15th July the school end of term.

10. Date of Committee Meeting

Friday 22nd June, 7.30 p.m.

11. AOB

Des - Theatre Workshop - over Easter - very successful - on-going at moment trying to get kids involved so if you know any kids please tell them. It was advertised in Cambrian News for ages 8 - 11 & 11 +.

There were no takers for 11 + section.

NODA Magazine - on table if anyone wants to borrow them

Sally - please could she have her clipboard back?

Alan - Could Harbour Lights interested parties please meet around the piano after the meeting?

Des - will give a tour of facilities

Concert - in aid of Ty Gobaith - Greta

Meeting closed at 21:02