

Rococo Players

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Rococo Players Held at 7.00 on Wednesday 22 March 2023 at the Playhouse, Cheltenham

Present: Antoinette Wilson (AW), John Herring (JH), Barry Page (BP), Pat Amphlett, Henry Amphlett, Jason Blackburn, Hannah Galliers, Dave Kilmister, Robin Lock, Katie Preedy, Andy Willcocks, Sarah Wilman

Apologies for absence:, Pauline Blackburn, Mike Bottomley, Dan Johnson, Chris Moore, Julie Nicholson, Geoff Ramshaw, Jaz Reynolds, Ellie Wilson, Adam Wright

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting (held on 18 February 2022)

There were no corrections or issues with the minutes of the previous AGM

Proposal to accept the minutes was made by Jason Blackburn, seconded by Hannah Galliers. All were in favour.

Treasurer's Report

JH outlined the main points in his report and financial summary for 2022.

In answer to a question, JH explained that the figure for 'Nett Cost' of Great Expectations (GE), which was shown as £51.42, reflected that the up-front costs of the production were only just exceeded by income in the form of sponsorship and cast contributions during 2022. The vast majority of income – from ticket revenue - was received in 2023, with a much smaller amount of expenditure, leading to an expected overall profit of over £2,500 for the production as a whole. There are still some minor costs to be paid, which are taken into account with this figure.

JH has amended the report to clarify (but not change) some of the figures presented and reposted it on the Rococo website.

JH indicated his willingness to continue in the role of Treasurer, if the committee and AGM wished him to do so, and thanked them for their continued support.

Proposal to accept the report was made by Sarah Wilman, seconded by Pat Amphlett. All were in favour.

Chair's Report

AW reflected on the process of announcing, reading and rehearsing GE, which has led to one of our most successful and well received recent productions.

The depth of talent and commitment in the cast and crew of GE was recognized and the excellent contribution of Gareth Bass, stepping in (as a new and very welcome member of the Rococo family) to do the Lighting and Tech' so efficiently and effectively was also noted.

AW thanked the committee members (John, Barry, Adam, Katie and Hannah) for their hard work throughout the year.

Proposal to accept the report was made by John Herring, seconded by Hannah Galliers. All were in favour.

Election of Officers for 2023

Antoinette Wilson has agreed to remain as Chair

John Herring has agreed to remain as Treasurer and Vice-Chairman.

Sarah Wilman is warmly welcomed onto the committee as Secretary.

Hannah Galliers, Barry Page, Katie Preedy and **Adam Wright** have agreed to remain as committee members.

All in favour.

Any Other Business

Venues for future productions were briefly discussed, including:

St Peter's (The Rock) on the Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham;

Pip and Jim's (St Phillips and St James) on Grafton Road. Cheltenham;

Holy Trinity and the Abbey Hall in Tewkesbury;

Glosscoll's medieval hall in Llanthony, Gloucester.

These venues will be considered alongside DeCrypt.

AW announced that plans are emergent for staging 'Queen Margaret', which Adam is interested in directing around March 2024. BP reported that granting of rights is contingent on deciding on a venue, so this is a priority.

Adam's initial thoughts are:

- In the round or thrust

- Not contemporary dress/style

- "Proper, old-school" production values

- Cast soon to secure commitment (around 17)

- Readings/Workshops just pre-Christmas 2023

- Rehearsals from early in the New Year

A summary of the play and Adam's proposal for it are available on the website.

The Shed: JH reported that the shed is in need of reflooring and a good sort-out. JH will approach Phil McCormick for some plywood and aim to do the job sometime in the spring/summer when a good few days of dry weather are forecast. Any help will be gratefully received.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:00pm and all adjourned to The Sandford Park Alehouse for some excellent food and refreshment!

(Note: The AGM Agenda, Minutes, Treasurer's and Chair's Reports and Adam Wright's summary of 'Queen Margaret' are all available on the Rococo Players website at the following link:

<http://therococoplayers.org.uk/agm/>)