

Nelson Repertory Society AGM 25th May 2020
AGENDA

Present: Hugh Neill (acting President), Amy Van Tromp (acting Secretary), Frog Twissell (Treasurer), Betty Ross, Elizabeth Williams, Jenny Holden, Judith Neill, Stuart Yank, Karen Grover, Ian Mendes, Lynley Brandshaw, Keith Marshall, Ally Hossain, Robbie Burns, Lester Oakes and Ross Benbow.

- Apologies
 - Alli Campbell sends her apologies

- Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Read by acting Secretary

- Matter Arising from previous AGM (18 March 2019)
 - Joanne thanked Molly Brealey and Susanne Smith for their work on the previous committee. Molly will continue to manage the membership list.
 - Karen reported that Hal Warren has replaced Janice as a member of the Trust. He then resigned and was replaced by Eliane Polack. Karen had asked the trust to reinstate the meetings between the Nelson Rep and the Theatre.
 - Stuart Yank was awarded Life Membership
 - Several people raised the question of working closer with other theatre/musical groups in Nelson.

- President's Report
 - Hugh became acting president in Oct 2019
 - Two month postponement of AGM
 - Postponement of next shows
 - 3 productions in 2019: Allo Allo, Dracula and One Act Play Festival
 - Two very successful workshops
 - Alert level 2: AGM and Pink Hammer auditions rescheduled
 - Theatre Royal should open July
 - \$7000 from Rata Foundation
 - Covid-19 subsidy
 - Plea for more help from Committee members
 - More paid up members for Rep
 - Hugh will revert to role of Vice President

- Financial Report
 - Frog will summarise the financial report
 - Success in fundraising, spearheaded by Hugh
 - Allo Allo - very successful profit \$11,000
 - Dracula - quite profitable \$3200
 - One Act Plays - \$1000 in the red
 - Frog stepping down as Treasurer

- New Committee
 - Jenny Holden - President
 - Hugh Neill - Vice President
 - Karen Grover - Treasurer
 - Amy Van Tromp - Secretary
 - Committee Members: Betty Ross, Ally Hossain, Alli Campbell, Ian Mendes, Keith Marshall and Elizabeth Williams

- Nelson Historic Theatre Trust Report
 - Karen has stated there is no report from the Trust. She felt that with everything going on, it wasn't the right time to ask for the report.
 - Theatre Trust are looking at social distancing measures, and with current restrictions, the theatre could only hold 30% of it's usual occupancy.
 - Still need to know what to put in place as a Theatre hirer.
 - Pre Covid was trading in the black as per terms laid out by the Council.
 - Grateful to Stuart Yank attending Theatre Trust meetings as a Trust member.

- Change of Patron
 - Judith Neill is stepping down as our long running Patron.
 - Judith is asking that Lynley Bradshaw takes over the role of Patron.
 - Very happy that her suggestion of training was taken.
 - Lynley Bradshaw is the new Patron for Nelson Repertory.

- Other Business
 - Working more closely with NMT: Keen to meet with members of NMT to come to an agreement for working together.
 - Discussed at Trust groups that international touring groups may not be able to perform here for 2 years. More access to the entertaining dollar.
 - Script Sessions: Sub-committee to meet and evaluate scripts. Workshopping with script writers.
 - New Mission Statement: Constitution was originally written in 1948 and though updated, it is quite out of date.

AGM concluded 8:13pm