

Nelson Repertory Society AGM 24th March 2021
AGENDA

Present: Jenny Holden (Current President), Amy Van Tromp (Current Secretary), Karen Grover (Current Treasurer), Alli Campbell, Stuart Yank, Elizabeth Williams, Betty Ross, Lisa McKenzie,

- Apologies
 - Keith Marshall
 - Martin White
 - Hugh Neill
 - Roger Taylor
 - Simon Brealey

- Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Read by Secretary

- Matter Arising from previous AGM (25th May 2020)
 - Constitution and defining membership to be revamped to suit a more modern constitution. Right a new one that can be as simple or as complicated as we wish. Have a general meeting to go through it and should be bulletproof. This has gone back on the committee agenda
 - Working closer with NMT - Letter from Lester suggesting an amalgamation, Robbie Burns who is President of NMT was not happy with the idea. Better rapport with NMT and Rep. Still want to work together more with NMT. Mid-Winter Christmas party is a possibility.
 - Social get together with NMT and Rep committee - set a date for a gathering.
 - Workshopping with script writers. Daniel Allan did a script writing workshop and provided a powerpoint. Collective workshop - next committee meeting.

- President's Report
 - Tumultuous year
 - Things had been looking good for 2020
 - Murder on the Nile was cancelled as we went into Level 2
 - Our first experience of the pandemic
 - Audiences could transfer tickets to The Pink Hammer
 - The Pink Hammer
 - 2 submitted applications for the covid subsidy, which we are fully entitled to receive. Thank you to Hugh Neill for his efforts.
 - Forced to look at alternatives in future in case of cancellations
 - Successfully production of Sinbad the Sailor Retired
 - Much needed Summer break and our March production would not be going ahead.
 - Completed a long overdue culling of the costume room.
 - Still continuing our script evenings at The Prince Albert

- Saturday 17th April, Murder Mystery at Melrose House organised by Alli Campbell.
 - The Pink Hammer is being re-staged for our Winter season, all the original actors are unavailable. Auditions will be held 28th March.
 - Thanks to the old and new committee.
 - Welcome to new members: Stuart Yank, Lisa McKenzie, Molly Brealey and Paula Bovey
 - Jenny is stepping down as President and will be taking on a much more manageable committee role.
- Financial Report
 - Reviewer has gone through the books. We have been approved.
 - Interesting journey looking at the figures.
 - Hugh was showing Karen how to collate the reports.
 - We have been under the threshold to pay tax
 - Without the funding our bank balance would have been very close to 0
 - Show budget - build in a ⅓ of our fixed costs
 - E.g. ⅓ of the cost of the insurance etc as part of the show budget.
 - Spreadsheet for budget which will always include a ⅓ of Nelson Rep expenses.
 - All these unassigned costs which are running costs.
- New Committee
 - Keith Marshall - President
 - Betty Ross - Vice President
 - Karen Grover - Treasurer
 - Amy Van Tromp - Secretary
 - New Committee: Elizabeth Williams, Stuart Yank, Molly Brealey, Lisa McKenzie, Jenny Holden, Paula Bovey, Alli Campbell.
- Chairman of the Trust Report
 - Karen is reading
 - Mark Christianson
 - Since the country has returned to level 1 we have hosted lots of international touring shows.
 - 2019/20
 - Something like normal trading
 - Were thinking of changing Ticket Direct
 - Add Totals and comparisons of profits
 - Net cash flow of \$140,000
 - Lockdown has had the most serious effect on the Theatre
 - All the shows between March and August were cancelled
 - Financial support from Nelson City Council, without which we would have been in serious financial trouble
 - Need to set aside funds for maintenance each year as it is a heritage building.

- Appreciation to the board and Eliane Polack, the general manager. Thanks to JR and Eliane for their work handling covid.
- Karen Grover is stepping down as the Theatre representative on the Trust.
- Molly Brearley will be the new Theatre representative on the Trust.
- Very important to keep our representation on the board.

- Other Business
 - Elizabeth moved the motion to create a Funding Manager committee position to deal with our funding applications.
 - Molly seconds it.
 - All in agreement and it will be part of the matters arising next year.
 - What can the committee do to have a pool of techies. Attract more people to the crew for the shows. Discuss the next committee meeting. Have to be ticketed at the Theatre Royal.
 - Thanks to Jenny for her work as President!

AGM finished at 7:59pm