

# The Society of the Rotherfield Players

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Wednesday 21st June 2023

**Present:** Robert Chesterton, James Gallifant, Kate Organ, Peter Emanuel, Andy Miller, Shirley Midgely, Sarah Jones, Alison Organ, Alan Yates, Brian Hampton, Mark Simmonds, Denise Engler, Helen Barnaby, Derek Holland, Ros Williams, Mark Kennedy, Victoria Field

### 1. Apologies

Lyn Lunn, Barbara Winter, David Close, Sandra Barfield

### 2. Minutes of AGM - Thursday 16th June 2022

Agreed

Signed by Robert Chesterton

### 3. Chairman's Report

- 2022 - 2023 has been the Players first full year post Covid.
  - "My Fair Lady" was a tremendous success in terms of the society though it didn't make money.
  - "Curtain Call" Autumn 2022. Directed by Derek Holland. The drunk scene in particular demonstrated great comedy.
  - "Jack and the Beanstalk" - panto revived for January 2023. Very strong production team and cast (James Gallifant, Victoria Field and Anna Thompson). This was a huge success both financially and in terms of maintaining the high standard of panto that the players held before Covid.
  - "Gaslight" Spring 2023. Directed by Dan Shaw. The production was very well received. Interesting twist setting the 2nd half in modern day which was appreciated by the audience.
- The theme for the year seems to have been a mixture of old timers and lots of new members getting involved.
- Robert remembered Heather Hewitt and her wonderful contribution to the society.
- The future:
  - "Much Ado About Nothing" - director Kate Organ: for the first time we will be having both indoor and outdoor venues ready
  - There will be no Autumn production this year, so the next production will be the pantomime "Beauty and the Beast"

### 4. Treasurer's Report

- My Fair Lady lost £2700 - though this was expected and exaggerated by a mix up with the tiered seating
- Curtain Call - profit of £881
- Jack and the Beanstalk - expecting a profit of about £2200 (still awaiting bill for the seating to confirm this)
- Gaslight - profit of £423, though not included in the accounts for 2022 - 2023

Treasurer's report was approved.

- Proposed: Peter Emanuel
- Seconded: Sarah Jones

## **5. Election of Officers**

- Chairman: Robert Chesterton
- Treasurer: James Gallifant
- Secretary: Peter Emanuel
- Marketing: Kate Organ
  - Passed unanimously

## **6. Election of Committee**

- Andy Miller
- David Close
- Victoria Field
- Helen Barnaby
  - Passed unanimously

## **7. Raise the Roof**

Following Covid, we are now looking at a revised / simpler scheme.

Robert detailed the updated scheme to be in line with the main hall roof which will still allow us to raise the proscenium arch and stage height.

The trustees of the hall and parish remain supportive.

## **8. AOB**

No progress has been made on Gift Aid.

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm.