

AGM 2020

14 December 2020 / 8:10 PM / Held via Google Meet

ATTENDEES

Richard Watts, Andrew Bowker, Wendy Willats, Holly Jordan-Norris, Fritz Simpson, Tricia Roberts, Alex Booth, Nick Haward, Barbara Haward, James Baker, Helen Baker, Steve Weaver, Kate Boylin, Lucy Rhea, Linda Simpson, Vicky Webber, Wayne Thomas, Dan Stroud, Sally Stroud, Holly Beauvoison, Anne Beauvoison

APOLOGIES

Jayne Green, Lesley Thomas, Kevin West

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Minutes from previous AGM distributed. No matters arising. All in favour of signing off. Approved.

Accounts

- Wendy Willats
- Full account summary sent to participants. Currently have restricted funds due to lack of shows and meetings as a result of Covid19 pandemic.
- Suggestion of contacting Pallant Centre to ask for reduced rental rate. Wendy to look into this and report back to the Trustees at the next meeting.
- Richard will look into reduced rental rates for the Spring as we were unable to do a show this year.

- Wendy proposed acceptance of Accounts Report. Wayne Thomas seconded the motion. All in favour. Passed Accounts Report.

Chairman Report

- Reports that pre-Covid membership was very strong. Numbers in attendance have fluctuated due to moving meetings online.
- Gratifying that ex-members are interested in helping with future shows. We have a continued partnership with the Pallant and the Spring. Dynamo is a strong group with solid values.
- Richard thanks all officers, Trustees, Committee members and volunteers for their continued dedication to the group.
- We have been unable to hold such events as The Shield, Summer Show and Sixth Form show. This has had financial implications. Currently we are able to use our Reserve Fund if needed. It is encouraging that the group is still receiving subscription fees from most members.
- No questions asked. Reports proposed by Holly Jordan-Norris. Seconded by Barbara Howard. Approved and passed.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Unusual year with Covid19 and having to close the group. Previous year the group performed in Wyrld Sisters, Boy Band and Cratchits Christmas Carol. The group was able to take its annual trip to London. We enjoyed a trip to London Zoo and Mamma Mia. The group was in full preparation for The Shield when forced to close due to pandemic. The Shield was promising. Big thanks to Richard and Mary for initiating zoom meetings with the members. This was a new challenge for all involved and sadly we lost a few members who were not comfortable meeting in this way. It has been a difficult and trying time for all involved. Members expressed frustrations with not being able to perform or meet as a group in person. Thankfully with the help of Barabara Howard we were able to get back to the Pallant with a few safety measures in place. Groups of 15 members were formed to create a radio broadcast show which was recorded. Mary Fletcher and Alex Booth worked together to put the show clips

together. This was new to the group but the attitude of the members was very positive. Outstanding members that have shown tremendous dedication despite restrictions. Future of the group is worrying. It has been difficult to recruit new members. Sixth formers have missed out on crucial experiences like directing the shield or being able to perform in a last Christmas show. It is crucial that they get to direct a shield and have a sixth form show. Groups will therefore be drawn in January and we will go ahead and rehearse in mini groups online via Zoom until we can meet in person. There is hope that this will happen, however, if unable to meet in person we will record shield pieces in video format. Big thanks to Mary, Wendy and Richard for their continued dedication to running the group online via Zoom.

Sad news that we lost Mo Whiting. Mo's family spoke highly of DYT and how much the group meant to Mo. She will be missed. We hope to organize a dedication to Mo at a later date.

Report proposed by Richard Watts. Seconded by Tricia Roberts. Accepted and passed by all.

Elections and Nominations

Committee Members

Chairman Richard Watts

Vice Chair None

Treasurer Wendy Willats

Vice Treasurer Mark Fletcher

Secretary Holly Jordan-Norris

Block vote on acceptance of positions.

Trustees

Linda Simpson carried on for new 3 year term

Proposed new Trustees

Tricia Roberts, Holly Jordan-Norris, Fritz Simpson and Kate Boylin

Block vote. All in favor and approved.

AOB

Efforts of the group carrying on in unprecedented times is commendable. Nick and Barbara Haward are moving to Scotland. They will be missed greatly. Many thank's for all their time and dedication to DYT over the 17 years they have been involved. Thanks to all for the continued support of the group.

Meeting ended 20:56