

Winterslow Drama AGM 25.02.2019

Present

Tony and Leslie Harris, Edna Webb , Heidi, Lesley Waters, Pam Valentine, Harvey Baird, David Yule-Badley, Ian and Jo Flindell, Barbara Harfield, Jane Vidlar, Donna Nowell, Richard Henderson, David Cooper, Christoph Kuhle, Colin and Shirley Woodhouse, Andrew Menzur, Penny Fookes, Rick Wheatley, Karen Chalmers and Sam Breach.

Apologies

Gina hawkshaw

It was agreed that the previous minutes from 2018 could be signed off.

Chairman's Report

David said 2018 had been a successful year with 3 productions. The first was Wedding Bells directed by Pam Valentine. This was performed over 2 evening dinners and 1 afternoon tea.

David expressed thanks to Edna Webb and her family for the lovely food provided.

The summer production was directed by Christoph Kuhle and consisted of 2 short plays.

'Last Tango' and 'The Case of the Really Big Dog of the Baskervilles' it was held at Barry's Field with great weather for a fabulous evening's entertainment.

The Christmas production of 'Treasure Island and the Pirates' was written and directed by Ian Flindell. It proved to be very popular.

David gave thanks to Pam, Christoph and Ian for their hard work, determination and patience.

Thanks to a very generous donation from Ivy Sound and Lighting the group have been able to update the lighting, and are in the process of upgrading the rigs to support this.

Thanks was given to Bella Thomas for raising funds through the village fete, and also for producing tickets, programmes and posters.

Thanks was also given to Richard Henderson, Colin Wodhouse and Harvey Baird for being on hand to do odd jobs for the group, and in particular for sorting out the shed.

Thanks was given to Gina for organising another successful skittles evening in December.

David thanked the president and committee members for their hard work and support.

Treasurer's Report

Richard explained the written report that was handed out. It was explained that the Insurance had not yet increased, and we had received donations from the village fete committee. The 3 productions in 2018 all raised a profit.

Unallocated funds were for the purchase of the new backdrops.

It was explained that the income of over £7000 in 2016/17 was from a grant received.

The cost of expenditure for Treasure Island was raised, and Richard explained it was due to the cost of the hall hire, David reassured the groups that they are not making a loss.

Lesley asked if subscriptions were falling, and Richard raised the fact that not everyone had been chased for payments. There are not enough members to cover the cost of insurance, this is subsidised by other factors. It was raised that if you do not pay the subscription you are technically as an individual covered, but only covered by third party.

Penny suggested confirming with performers at each production.

David reminded us there are more than 30 members so if everyone paid that would cover the costs. It was suggested that people contribute to the tea/cake supplied at rehearsals and productions, but it was felt there were enough funds to absorb this cost.

David thanked Richard for his work.

David noted that the secretary would be stepping down due to work commitments. Harvey applied for this role, there were no objections. David proposed and Richard seconded this motion.

Committee Members to remain.

Penny - Proposed by Christoph, Second by Shirley

Bella - Proposed by Jo, second by Andrew

Edna - Proposed by Tony, second by Jane

Future Productions

Pam is directing the spring production which is on 29/30th March.

Christoph will look after the spring production, it was decided the logistics of the hall are preferable to Barry's Field. 22nd June is the preferred date. Christoph to email the group to gauge interest and then sort a suitable play.

People raised communication issues with emails with BT, people also encouraged to look at the website and FB.

Richard has offered to direct the Christmas pantomime, this year Dick Whittington, a Ben Crocker script. The dates 6/7th Dec.

Shirley raised the fact that a panto requires lots of costumes and she would like a break, Richard happy to direct something else, but it was agreed costumes would still be needed.

David happy to still go with Dick Whittington.

AOB

To confirm with Bella involvement with the village fete.

Pint Sized Plays, Richard has a selection of scripts for small 10 minute plays, perform in local pubs, food for thought maybe next year.

Ticket prices do not seem to have risen in the past few years. To try £8 Adult, £6 concession and £4 child for the next production.

Murder Mystery Evening - Drama involvement, as Bella was not here it was not possible to confirm what this entailed. David to speak to Bella.

David wanted to add about an email from Gina, looking at the possibility of a projector for the backdrops. Pitton use this, they received some grant towards the cost. David suggesting asking Pitton if we could see how this works. It was agreed to look at the costs and feasibility of this.

As Ivy Sound had donated the lighting, it was suggested the money proposed for that could be focused towards the projector.

Shirley raised the costs of purchasing the backdrops and paints versus a projector.

The village hall had already received a grant from the Southern Board towards the cinema projector and it was raised how could we pitch for a further grant. Ian also raised that Winterslow Hall is longer than Pitton's.

David to investigate a projector and put a proposal together for members. Penny asked for a quick straw poll to see if there were any objections, the majority voted in favour to investigate this.

The village hall committee would like to replace the curtains and asked if the drama would contribute to the costs. Shirley reminded people that the drama group had made the current curtains. The ropes that operate them have become stretched.

There was no further other business.

The next meeting would be 24.02.2020.

The meeting closed.