

Minutes of the Meeting of Streatham Theatre Company Annual General Meeting Held at Vinters Studios, 9th September 2014 at 7pm

Present:

John Edmead (JE), Eshani Weeresinghe (EW), David Hicks (DH), Hild Liptrott (HL), Terry Wynne (TW), David Harvey (DH) (Chair), Nigel Haynes (NH), Alan Scott (AS), Pip Robinson (PR), Liz Burton (LB), Helen Mason (HM) (Minutes), Melanie Newman (MN), Katerina Clarke (KC), Marsha Zambrano (MZ), David Evans (DE), Jo Ostrowska (JO) and Joslin Bariffe (JB). (17).

1. Welcome and Apologies:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee members. Agenda papers had already been distributed.

Apologies:

Received from Ian Freeman (IF). The meeting was quorate.

2. Receive reports from the Committee:

2.1 The Chairman (DH) gave his report (as attached). Clarification was sought on the issue of joint liability members as described in the note at the top of page 1 of the distributed Constitution.

Action: After discussion it was agreed that the note would be amended to clarify the insurance position as applicable to all paid-up members of the association.

2.2 The Secretary (HM) gave a report on the 2 successful external funding bids received in the first year from Streatham Action for (i) *Then and Now* and the first 6 months of the *Second Tuesday* events programme and the (ii) *Playing With Sugar* Reminiscence Project and Production. She stressed the importance of STC needing to become self-sufficient financially. As the Company becomes more established the bidding for external funds to support the artistic programme will become increasingly competitive and challenging.

2.3 The Membership Secretary (TW) gave an overview. He reported that there were 65 members in April 2014. Moving forward, the challenge is to encourage existing members to renew in year 2.

2.4 The Events Secretary (LB) reported on the monthly Second Tuesday programme. The Company had run an event every month on varied topics associated with theatre and stagecraft. There was an average of 12 attendees. (LB) reported that she intended to stand down as Events Sec and welcomed interest from anyone in taking on the arrangement of the Second Tuesday events programme.

2.5 In the absence of (IF) a brief Treasurer's report was presented by (LB). After discussion it was agreed that individual reports be presented for each production in future. These would include sales and audience numbers. Production reports to be available to members but not for public display.

2.6 Thanks were expressed to all past and current committee members for their time and expertise.

3. Approve minor amendments to the Constitution

3. 1 Resolution: That the Constitution be amended as described at *i*, *ii* and *iii* below, to take effect immediately:

i. Replace the current section 13. AUDIT with the following:

“13. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS The Company shall produce an Income & Expenditure statement and a Balance Sheet prepared by the Treasurer and approved by the Committee for presentation at the Annual General Meeting. “

ii. Amend section 16. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING sub-section b) replacing "Receive and approve the accounts" by "Receive and approve the financial statements"

iii. Amend section 18. DISSOLUTION to read:

"The Company may be dissolved by resolution at a General Meeting provided that the resolution is passed by a two-thirds majority of those voting Members present. The Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the Company. Any surplus will not be returned to any Members. Any assets remaining after the discharge of the Company's debts shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee in accordance with the Objects."

3.2 The above 3 amendments were proposed by (AS) and seconded by (DH) and approved by a majority of those voting members present (Yes 16, abstention 1).

4. Receive and approve the financial statements for year ending 31 March 2014

4.1 Resolution: That the meeting receives and approves the financial statements for year ending 30 March 2014.

4.2 The accounts were unanimously agreed.

5. Election of Committee

5.1 The Chair introduced the election of STC committee members and officers for the year 2014-2015. In accordance with the constitution, the posts of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and at least 3 other committee members were required.

5.2 The following people were elected to the Committee for the year April 2014 - March 2015:

Position	Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair	DH	HL	AS
Secretary	HM	DH	HL
Treasurer	LB	IF	DH
Committee member	AS	DH	LB
Committee member	TW	DH	AS
Committee member	HL	DH	TW
Committee member	MZ	DH	AS
Committee member	IF	DH	LB
Committee member	PR	DH	JB
Committee member	JB	AS	DH

6. Other business of the Company

6.1 This concluded the business of the AGM.

6.2 There followed an open discussion of ideas and possible plans for the artistic programme (productions) for the rest of the year. This included a Pantomime (Cinderella) and a site-specific Halloween event at the Beacon Bingo Hall (formerly the Streatham Hill Theatre).

6.3 The meeting closed at closed at 22.15pm.