

Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting of
South Hams Theatre and Concert Club

September 6th 2022, Kingsbridge Library, Kingsbridge.

Welcome:

The Chairman introduced himself and thanked people for attending the Club's AGM. He introduced the members of the committee present (and just coming).

Nick Alen – Chairman, Treasurer

Lorraine Buckley- Minutes

Gill White – Membership Secretary

Jan Alen- Ticket secretary

Present:

Roger Tickle, Alan Booth, Alan Bell, Chris Bell, Celia Strong, Jennifer Fox, Sarah Jane Procyk, June Mason, Barbara Arnold, Ann Williams, Brenda Hope.

Apologies were received from:

Jenny & Graham Arnold, Lionel and Julia Green. Roger Procyk, Lutena Yates, Pam Bayley, Gordon & June Boot, Margaret Romney & Barbara Booth

Proxy votes were received from:

Lionel and Julia Green

Matters Arising from the Minutes: of the 2021 AGM

The Chairman's report of December, 2021 – was read out

- **Resolution 1: Acceptance of the 2021 minutes**

Chairman's Annual Report of 2021

Clubs of many types are having a difficult time since the pandemic due to diminishing memberships and lack of support of events. SHTCC is no different from these. We have just seen Kingsbridge Probus Club fold. The younger generations appear to have different likes and dislikes.

However, we press on! We are bringing out a new programme in early September which will include 5 to 10 shows (depending

on what TRP put out). We're hoping for a good response – to be frank it has to be!

Last year we went to only 4 shows although at the time it was considered a beginning as we recovered from lockdowns. This year we have already been to 6 shows and will be going to 'The Color Purple', BRB's 'Coppellia', WNO's 'La Boheme' and 'The Girl from the North'. Making a total of 10 shows.

So there is definite evidence of 'recovery' but not to pre-pandemic levels. The Club is still subsidising shows to the tune of approx. £200 per event, which of course, is unsustainable in the long term but it's okay for now while we have funds. We only get between 10 and 20 folks per show these days. The 32 seater coach costs us £334 a trip to Plymouth plus the £25 drivers tip so you can see it's essential that we increase our numbers to get anywhere close to break-even.

Question: To help get numbers up do we continue subsidising at current levels or increase it to say £300 per show? If we did this and go to 12 shows next year the bank balance would reduce to £2k. It was agreed that we would carry on with the £200 subsidy.

Is this a good time to decide whether the club has a future or not? The answer was unanimously yes the club does have a future!

The level of subscription rates was discussed and £15 and £20 per household were mooted.

It was decided that £15 to start with would be appropriate and will be implemented in the New Year. That will mean all members paying by standing order amending their details: amount to be paid £15. This will be included in the next mail letter.

- **Resolution 2: Increase the annual subs per household to £15**

Membership

Currently 191 (214 last year).

Treasurer's Report for 2021:

The full accounts will be on the web site (The password is ShamsTheatre) and they will be audited, along with this years accounts early in the New Year..

Net receipts for events were £4812 (-£456 last year).

Subs brought in £982 (£1358 last year).

The administration costs for printing, posting etc. were only £377

Bizarrely we apparently ended up making a profit of £3523. This is partly explained by members advance payments for shows spilling over from one year to the next.

The bank account is currently at £6500

- **Resolution 3: To adopt the 2021 Accounts:**
- **Resolution 4: To appoint Graham Arnold as the independent examiner of the accounts for 2021 and 2022:**

To be agreed later

- **Resolution 5 to elect the officers of the Club (Chairman, Treasurer, Ticket Secretary, Membership Secretary, Publicity Officer, Minute Secretary)**

Any Other Business:

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding marketing and publicity. We need to remind members that many of the shows on offer come straight from the West End and are top quality but our ticket prices are well below the West End.

Lorraine offered to contact the TIC to discuss displaying a poster in their window and advertising on their website. Publicity needs to be discussed further by the committee when Jenny is available.

Date and Venue of next AGM:

The venue at the library was proposed and approved by those attending. The timing next year was discussed and autumn 2023 seemed to be favourite.

The meeting closed at 11.30