

Turvey Amateur Theatrical Society (TATS)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 4 December 2023 in Turvey Village Hall

Present:

P Adams	J Hay	J Murray
L Anderson	D Hughes	P Murray
L Buckle	D Kendall	C Pask
J Butterworth	L Le Fer	M Sach
N Caldwell	M Luckin	J Shields
J Clemens	B Lusby	L Thomson
D Costello	M Lusby	J Wareham
D Evans	F McDonald	M Watson
R Gentry	S Munno	M Webb

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from R Austen, E Leonard Smith, E Moulang, K Pickwick and P Pickwick.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 5 December 2022

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 5 December 2022 were agreed as a fair and accurate record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman provided the following report:

"It is with joy that I reflect on the last year in TATS. Technically this AGM covers only *Oklahoma* and *One Man Two Guvnors* but I'm afraid that I cannot help also mentioning *Me and My Girl*. Both of these first productions were a resounding success, bringing in new members and therefore new audiences. So thank you to Jan for *Oklahoma* and to Deborah for *One Man Two Guvnors*.

Apart from these two productions we were very busy with other events:

- John Murray and David Hughes ran an excellent quiz in January, which although not as well attended as usual, provided a very enjoyable evening.
- Due to ghastly weather we had to cancel our planned "Poets and Pints" evening which was a great shame. This is something to resurrect next year.
- We did, however, organise a poetry reading in church for the Village History Society. We used local poets including our own Eilean and this was well received.
- For Halloween a group of us entertained the guests at a "Spooky Supper Evening" held at Elderswell Retirement Village, an event for which TATS actually got paid! It was great fun and I felt very proud of our performers and those who helped source ghoulish material. We received a very enthusiastic

email of thanks from Elderswell's Entertainment Secretary that began "Well, what can I say...last night was stunning!"

I will sneakily mention *Me and My Girl*, however – another Jan Clemens production. I must say that I felt so proud of everyone. We are so lucky to have so many people sharing their talents, in every area. There was impressive tap-dancing, including many who had never tapped before, and others even who had never stepped on stage before, yet who looked as though it were their tenth show! There were wonderful costumes, with all those pearly buttons lovingly sewn on! And such a lovely set! Yes, I know the other productions were equally impressive but *Me and My Girl* is so fresh in my mind.

As I am retiring as co-Chairman, I would like to say thank you again specifically to our committee. Using their talents and skills they all give so much, with our older members contributing their experience and awareness of the Society's long and successful tradition while new members bring fresh enthusiasm and ideas – a really good combination!

I would also like to thank all you members and friends. We could not put on our shows without all the backbreaking work, the set building, painting, and preparation of the hall. And then our lovely Front of House team, who set the scene when our audiences arrive and organise our raffle and bar. All those too who after the show take down our stage and set and clean the hall, kitchen, toilets and changing rooms – not always glamorous activities, but always done with great camaraderie. Then of course thanks to our wonderful directors, musicians, the choreographer, prompt, and wardrobe crew. Thank you to all of you!

5. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented his report. It was reported that the balance to carry forward was £9,702.44. This compares with the overall balance as of 1 January 2023 which was £6,662.62. The AGM was presented with the summary account for *One Man Two Guvnors* which made a surplus of £1,238.28 and the interim account for *Me and My Girl* which made a surplus of £1,482.65.

The AGM approved the Treasurer's Report.

6. Adoption of new financial year

The Treasurer proposed the adoption of a new financial year to run from 1 January to 31 December. The AGM approved this.

7. Adoption of new TATS membership card

The AGM was informed about the adoption of the new TATS membership card. This will be issued to all paid members and will include the full Constitution of the Society. Annual subscriptions will be payable at the AGM and the membership card will enable members to record that they had paid for the forthcoming year.

8. Election of Committee

The following members were elected to stand on the Committee:

Jan Clemens
Rosemary Gentry
Jane Hay
Ben Lusby
John Murray
Penny Murray
Leanne Thomson
Charlotte Pask
Jo Wareham
Matthew Watson

Thanks were extended to Mel Webb for her efforts on the Committee over the years.

The officers including the Chair will be appointed at the first meeting of the new Committee.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business.