

## **Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting of Streatham Theatre Company Committee Held virtually via Zoom at 19.30 on 13 July 2021**

**Present:** David Harvey (Chair); Liz Burton (LB); Melanie Newman (MN); David Hicks (DH) Alan Scott (AS), Liz Williams (LW); Ian Freeman (IF), Terry Wynne (TW), Eshani Weeresinghe (EW), Gabriel Kellett (GK), Barbara Lee (BL).

Helen Mason (HM) arrived at around 8pm.

**Apologies:** Mike Jennett (MJ)

### **Agenda for Meeting:**

- Welcome and apologies
- Receive and approve minutes of the last AGM
- Receive reports from Committee members
- Receive and approve the financial statements for year ending 31 March 2020
- Election of committee chairman, secretary, treasurer and other committee members (at least 3)
- Other business of the company

### **1. Welcome & Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 8th AGM

### **2. Minutes of the last AGM:**

2.1 The minutes were circulated by the Chair.

2.2 The minutes were approved as an accurate record with one error that Gill Thumbwood should be spelled with a G, not a J.

### **3. Chairman's report**

3.1 The report covers the year to March 2021. We were set up to put theatre into Streatham and we have done that as best we can given the pandemic by running events online during the year on the second Tuesday of the month covering a wide range of workshops, seminars, talks and readings. More details to come from events secretary Helen Mason.

3.2 We had one production under development which was approaching opening night when Covid hit. The UK premier of *Sisters in the Snow* could not go ahead so we adapted it as an audio play which is now on the STC website. Since then we've not been able to stage anything but are now planning a resumption of productions.

3.3 We welcome members from a wide range of ages and backgrounds, some with extensive experience and some with none. We have suspended membership subscriptions during Covid and opened our events to all. Terry Wynne will say more later.

3.4 During Covid we have had no income from shows and have frozen membership subscriptions, some people have continued to pay. We have small fixed outgoings. Turnover would normally have been £3 to 4,000 per year.

- 3.5 We are looking ahead for our future programme of productions and directors and producers to drive those ideas. We would normally look to stage three to four productions per year but at the moment have little in production or rehearsal. Streatham Festival is on in October and we may look to produce something for that. We also looked into an outside production at Place Road Nature Gardens but have been constrained by the demands of the Lambeth Events team. We hope to put on another show in St Leonard's church.
- 3.6 In conclusion thanks to everyone who has provided support, encouragement and expertise and to run the events programme and audiences.
- 3.7 IF thanked DH for being an inclusive and competent chairperson.

#### **4. Membership update**

- 4.1 TW presented an update. It's been an unusual year. We have effectively suspended membership renewals from March 2020 when everything closed down. TW has kept a record of how many months are still valid for each person so when everything is back to normal will inspect the membership spreadsheet and start everyone's membership.
- 4.2 Some people have generously allowed standing orders to run on and we have taken these as voluntary contributions/donations.
- 4.3 We have 59 paid up members and the number on our mailing list is 911.

#### **5. Events update**

- 5.1 HM presented the events report.
- 5.2 Every event in the last 12 months was held online. We did not miss a month over the period. Our usual favourites returned such as Streatham Shorts, Streatham's Got Talent and the Quiz Night as well as new hits like Sing-along-a-Musical and a Greek theatre event and Barbara's play reading.
- 5.3 Zoom increased access. We have a similar number of participants if not more and from around the globe.
- 5.3 New ideas are welcome.
- 5.4 IF thanked HM for a spectacular series of events.

#### **6. Financial statements and Treasurer's report**

- 6.1 DH shared the financial statement and treasurer's report online on behalf of LB who has just had a knee operation.
- 6.2 Following the financial success of 2018/19, 2019/20 saw our largest loss and 2020/21 was stagnant with income of £645.13. We received an insurance payout for Sisters in the Snow (£521).
- 6.3 Donations were made by those who listened to Sisters in the Snow, raising just over £59
- 6.4 The most significant items of expenditure were our insurance premium and a donation to the Streatham Hill Theatre towards a viability report. Total costs were £629 which means our bottom line is a modest contribution of £16.
- 6.5 STC is still in a healthy financial position with more than £3,400 in the bank and hopes that next year will return to normality.
- 6.6 LB is happy to remain as Treasurer.
- 6.7 The report was accepted.

## **7. Elections**

The following were elected:

David Harvey – chairman

LB - treasurer

MN – secretary

HM – committee member

TW –committee member

IF – committee member

LW – committee member

MJ – committee member

BL - committee member.

## **9. Any Other Business**

9.1 None

**The meeting closed at 20.09**