

MINUTES OF THE CAODS AGM ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2019

37 Members Present

1. Our President, Gill Plumtree, welcomed everyone to the 99th meeting on behalf of the Officers and Committee.
2. The President asked the Secretary to state the apologies. There were apologies from Kim Anderson, Geoff Baker, Jessica Broad, Maggie, Burgess, Janet Castle, Helen Meah, Ray Jeffery, Cheryl & Warren Jennings, Becki Martin, Sue Parkinson, Mandy Parsell, Sue Wilkinson, Christopher & Christine Yorke-Edwards.
3. There were no matters arising from the previous year's minutes. John Sullivan proposed the acceptance of the minutes and Russell Day seconded. Everyone was in favour.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – See attached report. (Covering the period between June 2018 and May 2019). Gill Plumtree thanked Claire for her hard work and said what a wonderful Chairman she had been.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT – See attached report and copy of the Accounts, (the printed accounts given out at the AGM were not copied correctly – no changes to the figures). Jean Pinkney was very happy with the year we had actually made a healthy profit of £9,502, including Gift Aid which had paid out within a week. We had made some money from donations for hiring out props and hire of scenery and costumes. We made £1,407 on Top Hat and £3,630 on My Fair Lady. The social side wasn't as healthy as the previous year, but still with profit of £565, this was because there hadn't been a fundraiser, the previous year we had also put on tap workshops which had been very successful. We had been scanning every line of the budget to keep our costs as low as possible. Scenery, orchestra, theatre etc, are continually very expensive and are non-negotiable costs. Royalties also kept increasing. We were, however, in a healthy position. £3,892 profit had also been made on Evita, this would fall in the next year's budget. On the events side, we had made profit on the coffee mornings, quiz night and the tuck shop. We had lost our deposit on the race night because we had had to cancel. We still had the £5,000 loan with Young Gen for the building and we had made some prepayments for future shows, besides this, we had current assets of nearly £73,000. It had been an interesting year and the accounts were in good shape. Jean Pinkney went on to read out a letter from our Auditor who thanked us for the cheque, and went on to say that in all the years in his job he hadn't had it so easy and that Jean Pinkney had done a great job. There was a round of applause to thank Jean for her hard work. She went on to say that we had budgeted for 377 early bird tickets for My Fair Lady in which we had an actual cost of £220, therefore we had saved money. We had decided against using early bird for Shrek but it may possibly be that we do it again in the future. There were no questions on the budget. Gill thanked Jean for all the work she had done.
6. The accounts were proposed for adoption by Tracey Perry and seconded by Russell Day, all were in favour.
7. The auditors, J Halliday, were proposed for adoption by Karen Whitehead and seconded by Diana Easton, all were in favour.
8. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT - CC asked if Gill Plumtree would be happy to stand again for the ensuing two years. She was delighted to continue and all were in favour. CC thanked Gill for supporting the society and her hard work and she re-iterated what a brilliant job she does supporting our society. Everyone was in favour.
9. ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY, Corinne Dobinson was happy to stand again, Stephanie Yorke-Edwards proposed and Andrew Wallace seconded. All were in agreement and CC thanked her for all the hard work that she does for the society. All were in favour. CC also mentioned that Corinne Dobinson was battling future dates with the Civic Theatre, she mentioned that our first show in 2021 would now be 23-27th March 2021, Corinne Dobinson explained that the Civic Theatre were more interested to know what show we would be doing before they agreed on our dates, but to get the rights on the show we need the dates of the theatre hire which was a catch 22 situation.

10. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – CC & KB were stepping down. SYE was due for re-election.

Jean Pinkney, Cassie Estall, Lynette Sullivan, Dave Yetton, and Christine Yorke-Edwards were not due for re-election and were willing to stand again.

There were 3 spaces on the Committee anyway and with space from Claire Carr & Kieran Bacon stepping down, there were 5 spaces in total. As it happened we had 5 nominations for Committee from Becs Dixon, Michelle Von Kimmelmann, Kevin Richards, Katie Doran and Frankie Mae. Gill Plumtree welcomed the new members to the Committee and thanked our retiring member Kieran Bacon.

11. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – See attached report. Corinne Dobinson thanked Geoff Baker for the wonderful cakes that he had made for the coffee mornings. The quiz was very well attended and was a very successful evening. She also thanked Fae Goldworthy and Helen Meah for helping to run the tuck shop. Unfortunately we had to cancel the race night and made a special request for members to support the social activities run by the society as they actually had quite a big impact on the accounts. She also thanked everyone for their support of the events over the year.

12. 100 CLUB – Dave Yetton said that we currently had 117 members and completed the draws and the results were for December: £30 – Cassie Estall, £20 – Bryan Cass, £10 – Karen Mason. Christmas Draw: £50 – Gareth Barton, £75 – John Sullivan.

13. AWARDS – Claire Carr explained that we as a Committee pick someone that we think has gone above and beyond for the society. The Committees 'Member of the Year Award' would be presented to Jessica Broad at a future rehearsal for her extra work on the website. Sadly Jessica was not able to attend the AGM so would be given her award at a future rehearsal. She had spent a lot of her personal time working on the website, taking archives home, scanning and loading photos etc to put onto the website.

The members 'Member of the Year Award', had lots of votes and Fae Goldworthy was voted for by the members. Fae had won the award from the Committee last year, but this time had received it from the members of the Society. She was very pleased to have won this award and she said that she enjoyed spending her time with everyone.

One Life Membership award was presented to John Sullivan, he had joined in 1989 for Irene, been in the ensemble, had leading roles, moved furniture, helped out with furniture, sound for band calls, managed sound effects and now heads up our technical expertise within CAODS. He is making technical props and special effects for Shrek and helping out with prosthetics. John expressed his thanks and said he had 'had a ball' being with CAODS, had a fantastic year, playing two great leading roles and winning this award had topped his year off.

14. AGM DRAW FOR 2020-21 MEMBERSHIP – The lucky winner was Chris Clements.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – There was no other business for discussion.

Jean Pinkney presented Claire Carr with flowers and gifts and said thank you on behalf of the society and the committee for all of the hard work that she had done and that we were going to miss her.

The meeting therefore closed at 9.05pm and all members were invited for refreshments in the green room.