

MINUTES OF THE SILCHESTER PLAYERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE CLUBROOM, SILCHESTER VILLAGE HALL ON
19TH JUNE 2023 AT 8.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Tim Oliver, Stephen Bibby, Mark Larby, Sarah Oliver, Keith Graham, Brian Gillett, Mairi Oliver, Charlotte Oliver, Clive Solomons, Rachel Solomons, Matthew Larby, Grace Larby, Joan May, Joe Williams, Sue Williams, Tristan Quittenton.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Beryl Oliver, Peter Chiverton, Jim and Michelle McKnight, Jill Gillett, Mandy Larby, Owen Goodyear, Ian Haynes, Tony Oliver, Margaret Lillywhite.

2. Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 27th June 2022

Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 27th June 2022 were approved as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Mark Larby, seconded by Tim Oliver.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Mailing for members emails – Sarah Oliver apologised to the meeting that this is still outstanding and will be completed ASAP.

4. Annual Reports

- 4.1. The Chairman, Brian Gillett, gave his report.
- 4.2. The Secretary, Sarah Oliver, gave her report.
- 4.3. The Treasurer, Mark Larby, presented the Accounts.

Mark proposed that donations be kept to £750 per show in order to allow us to build up our reserves. These will go to Shopmobility, Tadley Elderly Daycare and the Olibob Foundation for the last three shows, with a quarter going to Olibob Foundation from all our shows.

5. Receive and adopt the Accounts

The Accounts were proposed by Tim Oliver and seconded by Joan May.

6. Subscriptions

The Treasurer proposed that subscriptions should remain at £20 for adults and £10 for juniors. This proposal was seconded by Sarah Oliver.

7. Appointment of Auditor

The appointment of the auditor, John Coffin, was proposed by Stephen Bibby and seconded by Mairi Oliver. John has agreed to waive his fee (£120) and wishes this to be donated to his chosen charity.

8. Election of the Committee

The Secretary advised the meeting that the following nominations had been received:

Nominees

Sarah Oliver	Matthew Larby	Joe Williams
Clive Solomons	Rachel Solomons	Brian Gillett
Mark Larby	Peter Reynolds	Tim Oliver

These members were voted *en bloc* following a proposal by Tristan Quittenton.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1. Tristan Quittenton addressed the meeting with some views about poor levels of communication within the group. This included people complaining behind the scenes but not doing anything about it, failure to share information about roles and responsibilities properly, especially for newer members, and felt that set-building sessions were not welcoming.
Brian said we should encourage a culture makes it comfortable for people to ask questions or get help.
We should also re-visit the production guidelines that have fallen by the wayside recently; these will need updating.
The Committee will discuss Tristan's views.
- 9.2. Mark suggested Brian inform the meeting about our upcoming productions: Autumn – “Sleighed to Death” by Peter Gordon (auditions 27th June), Pantomime – “Rapunzel”. It was highlighted that Kevin is retiring from scenery design so we will need help for panto scenery.
- 9.3. Sue Williams – as chair of the Olibob Foundation – thanks the Players for donations over the past year. They also raised over £200 at the last show via cash donations.
- 9.4. Tim informed the meeting that the top layer paint on the back wall has been removed (weighing approximately 125kg!).
- 9.5. Matthew asked for an update on the Code of Conduct document. This is a work in progress; Tristan will review the document in line with their comments earlier.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 20:41.