

AUCHTERMUCHTY THEATRE GROUP

AGM Wednesday 22nd April 2009, 7:30pm Upper Town Hall, Auchtermuchty

With the absence of a chairperson, as secretary, Steven Robertson took the chair. The meeting opened at 7:35pm the chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

PRESENT

Steven Robertson, Kirsty Niven, Lorna Lockhart, Cassie Lockhart, Susan Drummond, Donald McTavish, Jim Robertson, Evelyn Myles, Peter Thomson, Jean Keddie, Ian Keddie, John Whyte, Valerie McKinnon, Ronnie McKinnon, Janet Bell, Marge Keddie, Barbara McCanney, Jacqui Brand, Annette Robertson, Joan Potts, Shirley Wilson, Sandra Whitelaw

APOLOGIES

Stefan Hoggan, Lauren Kilbane, Christy McLean, James Snowden, Dave Mole, Andy Heer, Alan Muirhead, Liz Rowley, Drew McCanney, Alan Normand, Dick Greig

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Read and approved as an accurate representation of the previous AGM.

Proposed by Susan Drummond

Seconded by Peter Thomson

REPORT on THE GROUPS ACTIVITIES

2008 was a splendiferous year with activities and productions aimed at our younger members. Our first venture was a wump show of wuggle proportions which roly-polied itself into the groups history books as one of our most brillzanio productions. But they really did stink! The two main characters of course, who provided the corner stone to a place of wonder and magical fun. The twits was almost produced by Christy McLean and Cassie Lockhart and they did a wonderful job bringing together the cast who created an atmosphere of amazement and joy. Congratulations to all who took part.

During the summer the youth members again were able to take part in drama classes run by Kirsty Niven. Her fun and relaxed approach to teaching really let the kids talents shine through and everyone left with a better understanding of drama and they also left every class high as kites. Whomever I have spoken to about the class enjoyed the experience and was please to have a tutor who was as crazy as them. Thanks to Kirsty for organising some fantastic workshops.

The pantomime last year was Dick Whittington and Liz Rowley was back to produce it. Again this saw some of our younger members take on some principal roles, youth members like Nicki Bennett, Peter Thomson and Dave Mole. The show was described as one of the best pantomimes to come out of Auchtermuchty, which is a quite an accolade considering some of our pantomime achievements. I for one can't wait to see what is produced for our 30th pantomime this year.

As a fund raiser Evelyn Myles thought it would be a good idea to perform a murder mystery, and good it was. We had a fantastic audience turn up to find out which evil, twisted good for nothing loafer murdered me. Along with the show, we had quizzes, games, stovies and audience participation culminating in a very enjoyable and profitable evening. This recipe will need to be tired again. Evelyn is now in the middle of rehearsals with 'Men Should Weep', a fantastic show about the life of a mother in the one of the worst slums in Europe at the time, Glasgow, and her will to keep her family together which is quite an ask considering her family and the knack the neighbours have of turning up just at the right time, to be concerned pests. Information will be in the papers, on the internet and in the shops, so spread the word and help us sell as many tickets as we can.

One major purchase for the group was of the festival sound system, we now own it and have it to hire for a small donation to trustworthy groups.

Once we have our membership for this year, we will start to produce a newsletter, sent via email letting members know what is happening within the group, what decisions have been made and what shows are in the pipe line. Also, if you have any suggestions, or would like to see anything in the newsletter or on the website, let me know and we'll put it up there. It is your website, and it gets 10000 hits a month, so if you want something advertised or mentioned, email me.

Finally, a quick word about the committee, Glynda was an excellent chairperson, dealing with any situation as it arose, but due to personal and family issues decided to resign as chairperson and from the group during the winter. Jean Keddie took to the treasurer role like a duck to water and has kept a close eye on the finances. And the rest of the committee has done a marvellous job, guiding the theatre group through 2008. Thank you to all the committee and especially to all of the members, as it's you who make this group one of the largest, most popular groups in Auchtermuchty.

TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts were prepared by Jean Keddie and the independent examination was carried out by VONEF. The current balance is £3128.00 with some hall rents to still be deducted from this amount for and the donations for 2007 were also taken from this year's accounts. The main source of income for the group is ticket sales and the treasurer stressed the importance of filling every seat at every performance to maintain a robust income.

There were no questions regarding the accounts.

They were approved by Jim Robertson

Seconded by Peter Thomson

PANTOMIME

Liz Rowley has agreed to produce this year's 30th Auchtermuchty Theatre Group's Pantomime, which will be Cinderella. The reading will be on Wednesday 19th August.

DRAMA GROUP

The drama group is in rehearsals with 'Men Should Weep' which will be performed on 21st – 23rd May. The group will be performing 'The Steamie' in October, it is felt that this show was so successful that it would be a good idea to let people who may have missed it first time round an opportunity to witness this fantastic show.

It was also suggested that the youth members produce a murder mystery fund raising evening, this will be addressed by the new committee.

DISSOLUTION & ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Election of Office Bearers

As all business had been discussed the committee of the year 2008/09 was dissolved and Steven Robertson stood down from the chair. Jim Robertson took the chair for the election of the 2009/10 committee.

Position	Nominated	Proposed by/ Seconded by
Chairperson	Susan Drummond	Steven Robertson
		Ian Keddie
Secretary	Steven Robertson	Peter Thomson
		Lorna Lockhart
Treasurer	Jean Keddie	Ian Keddie
		Peter Thomson

Election of Committee

The committee members stood down. Permanently retiring from the committee were, Janette McKechnie, Kirsty Niven and Glynda O'Hara. Lorna Lockhart & Cassie Lockhart were re-elected en-bloc. The following new members are;

Nominated	Proposed by/ Seconded by
Annette Robertson	Steven Robertson
	Kirsty Niven
Peter Thomson	Evelyn Myles
	Cassie Lockhart
Marge Keddie	Jean Keddie
	Steven Robertson
Valerie McKinnon	Ronnie McKinnon
	Marge Keddie

Jim Robertson stood down and Susan Drummond took the chair.

A.O.C.B.

Subscriptions

Ian Keddie suggested that the subs be increased by £1 bring them to £4 per person. Some felt that this was an acceptable fee whilst others disagreed stating that if a family has three or four members it starts to build up in addition to the time given to the group. After a short discussion it was decided to keep the current fee at £3 and the new committee would evaluate the fee at their next meeting. It was also mentioned that the subs no longer were solely for the insurance premium but for membership in the Auchtermuchty Theatre Group which allowed members access to various products and services from the national groups we are affiliated with.

Publicity Officer

Evelyn Myles raised the point that the group has no single person responsible for publicity. Currently the publicity, tickets and programme are printed by whomever is available for each production. Evelyn suggested that an individual would be responsible for advertising events and the printing of whatever was required for each production. This will be raised at the next committee meeting.

Thanks

John Whyte, representing the ATC, thanked the group for their donation.

Kirsty Niven, representing Dundee College, thanked the group for their donation

This being all the relevant business the chair thanked all and closed the meeting at 8:15pm