



Scottish Community Drama Association

Annual General Meeting

Minute of 7th November 2020 Zoom meeting held at 11am

Chairman, Tony Flisch		National Secretary, Morna Barron
Discussion		Actions
1	<p>Chairman's Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Tony welcomed everyone to the meeting and was delighted to see so many in these difficult times.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies/Attendance</p> <p>A number of apologies were given as shown in the listed appendix to the minute which also shows the 37 members who attended.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of AGM 0211/19</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by John Biggam seconded by Alison McCallum.</p>	
4	<p>Trustee Report</p> <p>The Annual Trustee report had been circulated to members. It was formally adopted on a proposal by Ian Smith and seconded by Graham Garson.</p> <p>Lesley gave the following financial report:-</p> <p>Most things are covered pretty thoroughly in the Financial Review section of the Annual Report, section 5 page 11.</p> <p>However Lesley summarised:</p> <p>We were budgeting for a small deficit for the year. The bottom line was anticipated to be helped by a surplus from Scottish Final in Orkney.</p> <p>We don't need to tell anyone what happened on March, which scuppered so many plans, as well as devastating so many lives.</p> <p>With assistance from Business Support grants, a donation from Turtleton Charitable Trust (TCT) and continued support from JBT Distribution Ltd. (JBT), we ended the year with a surplus of £17,464, £13,604 of which is unrestricted funds.</p> <p>The TCT money was given for core funding for this current year. Core funding is difficult to obtain these days so well done to our enthusiastic fundraiser, Gordon Hibbert, for getting us this £5,000. We applied for a second Business Support grant on the basis that it would assist a difficult 20/21 financial year. These two sources of income total £12,500.</p> <p>JBT gave us an extra sum over and above their promised amount, and effectively we can view 19/20 as actually more or less breaking even, and these extra funds being brought forward to this year.</p>	

	<p>We continue to be grateful to our Patrons, those giving donations, support of all kinds; whether it's paying a membership sub or buying a soft toy, it is all appreciated.</p> <p>Before Lesley took any questions, she wished put on record that she was extremely grateful to her fellow office bearers, Executive members and National Committee for their continued support and perhaps forbearance on occasions.</p> <p>She also wished to thank Brenda Williams who, as well as doing most of the day to day finance work, reminds her when she had forgotten something, which was quite often.</p> <p>Membership.</p> <p>This was not too disappointing in the year to 30th June 2020. However, it was assisted greatly by an increase in Northern.</p> <p>This current year is not going to look quite the same sadly, as the boost in Northern has reversed, also membership levels in Western have dropped considerably and the other two Divisions show a decline as of now.</p> <p>This impacts across the board. Individuals can Gift Aid their memberships so when we lose members we lose the Gift Aid also. Club membership potentially affects festival income etc. The impact is widespread.</p> <p>The situation is understandable. We must thank all those who have given their continued support in these times.</p> <p>Library</p> <p>Although the Library is closed, Alison is still dealing with postal orders. There is no longer a charge for borrowing, you just have to pay for postage.</p>	
5	<p>Festival in 2021</p> <p>The British Final had been pushed back to September 24th /25th September 2021. Tony announced that SCDA would aim to provide a team to go to Rhyl. Because of this it had been agreed by the Executive and National Committee to do likewise with the Scottish One Act Festivals. Everything had to be flexible so look out for information on the website regarding our Scottish Final. It was agreed we would not be going to Orkney in 2021 as previously suggested mainly due to Covic-19 and the problems with travel and social distancing.</p>	
6	<p>Questionnaire.</p> <p>Robin gave a short update on the questionnaire.</p>	
7	<p>Fundraising. Gordon gave the following report.</p> <p>Lesley showed some lovely new broches of Scotty dogs and hearts, handmade from Harris tweed and other materials, by one of our member's and they were a good new addition to the merchandise. And she hoped would make good Christmas gifts.</p>	
8	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>There was a query regarding the proposed monologue competition. Lee Dunn explained that it was to be launched on 21st November and asked everyone to look out for it on FB and the Website.</p>	

Play on Words. Morna announced that the new Play on Words had been launched that morning on Facebook by Lisa Nicoll of InMotion Theatre Company. It was for Scottish based writes and there was a two tier system. A competition for the under 30's and one for all ages. The two winners would get one to one mentoring by Guy Hollands ex-Artistic Director of the Citizens' theatre Glasgow. Last entry 31st March 2021

Tony thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced that he was not seeking re-election as Chairman. He wished to thank the Executive and National Committee for their support over the past three years in particular Morna and Lesley.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm with a vote of thanks to the chair.