

Minutes Friends of the Court Theatre AGM - 2023

Location: The Foyer Court Theatre

Date: Monday 13 March 2023

Time: 7.00pm

Present: The Friends of The Court Theatre Committee

Annie Bonifant, Pat Braithwaite, Cheryl Colley, Tony Feaver, Jay Pollock, Raewyn Raynell, David Winfield, Lynn Vandertie, with three committee apologies, Andrea Bankier, Jenny May and Charles Duke
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Invited Guests: Dame Adrienne Stewart. Barbara George Susan Rendall Alison Wall

Meeting Details:

Welcome:

The Chair, Annie Bonifant, welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the presence of a number of special guests. She also acknowledged the pleasing number of members present. She also outlined the slight change to the order of the agenda for the evening as Dame Adrienne had a prior engagement and had to leave early.

The Chair then outlined the wonderful support that retiring Patron, Dame Adrienne had given to the Friends of the Court for 23 years, both personally and financially.

Annie presented Dame Adrienne with flowers, and Jenny May's bottle of her favourite tittle. This was greeted with acclamation.

Dame Adrienne spoke of her love of the Court and while acknowledging that she was no longer going to carry on as Patron, she would still be very much part of the general Court community.

Upon Dame Adrienne's departure, the formal part of the meeting resumed.

Apologies: 34 apologies were forwarded prior to the meeting and a further 6 received from the floor.

Motion: that all apologies be accepted

Moved: Cheryl Colley **Seconded:** Jay Pollock

Carried by voice vote

Minutes of AGM - held Monday 13 March, 2022 at 7.00 pm had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. There was no discussion.

Moved: Cheryl Colley **Seconded:** Raewyn Raynell

Carried by voice vote

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report: The Chair's report was made available electronically (as were a number of other documents) prior to the meeting

Annie verbally presented her report that covered a number of aspects of The Friends committee activity over the past year and thanked the committee for the huge amount of work they do for the Friends and the Court itself.

The report was greeted with acclamation and there was no discussion.

Motion: That the Chair's Report be accepted

Moved: Annie Bonifant **Seconded:** David Winfield

Carried by voice vote

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and the related Performance Report were made available electronically (as were a number of other documents) prior to the meeting)

Lynn delivered the Treasurer's Report showing a healthy financial standing. A copy of the report is attached as Addendum 3

The Performance Report was taken as read. A copy of that Report is attached as Addendum 4.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report and related Performance report be accepted

Moved : Lynn Vandertie **Seconded:** Cheryl Colley

Elections:

Nominations were required to be lodged no later than 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting

Patron: Ben Gough had been approached by members of the Committee to be the new Patron and had willingly agreed.

Motion: That Ben Gough be the new Patron of Fiends of The Court Theatre

Moved: Annie Bonifant **Seconded:** Pat Braithwaite

Carried by acclamation.

The following nominations were received and were proposed at the meeting

Secretary Charles Duke

Membership Secretary Jay Pollock

Treasurer Lynn Vandertie

Committee Members Andrea Bankier, Annie Bonifant, Pat Braithwaite, Cheryl Colley,
Tony Feaver, Jenny May, Raewyn Raynell, David Winfield

Motion: that these appointments be accepted

Moved: Elisabeth Cooch **Seconded:** Anne Wright

The committee has the power to co-opt members at any time should there be a need

General Business:

Guest Speaker -Alison Wall Artistic Director

Alison delivered a careful and detailed address about each production for the coming season giving her reasons for the choice of play or musical.

She introduced Holly Chappell-Eason, Director of “Be Like Billy” who spoke about differences in directing a one man show.

Conclusion:

The Chair thanked Alison and Holly for their presentations.

The attending members were thanked for their attendance and invited to remain for conversation, drinks and nibbles.

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____