

Minutes of Big Bad Wolf Children's Theatre Company

28 February 17

Graeme Hotel, Falkirk

Present: Agnes, Shirley, Grant, Susan, Mandy, Gemma, Fiona, Stuart, Louise, Laura, Claire

Apologies: Emma, Karen, Evonne, Tracey, Gordon

Agenda Item	Action
Welcome and Apologies	Grant intimated that Tracey was standing down from the committee due to work commitments.
Update on Financial Position	Gemma is waiting on the February statement. Bank sitting around £14,000. We still have to pay out our charity donations and are waiting on the money coming in from the Box Office. Everything else is paid. Agnes sent the form by post and email but they claimed not to have received it. Agnes then sent it Recorded Delivery and it has been received. We are still due around £9000 for tickets but are due to pay around £2000 for Hall hire. The Royalties for the show are still due to be paid too. Gemma said we have saved on Set, Band Payments etc. this year.
Fees 2017/18	Fees are currently £105 for existing members and £115 for new members (including their t-shirt). No-one was minded to increase the fees at they increased last year. Agnes said that fundraising had gone up this year and felt that if fees increase sometimes fundraising suffers. All agreed to keep same rate for next year. Agnes suggested that balance of fees should be paid before auditions for the main show. Gemma said that was a good idea. All agreed that balance of fees should be paid before main show auditions.
Auditions	Grant said that hopefully new member auditions would be held in April. The auditions for the main show may be before the summer but this may depend on other things. Agnes suggested 22/23 April for new members – All agreed. It was suggested to hold the main show auditions 9, 10, and 11 June. Agnes will tweet all the schools. Agnes will check dates with Production Team. Singing audition would be Friday and the rest Saturday/Sunday.
Workshop	Hilary tendered her resignation at the last meeting. Grant said that the workshop had been tricky for the last year. There was a lot of uncertainty. We talked about hiring set but there wasn't one available for Pinocchio. Going forward, as Hilary resigned, we have no Set Designer. Do we want to persevere? What is the availability of people to help? We are committed to Smith Street until August. We need to re-apply for Rates reduction in April. We need to find somewhere else to store set if we are not keeping Smith Street. Smith Street may be too expensive to just use for storage. Louise said some helpers felt they were not welcome in the workshop. Fiona said we would like to keep the workshop but need a Parents Meeting to ensure we have help. £130 per month for Smith Street. Agnes felt we wouldn't get storage for any less than that. Louise didn't think it was prudent to leave Smith Street as we may need it in the future. Fiona said we need to explore options. All agreed to keep the workshop for now. Mandy suggested we make it clear to the parents we need a new workshop team. Laura said we will need someone to lead the team. Fiona said we need a meeting with all the Parents to facilitate this. Grant suggested we ask within the company first if anyone would be interested in being Set Designer. Agnes will email as

	<p>soon as possible. Grant said if we don't get a volunteer we will need to spread the net wider. He will talk to Ronnie then we will approach the parents for workshop helpers.</p> <p>Louise suggested that kids enter and leave Dobbie Hall by the furthest door to the main hall. Registration table would then be in the hallway and we would have more of a chance to talk to Parents on a weekly basis. Agnes said whoever is on duty should be there 20 minutes early to set up and must help clear up at the end too.</p>
Celebratory Show 2017	<p>Grant has spoken to Lindsay, who spoke to the rest of the team. Everyone is up for it. Jonny is looking at songs. Lindsay is looking at links. Greg is available to do the Sound and Lights. St Mungo's High School is available for the performances. All agreed to go ahead with this project.</p> <p>Stuart said we will need a commitment from the kids and the parents. Fiona suggested we get as many former members as possible back. Grant suggested that we would need a commitment from at least half the existing company. Fiona suggested it was more cabaret style. Agnes suggested we offer a 10 year Celebratory T-shirt, and this be worn for the show so no costume required. Dress Rehearsal would be 24 August with Shows on 25 and 26 August, including a Saturday Matinee. The hall has 500 seats. It costs £11 per hour to hire until 10pm then £55 per hour after that. Saturday 9am until 6pm is £11 per hour, £55 per hour after 6pm. We could have a Tuck Shop. It would not be compulsory to take part. We need to get numbers. Past members would be by invite only. Jonny may decide, depending on his plan. Agnes will speak to Lindsay/Jonny and let them know the dates then we will move forward with the plans. Gemma suggested we may have to try to number the seats as they are not numbered. Everyone agreed it sounded good. Agnes will check with Production asap. Then Fiona will book St Mungo's. Laura suggested it would be open to current members and invited previous members. Agnes said the kids would have to commit to rehearsals to take part. Grant suggested we take a minimalist approach – minimum rehearsals (6 max?). Grant will sit down with the Production Team in a few weeks to gather their thoughts. Agnes will email them.</p>
AOCB	<p>Graeme Hotel has said we are welcome to use their room anytime. Louise suggested we offer them a free advert next year to thank them.</p>

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Next meeting – TBC