

Big Bad Wolf
Children's Theatre Company
Annual General Meeting – 12 November 2017

Minutes

Apologies

Apologies received from Emma Watkins, Lynne Blackwood, Gail George and Jennifer Gardiner

Minutes of AGM for 2016

Last years' AGM was held on Sunday 6 November 17. Louise asked for confirmation that the Minutes published and available on the website were a true and accurate reflection of this meeting.

Nominator – Fiona Young

Secunder – Evonne Johnston

Welcome from Louise Harland to the 10th Annual General Meeting of the Big Bad Wolf Children's Theatre Company

Louise recently took on the position of chairperson a couple of months ago from Grant Alexander who stepped down due to personal reasons. She thanked Grant for all his years serving the company.

Report from the Chair

At the moment our current office bearers are Gemma McDonald, Treasurer and Agnes Law, Secretary. We also have another 7 management committee members - Shirley, Fiona, Emma, Susan, Mandy, Claire and Stuart. Louise thanked them all for their support this year.

Louise said Emma, Shirley and Fiona are all stepping down this year which leaves a huge gap as they have all played big parts for a number of years in helping in the running of the company and we will be sad to see them go. Louise is quite sure they will be still on the side lines though to lend a helping hand and so thanked them all for all their hard work and dedication.

2016/2017 has been a huge year for BBW with it being our 10th Anniversary. Pinocchio was our 10th show and, as usual, was performed to the high standard that our audiences are used to from the company. We saw a few changes this year with a new production team, stage manager and sound and lighting team. Louise thanked everyone involved both on and off stage for putting together a great show to take us into our 10th year.

Our 10th anniversary party was held at the Bowhouse Community Centre in September and Louise thought everyone who attended would agree it was a huge success. She also suggested, if you haven't already done so, take a look at some of the photos online that were taken in the photo booth, she thought this proved to be quite popular.

Rehearsals are well under way for this years' production of High School Musical, our production team this year are:

Director	Lindsay Dowell	Asst. Director	Mhairi-Anne Vickers
Musical Director	Johnny Graham	Asst. MD	Sheena Graham
Choreographer	Emma Watkins	Asst Chor	Heather Watkins

Tickets are now on sale and for the first time we are selling our own tickets rather than through the Community trust box office. Hopefully everybody is aware of how you can purchase them through our online facility or at rehearsals. Louise asked that we please push tickets sales as much as possible to ensure the hard work that our kids are putting in is rewarded with full houses at every performance.

This year also sees us hiring in the set for the 1st time. Hilary Wallace was our fantastic set designer for numerous years but this year has hung up her paint brush and we so far have been unable to replace this talented lady. Again if anybody knows somebody who would be interested in this position please let the committee know. We also would need a team of workshop volunteers to help build the sets.

Fundraising

Fundraising events this year saw us performing at numerous carol singing events with the biggest being the light switch on in Falkirk Town Centre which we will be attending again next week. It's great to be invited back to this event again. Louise thanked Fiona for organising our race night back in October, which was a great fundraiser, and said it would be lovely to see more families attend these nights in the future.

Fiona said there have been several fundraising activities over the year including the members singing in the Howgate and Tesco Redding. There will be performances in Tesco Redding and Howgate again this year. Fiona said BBW can raise £250 in one night singing at Tesco, Redding. Fiona said that there has been in excess of £10,000 raised in the 10 years she has been involved in BBW. Louise asked if anyone had any suggestions for fundraising that they let her, or any of the committee, know. Fiona said that BBW had tried bag packing previously but that she felt it was not successful as not enough kids could commit.

Treasurer's Report

Attached Separately

Secretary's Report

Agnes started by thanking everyone for the privilege of again allowing her to hold the post of Secretary of Big Bad Wolf Children's Theatre Company. She thanked Grant and Louise for always being there and also the committee for all their hard work and support.

Agnes said that Pinocchio had been Heather's last show and it was 10 years since her sister, Mary, helped set up the company. She said that Grace McBride had won the Mary Watkins Memorial Trophy this year.

Agnes asked if all members could ensure that they had a folder to keep their words in so they don't get left behind at rehearsals or lost. Agnes asked that the members have a separate folder for their Christmas song words, decorated appropriately. Members should arrive a maximum of 10 minutes before rehearsal is due to start as, otherwise, there will be no-one there to supervise them. If members are handing in money it should be in an envelope with their name and details clearly marked on the front. If a member is unable to attend rehearsal their parent/carer should advise Agnes direct. Agnes asked if parents/carers would ensure they have put their names down to help during show week. Parents etc. are not permitted to take photos or videos of the children on stage during show week as they must have written permission to do that.

Iain Gillies has set up and tested the online ticketing system so Agnes passed on her thanks to him for that. There will be a dedicated BBW email address for all ticketing enquiries. Agnes asked that members like BBW's pages on Social Media and share posts to generate ticket sales.

Agnes asked everyone to nominate BBW as their beneficiary on easyfundraising.org, for any online purchases they make.

Agnes thanked Members and their parents for their support. Agnes has to wait to receive rehearsal calls from Production Team and sends them out as soon as she receives them. She works full time so has a limited amount of time when she can reply to emails and messages.

Constitution Changes

Any proposed changes to the constitution are required to be raised to the committee and considered and voted on at a general meeting. Louise reported that there were no changes proposed this year.

Election of New Management Committee Members

Louise said there are spaces available on the committee. Those putting themselves forward are:

Gordon Gallacher, Gillian Walker, Diane Russell, Paul McGuire, Renatta Brockie, Heather Riddoch, Gillian Scrymgeour, Brendan Cannon, Lynne Black and Candice Sinclair.

Proposed by Stuart Williamson

Seconded by Jacqui Pearson

Any Other Business

No further business.

Once again Louise thanked everyone for their continued support as BBW is not only a commitment for the kids but also their families. She said if you have any questions, ideas or concerns please do not hesitate to contact her or any member of the committee. Meeting Closed 3.45pm