

# **Minutes of Big Bad Wolf Children's Theatre Company**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Bowhouse Community Centre, Grangemouth 2pm**

### **Apologies**

### **Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 12th November 2017**

Last year's AGM was on Sunday 12th November 2017. Louise asked for confirmation that the minutes, published and available on the website and also sent to all members, were a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

Nominator – Stuart Williamson      Secunder –Jacqui Pearson

### **Welcome from the Chair Louise Harland to the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Big Bad Wolf Children's Theatre Company**

### **Report from the Chair**

Thank you all for coming along to our 11th big bad wolf AGM.

I WOULD like to start first of all by thanking our current committee for all their hard work and support this year and I've thoroughly enjoyed being part of this team.

Our present office bearers are myself as chair, Gordon Gallagher- vice chair, Gemma McDonald-treasurer and Agnes Law – secretary. The remaining committee members are Candice Sinclair, Renatta Brockie, Paul McGuire, Heather Riddoch, Gillian Scrymgeour, Lynne Black, Gillian Walker, Brendan Cannon, Stuart Williamson, Susan Johnstone, Claire Stirton and Diane Russell.

Both Stuart and Claire are stepping down this year both of whom have helped enormously in the past number of years with creating our programme, workshop, hall bookings and much more. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

2017/2018 was a fantastic year with High School Musical and one personally I felt created a huge team /family feeling for both children and adults. Everybody did their bit from front of house, dressing rooms and backstage to the amazing performance from all of our children on stage. So thank you to every parent/helper for creating that fantastic atmosphere.

Rehearsals are well under way for Footloose and we continue this year with the same production team for this show. We have also secured the rights for Copacabana as our 2020 show and are working already on the rights for 2021.

Tickets will be on sale hopefully by next week once we finalise the new seating plan at the town hall and once again we need 100% effort from everybody to push ticket sales as much as possible to ensure we cover our costs to keep the company running.

We have resorted back this year to building our own set and I have to thank all the work from all involved in making this happen. The workshop is open on a Monday night from 7.30pm and all volunteers are welcome to come along and help.

This year we have set up a concert group and our aim is to attend events to create awareness for the company and to promote ticket sales. Our first concert is at Grangemouth Town Hall at the ww1 memorial. If you know of any sheltered housing or care homes that would enjoy our talents please let Gordon know.

Carol singing is one of our biggest fundraisers and we have been invited once again to sing at the various Xmas light switch ons in the district. We will also have spots at Tesco in Redding, The Howgate and The Falkirk Wheel.

We held our first prize bingo at Scott's in Grangemouth which was a huge success raising over £800, the efforts that went into organising this are much appreciated and hopefully you are all starting to de-stress. We have a night at the 3 kings booked for next November and details on this will be out nearer the time.

This year also brought sadness with the loss of our former member Luc Liddell, we are creating a memorial award in honour of Luc and will share this information once we have finalised the details, and Footloose will also be dedicated to the memory of Luc.

All I can say now is I hope Footloose is as successful as our previous 11 shows and I look forward to the fun of show week.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Attached separately

### **Secretary's Report**

It doesn't seem like a Year has passed since our AGM last year, but here we are again. As always I am very privileged and honoured to have held the post of Secretary of Big Bad Wolf Children's Theatre Company.

My Family were delighted that the Mary Watkins Memorial trophy in memory of my Sister was hotly contested again this year with the worthy winner being Duncan Brown. We have had a busy year full of ups and downs but mostly ups. Our production of High School Musical was another fabulous production. We are very lucky to have such a great, dedicated Production Team however we are also incredibly luck to have such talented members, supportive parents and a hard working committee, team work is the key and clearly everyone pulling in the same direction makes it work. We had a great number of applications for new members this year again, it's so encouraging to see would be members work so hard for their auditions, we had some lovely emails from parents to say how welcome they were made to feel and how their children enjoyed the audition process even though they didn't get in, it has made them all the more determined to try again. We moved on to main show auditions and I know there were a few disappointed members and parents when the Footloose cast announcements were made, can I just tell you I sat in on the auditions purely as an observer and Wow, what a talent we have in our company, I was so glad I had no say whatsoever in the casting decisions, I have no idea how the Production Team managed to make their decisions, we have to trust our Production Team though-they have never miscast a show. I can also tell you that it makes no difference if members have a parent on the Committee or they stay in the same street as such and such or they go to a certain dance school or their Mum is friends with x,y or z, or they had a part last year, it's all down to the auditions and the best person for the role. The Production Team will not put his or her reputation on the line just to keep someone happy.

I would like to Thank everyone for their continued support, I know you might get a bit frustrated that I do not reply to your enquiry immediately but could I ask you not to text then email then Facebook message if I haven't got back to you within an hour, I have a full time job and this isn't it. I am a Civil Servant, a job which I have done for 40 years and yes, I did start work when I was 5. I may not see

