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**Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting of The Ewhurst Players.**

Held on Thursday March 20th 2019 at 8pm.

1. **Registration.** Peter Bradley. Meg Bray. Tricia Cooper. Wendy Davies. Bruce Dean. Chris Dews. Rachael Dews. Julie Edwards. Mike Fanya. Marilyn Fanya. Bob Foley. Liz Foley. Simon Fraser. Jay Garland. Belinda Graham-Rack. Nick Graham-Rack. Barrie Heathcote. Marian Heathcote. Victoria House. J Lewis. L Lewis. M &M Lockwood. Anne Lyth. Charlie McLean. Mary McMath (?) Penny Morris. Patsy Mortimore. Michael Nash. Trasna Palmer. Nicki Payne. M H Richardson. Hilary Roberts. Catherine Van’triet.
2. **Chairman’s welcome.** Chris welcomed the members to the AGM and was pleased to see such a good attendance.
3. **Apologies for absence.** Jennie Metcalf. Sophie Shickell. Chris Lyth. plus the absences at the previously held SGM.
4. **Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting.**

Previously circulated to the Membership.

1. **Acceptance of the Minutes.**

 Proposed by Jenny Lewis

 Seconded by Alan MacGregor.

1. **Chairman’s Report**.

Appended to the Minutes

1. **Treasurer’s Report.**

Copy of the report was circulated at the meeting.

Mike Richardson asked how many paid up members the Society currently had. He was advised by the Treasurer there were 93 households which comprised 150 actual persons.

Patsy Mortimore asked if it would be possible for members to have a membership list. It was agreed that this would be looked into taking into consideration the restrictions under GDPR.

A request came from the floor for the 5 years previous accounts to be to be provided with the Treasurers report for comparisons to be made. A show of hands carried the request.

Marian Heathcote raised a query with the production account for Accrington Pals whereby all expenditure was shown irrespective of which financial year the payment was paid. The Treasurer provided an explanation and Marian was happy with this.

Marian quired the value of the raffle prizes and advised in the past an amount of €30 had been allocated for each performance. The Chairman agreed that the quality of raffle prizes could be improved and he would look into this.

There being no further questions he thanked The Treasurer and acknowledged that the role had become more complicated. The Treasurer received thanks and applause from the floor.

Mike Richardson moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

 8. **John Pidgeon Award.**

This was awarded and presented to Simon Fraser and received the wholehearted approval of the meeting.

1. **Election of Officers.**

The Secretary advised there being no opposition the Current Officers were happy to continue. The following Officers were therefore elected unopposed

Chairman Chris Dews

Secretary Meg Bray

Treasurer Tricia Cooper

1. **Election of 5 Committee Members**.

There being 5 nominations for the 5 vacancies on the Committee the following members were elected.

Simon Fraser. Belinda Graham-Rack. Nick Graham-Rack. Alan MacGregor. Charley McLean.

 11. **Any Other Business.**

The Chairman announced the Jan/Feb 2020 production will be directed by Meg Bray. this was greeted with applause and approval from the floor.

Barrie Heathcote enquired about providing free teas and coffee at our productions. The general feeling of the meeting approved this suggestion. The Chairman agreed to consider this and to possibly invite a voluntary donation.

Anne Lyth read a statement from Chris Lyth providing information regarding creating an additional room at the rear of the village hall. He had been in discussion with Mike White (Parish Councillor with responsibility for the Village Hall) who was in agreement as it would be beneficial for Rainbows End Pre School and The Ewhurst Players. The Chairman agreed to progress outside of the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

M Bray

Hon Sec

15 February 2020