

## The Company of Players (Hertford)

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th October 2023

**Present:** Lorretta Freeman - Chairperson, Theo Berkhout - Treasurer, Derek Palmer - Secretary, + 20 members: Andy Lee, Ken Allford, Brenda Onyon, Geoffrey Rice, Shelagh Maughan, Laura Ilinca, Angela Reiss, Paul Morton, Chris Janes, Julia Lee, Chris Smith, Chloe Evans, Andy Howell, Chris Brunton, Hannah Leonard, Martyn Leonard, Jonathon Wallis, Alex Kennedy, Stuart Handysides, Richard Martin.

- 1. Apologies for absence** had been received from 24 members:  
Mel Powell, Mary Powell, Mike Day, Brenda Day, Tony Mason, Maddie Lee, Veronica Fraser, Madeline Carmichael, Eric Brown, Jenny Allford, Andy Pierce, Brenda Excell, Terry Paque, Sally Paque, Robin Tesselment, Pippa Cooke, Jan Palmer Sayer, Madeleine Evans, Pippa Morton, Claudia McKelvey, Maggie Box, Paul Russell, Hillary Scott, Peter Reiss.
- 2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM** dated 7th October had been circulated and were approved by the meeting. Proposed by Angela Reiss, seconded by Ken Allford.
- 3. Matters arising from the minutes** - There were no matters arising.
- 4. Honorary Treasurer's Report** - had been circulated with the annual accounts summary to all members present at the theatre. The Treasurer wished to record his thanks to Bev Turner for her continuing help. The meeting unanimously approved the accounts. Proposed by Andy Howell, seconded by Laura Ilinca.
- 5. To appoint the Honorary Independent Examiner for the ensuing year** - Bev Turner had agreed to continue, and this was approved by the meeting. Proposed by Hannah Leonard, seconded by Shelagh Maughan.
- 6. To receive the Honorary Chairperson's Report** - The report from Loretta Freeman was received by the meeting with thanks, and its adoption proposed by Shelagh Maughan and seconded by Angela Reiss.
- 7. To elect the Management Committee for the ensuing year** - The officers required no election and were appointed en bloc: nominated by Chris Smith and seconded by Loretta Freeman. The seven committee posts had attracted eight nominations and an election was held, resulting in the 2023/24 Committee as detailed below:  
Chairman - Chris Janes  
Secretary - Derek Palmer  
Treasurer - Theo Berkout  
Committee - Ken Allford, Andy Lee, Hannah Leonard, Paul Morton, Angela Reiss, Chris Smith, Jonathon Wallis.
- 8. To elect Honorary Life Members as may be recommended by the Management Committee** - There was one, and Derek Palmer was elected unanimously by the Management Committee.
- 9. Annual Membership Subscription Rates** - The committee had already decided that there would be no changes to subscriptions for the year 2023-24
- 10. Any Other Business** - The meeting expressed sincere thanks to the out-going chairperson, Loretta Freeman, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a card.