**Harlequin – Eastwood Theatre for Youth**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Braidbar Primary School**

**Wednesday 17 August 2016 at 7.30pm**

Lorna welcomed those who attended. There were 48 members present.

**1. Apologies**

A series of apologies had been received, including Becca and Jane Tobias, Paul Carnan, Grace Smith, Isabel Young, Judy Sheppard,  Anne Queen, Liz Gibson, Colin McLean, Susan Burgess, Rachel Montgomerie, Shirley Taylor, Christine Barclay, Avril Robertson, Max Yuill, Linda Smith, Beth Cameron, Tam McLean, Ewan Pringle, Jack McNeilage and Liz Tait.

**2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting of 12 August 2015**

Minutes of last year’s AGM had been circulated in advance by email and were therefore proposed as a true record by Christine Kyle and seconded by Colin Dougall.

**3. President’s Report**

Lorna Wyllie, President, reported on the 2015/2016 session.

**4. Treasurer’s Report - Adoption of Accounts**

Glenn presented the accounts for consideration and reported that financially the club had all but broken even for the year. Once again the profit made on panto was what effectively covered costs for the other two shows in the year.

Consideration was then given to Avenue Q accounts in comparison to Loserville in the previous year. We knew Avenue Q would be an expensive show to do and it was a brilliantly received production. However, Glenn did advise the meeting that ticket sales for this show were not good enough and therefore the increased losses sustained in comparison to previous year could almost wholly be attributed to poorer ticket sales and this was evident in the accounts. Other significant expense with greatest impact was the puppet hire but this was known at the outset when making decision to stage this show. As a club we do need to be mindful of rising costs and unless ticket sales increase pricing may need to be reviewed in the coming year. Consideration, said Glenn, should also be given to fundraising also in coming year. Glenn then moved on to Seussical and ticket sales here these were much stronger, given a larger cast as well as many brand new members. Seussical was highlighted also as a very strong show.

Glen then explained that some expenditure for the coming session(16/17) had already been paid out including ticket payment for Billy Elliot outing which was still to be paid by those members going, £480 (x 3-£1,440) in let deposits for the theatre for the 3 shows in 16/17, plus deposit for Clarkston Hall June 2017 event( £50) and £3,800 in All Shook Up license and materials. These were why Current account balance was showing a lesser amount in respect of current bank balance despite a relatively break even year.

The proposed accounts were unanimously approved by the meeting.

**5. Fixing of Annual Subscriptions**

Committee proposed the annual subscriptions for 2016/2017, and suggested that these should remain static at £80 and £60 for siblings. The adult rate of £20 should remain unchanged. The proposal was accepted en masse.

**6. Donation to Charity**

Lorna proposed that the charitable donation should remain at £500 and that the Committee had made a proposal to make a donation to an Alzheimer’s and Dementia sufferers café which was being set up at the United Reformed Church. However after enquiries were made it was too early in the project to make such a donation so Lorna asked those at AGM if they were happy for the new committee at its next meeting to consider where this donation should be made to instead. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

**7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee**

Nominations were accepted en masse. Lorna Wyllie thanked those stepping down from committee this year and indicated that she too was sad, although a little relieved, at leaving her Presidential role and handing over to Colin.

Lorna then handed over the meeting to Colin Dougall as the new Harlequin President. Colin thanked Lorna for steering the club well over the past to years and looked forward to her continued guidance over the coming year.

**8. Shows for 2016/17**

Colin confirmed that of course rehearsals for the November 2016 senior show were underway for Legally Blonde and that the Panto in January 2017 was of course Snow White. He confirmed that in our 40th year the plan was for a combined show from 25-28 May 2017 and this would be All Shook Up the Elvis Presley Musical. In addition hot off the press he also confirmed that as part of our 40th Year celebrations the club had been awarded to rights for the 20 minute version of Matilda which would be preformed at Clarkston Halls in June 2017 for 1 night only.

**10. Future Productions**

Colin sought suggestions for future productions from the floor. Suggested shows were Jersey Boys, Oliver, Our House, Spring Awakening, Cats, Phantom of the Opera, We will Rock You and Caberet. Members were reminded that suggestions for future shows could be made through their performing representatives Ewan and Lorraine at any time for consideration.

**11. Any Other Competent Business**

Colin then asked Christine Kyle as a member of the 40th Anniversary Sub Committee to speak to the membership about the planned celebrations for the year. She advised that there was a party planned for the 18 March 2017 at Carmichael Halls for the current and past membership plus the event referred to above in June 2017 which would incorporate the Matilda performance. In addition an Auchengillen weekend away was planned for current membership in September 2017. Christine though advised that she hoped all the membership would feel able to suggest thought and ideas to the sub committee to help celebrate this important milestone for the club. Ideas could be put to performing reps Lorraine and Ewan.

There being no other business, Colin formally closed the meeting at 8.10pm.