

## **HTG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016**

**4 October 2016**

**Mittagong Playhouse**

**Meeting opened 7.30pm**

### **Present**

Jill Hope, Mark Davidson, Barbara Collins, Barbara Handley, Darrell Hope, Ron Russell, George Lawrence, Jim Cheesley, Steve Clancy, Thomas Moss, Sue McDonald, Brian Haydon, Pat Powell, Jacinta Powell

### **1. Greeting**

2016 Treasurer Mark Davidson addressed the meeting, thanked all for attending and introduced Convenor George Lawrence

### **2.**

#### **AGM Meeting Commencement**

Convenor George Lawrence

Apologies: Ebony Hope, Rebecca Dann, Norman Stanton, Jonathan Purvis, Anne Bruckard, Ossie Bruckard, Haydn Burgoyne

### **3. Business arising from previous Minutes**

No issues raised

Convenor George Lawrence moved for acceptance of the Minutes as a true record of the 2015 AGM

Acceptance was seconded by Barbara Handley

### **4. President's Report**

No issues were raised

Convenor George Lawrence moved for acceptance of the report

Acceptance was seconded by Steve Clancy

#### **4a. Vice President's Report**

No issues were raised

Convenor George Lawrence moved for acceptance of the report

Acceptance was seconded by Steve Clancy

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Brian Haydon requested some clarification of percentages of expenses for the year; this information was supplied by Barbara Collins

Convenor George Lawrence moved for acceptance of the report

Acceptance was seconded by Barbara Handley

### **6. Secretary's Report**

No issues were raised

Convenor George Lawrence moved for acceptance of the report

Acceptance was seconded by Thomas Moss

### **7. 2016 Committee stepped down**

Convenor George Lawrence called for the 2016 HTG Inc Committee to step down

Ebony Hope, Mark Davidson, Barbara Collins, Barbara Handley, Jill Hope, Ron Russell, Darrell Hope, Haydn Burgoyne, Peta Robinson, Rebecca Dann and Jim Cheesley all stepped down

### **8. Election of Office Bearers for 2016**

Convenor George Lawrence conducted the voting process

President:

Steve Clancy nominated by Rebecca Dann and seconded by Mark Davidson

No other nominations for President

Steve Clancy declared President

Vice President:

Jonathan Purvis nominated by Rebecca Dann and seconded by Mark Davidson

No other nominations for Vice President

Jonathan Purvis declared Vice President

Treasurer:

No nominations received

Position vacant

Secretary:

Jim Cheesley nominated by Barbara Collins and seconded by Mark Davidson

No other nominations for Secretary

Jim Cheesley declared Secretary

Public Officer:

No nominations received

Position vacant

### **General Committee**

Jill Hope

Nominated by Jim Cheesley and seconded by Mark Davidson

Jill Hope declared general Committee Member

Barbara Handley

Nominated by Mark Davidson and seconded by Barbara Collins

Barbara Handley declared general Committee Member

Darrell Hope

Nominated by Barbara Handley and seconded by Jim Cheesley

Darrell Hope declared general Committee Member

Ron Russell

Nominated by Barbara Handley and seconded by Darrell Hope

Ron Russell declared general Committee Member

Ebony Hope

Nominated by Barbara Collins and seconded by Mark Davidson

Ebony Hope declared general Committee Member

Rebecca Dann

Nominated by Ron Russell and seconded by Mark Davidson

Rebecca Dann declared general Committee Member

No further nominations

Voting closed and 2016 Committee elected

### **9. General Business**

Convenor George Lawrence called for general business issues

- Mark Davidson addressed all and stated how proud he is of HTG Inc and all they do for and in the community; they are a true community based amateur theatrical group. Mark reminded all they are volunteers and of some of the lesser known things we do/have done in the Shire, such as:
- Bowral High School Excelsior Awards Night, HTG annually sponsor a prize (\$150.00) for a drama related award recipient
- \$500.00 donation to Stafford Cottage in 2015, they assist with locals experiencing financial hardship
- \$7,000.00 HTG have invested in Playhouse improvements over the last 8 years
- HTG's support of SHYAC whenever asked, including the provision of microphones
- 2006 donation to the Kidney Foundation during 'Steel Magnolias'
- involvement with Workplace Learning Illawarra & Southern Highlands, who assist local students studying drama related courses to join HTG and gain the hours they are required to build working in that field. We have used them during 'Murder on the Nile' and have again offered again for 'The Sneeze', they will assist backstage, lighting, sound, and front of house
- reiterated HTG have always been receptive to working together with local groups where there's a mutual advantage, we have provided sets for another group's production of 'Fawlty Towers', loaned FOH equipment, and recently assisted promotion of another's forthcoming production by handing out flyers at the close of our own production

- NIDA courses, as we had done for many years in the past, recently HTG resurrected their sponsorship of a youth player to complete a NIDA Short Course of their choice. The cost was \$550.00 and we rewarded Thomas Moss. Thomas has been with us now for some years and has always wished to be involved in any aspect of our productions which we are grateful for. Thomas recently completed his course
- Steve Clancy thanked the 2016 Committee for mentioning 'The Odd Couple' in their report's; he was to be HTG's chosen Director for that production
- Thomas Moss thanked HTG Inc for his NIDA experience, recommended it, and hoped HTG will continue this process towards future recipients
- Brian Haydon sought an update on the 'shed' issue. Darrell Hope advised clarification was needed in the public arena that Council are/have NOT given us land on which to build a shed, Council have earmarked a piece of community zoned land at Welby where currently exists the Welby hall, a toilet block and playing fields where they see we could erect a shed at our own cost. Darrell Hope advises we await a lease being drawn up by Council
- Brian Haydon mentioned the issue of not receiving a call for membership payment, being that it has a three-fold effect; it provides income, gets/keeps people involved, provides members for work sharing. Mark Davidson responded saying that Committee wise HTG have not the resources to follow up annual membership. Current process is to only seek membership from successful auditionees. Darrell Hope and George Lawrence also had input re the Constitution, currently we work on the model document. We have however a proposed HTG Inc constitution, which is far more specific and tailor-made to our group and its processes, this requires revisiting and validation by the Committee and Group initially, then must be sent on to the relevant department for ratification. This should be seen as a priority for the new Committee to get finalised
- Barbara Handley advised this year represents her 21<sup>st</sup> year of involvement in HTG Inc. When she brought along Greg Taylor's expertise in lighting, little did we know it would lead to some of our helpers pursuing careers at the Opera House. Barbara Handley also wished to thank Mark Davidson and Barbara Collins for all their hard work during the year/s

#### **10. Meeting Closed**

AGM declared closed at 8.12pm