

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting,

Monday, 18 November 2013 at 7 p.m.

### Bedern Hall

The Annual General Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013.. The meeting was chaired by Alex Hughes, Chair of the York Mystery Plays Supporters Trust (YMPST). Confirmation was made that the quorum of at least 24 members were present. Apologies for members unable to attend were recorded.

#### Present:

**The Committee (2013):** Alex Hughes (Chair), Linda Terry (Vice-Chair), Phil Turner (Membership Secretary), James Eaglesfield (Press and Communications), Angi Millard (Social), Christine Gajewicz (Liaison) Sheelagh Loftus (Education), Sandra and Keith Rowan (Fundraising).

**Members:** Gary Bateson, Olga Bielby, Steve Bielby, Val Burgess, Warwick Burton, Liz Elsworth, Jennifer Kilmartin, Colin Lea, Bernard Lyne, Ged Murray, Judy Reed, John Roden, Gaynor Spivey, John Stead, Kathleen Stead, Marie Taylor, Bernadette Turner, Roger Wood.

**Non-member:**, Julie Speedy

1. The Chair declared the meeting opened and welcomed members to the AGM.
2. **Previous minutes:** as this was the first AGM for YMPST there were no previous minutes to approve or matters arising to resolve.
3. **Chair's report:** The Chair presented the report recording the achievements of YMPST in its inaugural year and thanking all those who had contributed to its success. It was noted that the membership currently stands at 122<sup>1</sup> members. Thanks were given to outgoing Committee members Nicola Walden (Treasurer) and James Eaglesfield (Press and Communications). There were no questions or comments from the floor at the conclusion of the report.
4. **Financial Report:** In the absence of the Treasurer, the report was presented by Phil Turner. It was noted that the funds currently available are £1,060.49, largely made up of membership subscriptions. It was noted that the role of Treasurer to YMPST will now be undertaken by Sandra Rowan for 2013/2014 as Nicola Walden is stepping down.
  - a. **Resolution:** The financial statement to 1/11/13 was approved by those present.
5. **Election Process:** James Eaglesfield summarised the nomination process for the election of the 2013/14 Committee, noting that the nominations for roles had been uncontested and that those nominated were therefore confirmed in post. It was noted that the position of Press and Communications was currently vacant. The Chair invited expressions of interest for members to join the Committee in a general capacity and asked anyone interested to discuss this with the Committee at the closure of the AGM<sup>2</sup>.
6. **The Constitution:** Phil Turner presented the draft Constitution. YMPST aims to register as a charity and accordingly, the model for the Constitution had been adapted from that supplied by

<sup>1</sup> Post meeting note: membership currently 127.

<sup>2</sup> Post meeting note: Gary Bateson and the Rev. Dr. John Roden have joined the Committee in a general capacity.

the Charity Commission. An amendment to that model had been made to enable under-18s to join YMPST. It was noted that those aged under 18 would not be eligible to vote or to act as a Trustee.

- a. **Resolution:** the Constitution was adopted by those present.
- b. **Proposed:** Sandra Rowan
- c. **Seconded:** Marie Taylor
- d. The proposal was carried unanimously.

**7. Any Other Business:**

- a. Marie Taylor asked if the accounts had been audited. Under Charity Commission rules our level of financial activity does not currently require a full formal audit, however the accounts will have to be inspected and signed off by an Independent Examiner at the end of our financial year. The offer by Bernard Lyne to act as auditor for the accounts was noted with thanks and this will be considered by the Committee.
- b. **Minster 2000 CD:** Steve Bielby of the Festival Board informed the meeting that CDs of the 2000 production would be available after the meeting, proceeds going to the Waggon Play 2014 production.

8. There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.25 p.m.