

**Minutes of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Gilbert and Sullivan Society  
held at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square Holborn WC1R 4RL  
with a Zoom Conferencing link  
on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.15pm**

**Present:** Members and guests as per the attendance list.

Society Chairman John Penn welcomed members and guests to our third Hybrid in Person and Zoom meeting. An opportunity for overseas members and others who live too far away to join our meetings to be with us. Unfortunately the link did not work well on this occasion. A solution will be sought for next year.

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were noted on the attendance list.

**2. Minutes of the 99th AGM, held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Proposed by Katie Barnes and seconded by Zena Wigram and were unanimously agreed.

**3. Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the 99th AGM.

**4. Annual Report.**

Angie Penn introduced the Annual Report which was circulated and displayed on screen and highlighted key points: Membership has remained stable; Excellent new website and database thanks to the Peter Parker Legacy; Continued good links with Affiliated Societies; Increased numbers at London meetings; Good feedback on the Gilbert and Sullivan News; the Manchester Convention; Sponsorship of UniFest at the G&S Festival; The Archive and Dr. Alan Young's gift to promote activities with young people. The Report was adopted unanimously.

**5. Financial Statements.**

John Tritton had prepared the Financial Statement and accounts which were circulated and displayed on screen. John highlighted key points from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 4, the Balance sheet page 5 and notes on page 6. The disparity between donations for 2022 and 2023 on page 6 was due to receiving a legacy of £2,000 in the 2022 accounts. The room hire costs had increased this year as we are now able to hold regular meetings. The Society is in a healthy financial position.

Members not present can receive a copy of the accounts and an A5 size booklet of the Annual report at Society meetings or by sending a SAE to the Secretary or can request an email copy.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by John Tritton on behalf of the Executive Committee and adoption of the accounts was unanimously agreed.

**6. Election of President and Vice-Presidents.**

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee and agreed unanimously by all present, the following were elected, President, Cynthia Morey; Vice-Presidents, Leon Berger, Simon Butteriss, Lorraine Daniels, Prof. Andrew Goodman, Bruce Graham, Linda Anne Hutchison, Gillian Knight, David Mackie, Valerie Masterson CBE, and Richard Suart.

**7. Election of Honorary Officers/Trustees.**

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee and agreed unanimously by all present, the following officers, all duly nominated and seconded, were elected: John Penn as Chairman, Robert Gray as Secretary, John Tritton as Treasurer, Angie Penn as Programme Secretary, Zena Wigram as Membership Secretary. In accordance with the Society's Rules, all these were now Trustees.

**8. Election of up to 4 other Trustees to form the Executive Committee with the Officers.**

Four other members had been nominated and seconded and were therefore automatically elected. These were Katie Barnes, Leon Berger; Celia Lyons and Peter Mountsteven.

**9. Confirmation of the Appointment of non-Trustee Committee Officers**

Curators Alan and Christine Parfitt  
Editor of the G&S News Angie Penn

**10. Appointment of Society's Auditor.**

John Tritton proposed Community 360,  
seconded by Zena Wigram and unanimously agreed

**11. Any Other Business.**

A motion concerning the new website received from Christine and Alan Parfitt was circulated. Following discussion it was agreed not to accept the motion.

It was unanimously agreed that an additional paragraph be added the Society Rules under 2 Objects of The Society.

The Committee has the power to pay a trustee for the supply of any goods or services over and above normal trustee duties. The decision to do this must be made by those trustees who will not benefit. They must decide that the service is required by the charity and agree it is in the charity's best interests to make the payment and must comply with certain other conditions as detailed at Trustee expenses and payments - GOV.UK

A proposed amendment to the make-up of the committee agreed at the Executive meeting on 21st September, that the role of Hon Librarian and the role of Sales become non-committee/Trustee Officer posts was unanimously agreed. The Chairman will invite Alan and Christine Parfitt to continue in these roles.

Guidelines on Dr. Alan Young Shares gift

The Committee decided in consultation with Dr. Young that the capital be held in Trust. Dividends will be paid out as agreed by the committee to promote the works of Gilbert & Sullivan, mainly through a young person bursary. This was unanimously agreed.

The Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Following the AGM, members in the hall were treated to a concert featuring young artistes from the Royal College of Music.