

Minutes of EGTG Committee meeting held on 18 December 2019

Present: Angela Harkness Robertson (chair)
Claire Wood
Hannah Bradley
Alma Forsyth
Siobhan McGovern
David Grimes
Alastair Smith

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dan Sutton, who had indicated to Anji that he no longer wished to serve on the Committee. The Committee noted its thanks to Dan for his service over the years.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved, under deletion of the words “not very good”.

3. Catch-22

Catch-22 had been a considerable success, attracting 4-star reviews and making a profit (the precise amount of which was yet to be settled). The Biscuit Factory had proved an excellent, if chilly, venue, although the venue itself lacked any lighting equipment and so had required extra expenditure to bring this in.

4. One-acts

The One-act entry, *Breakfast for One*, was progressing well. Anji, who was serving as stage manager, reported that the show, a slick farce with lots of choreography, was fully blocked and looking great, with an excellent cast full of new faces.

5. Hay Fever

There had only been a few rehearsals so far for *Hay Fever*, but these were progressing well with no issues reported.

6. Brilliant Adventures

The Committee had not had any news on progress on *Brilliant Adventures*. Claire agreed to contact Ross for an update.

7. Venue Update

David was hoping to take *Bug* to the Biscuit Factory. The search continued for a suitable venue for *A Christmas Carol*, since the cost of established venues such as the Roxy had become prohibitive. Council venues such as St Brides were made unacceptably expensive by the need to pay janitors' overtime. Committee members were encouraged to continue looking for suitable venues.

8. Home Street

The Committee noted that a proposal had been received for the purchase of Home Street. It was agreed that Home Street represented an essential resource for EGTG and that it was not for sale.

9. AOB

David reminded the Committee that Fringe-show details and images should be sent to him by the end of January to enable timely application for inclusion in the Fringe programme.

The Committee noted that Alastair had a slight accident while driving a hired van to collect the seating for Catch-22, which would have cost him his £750 excess had he not had his own hire insurance excess insurance policy. The Committee agreed that David should investigate whether equivalent insurance could be provided for those driving on EGTG business when it came to renewing the Group's insurance policies.

The next meeting would be held on Sunday 2 February 2020 at 5.30 pm.