

SHERINGHAM SAVOYARDS
MINUTES OF AGM held on Friday 6 September 2013

- 1 The President, Alan Stables welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said it was a sad occasion, but he was pleased to see the meeting well attended with people from far and near. He thanked everyone for their commitment to the Society over the last 34 years, or however long people had belonged. He said that he had been looking at the 'tapes' of early Savoyards productions recently, and had been pleasantly surprised by the standards achieved. He felt that was true of all the performances that the Savoyards had produced over the years, and he was very proud of that fact and grateful for all the many friends he had made through the Society.
- 2 The Attendance Sheet (which will be filed with the Minutes) shows 24 people present. Apologies had been received from Moss Taylor, Robina Churchyard, Miriam Welch, Julie Weston, Nan Smith, Malcolm Poore, Judith Henderson, Ruth Robinson and Moira Weller.
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- 5 There were no matters arising from these sets of minutes.
- 6 Chairman's Address: Mo Foster-Worton echoed Alan's thanks to people for coming and the fact that this was a sad occasion that the Savoyards should have to close after 34 years. He explained that it had been difficult over the last few years to recruit sufficient male members to be able to put on a full production and, of course, one show had to be cancelled for that reason. We had successfully done concerts and, of course, the very successful "semi-staged Concert version" of HMS Pinafore this year. He said that the Savoyards had always been held in great respect by the people of the town, and our audiences had always been very appreciative. He also echoed Alan's sentiments that the Savoyards had always achieved high standards, but without sufficient men, it had been impossible to carry on. He said he was sad that it happened to be during his Chairmanship that this decision had had to be made and once again thanked people for coming to this final AGM.
- 7 Treasurer's Report: The full report will be filed with the minutes. Kath Whiting thanked Rohan Fennell for auditing the books this year. Income from subscriptions was well down, as we had made the conscious decision (once it had been decided to wind up the Society) to charge only a nominal £1. The Farewell Dinner had been a great success, but had obviously cost the Society quite a lot of money. The Pirates 'Come and Sing' made a loss, partly because of fewer audience members, and, again, a conscious decision not to charge members of the Society. Even HMS Pinafore made a loss despite two full houses. This was mainly due to giving away the programmes (and the advertising in them) and also paying for the After Show Party. Kath thanked Jason, Ro and Lester for all their hard work in connection with the show. The donations from the residual funds had all been made, mostly acknowledged, and mostly banked. Kath read excerpts from some of the 'thank you' letters which she had received.
- 8 Resolution to adopt the accounts: Jason Bell proposed and Andy Weston seconded that the accounts be adopted and this was passed unanimously. Jason thanked Kath for her hard work as both Treasurer and Secretary.

Any Other Business: Patrick Monk took the opportunity to advertise a forthcoming concert performed by a new group 'Tantantara'.

Beverley's mother had asked that her garage be cleared of Savoyards' property. Keith Swetman confirmed that this is in the process of being cleared, with the majority of things going to ENOS.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.40p.m.