

**NELSON MUSICAL THEATRE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2021**

Held at 7pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 at 95 Atawhai Drive.

**Present:** 20 members

**Apologies:** Jane Bayley, Barry & Lindsay Benbow, Vanessa Downing, Chris Lukies, Sam Nicholl, Doug Nottage, Jane Pascoe, Kim Robertson, Katie Scott, Monique & Martin White, Katie Wolicki.

**A minute's silence**

Janet Coote

**Confirmation of 2020 minutes**

Moved: Ross Benbow

Seconded: Megan Slater

**Matters arising**

nil

**President's report**

Moved: Robbie Burns

Seconded: Francesca Beckett

**Financial report:**

Moved: Ross Benbow

Seconded: Peta Spooner

**Vote of thanks** by acclamation for retiring Treasurer, Lindsay Benbow.

**Election of officers:**

The following people having been nominated and seconded prior to the meeting, and there being no more nominations than positions vacant, the following were declared elected:

President:	Robbie Burns
Vice President:	Jane Baken
Secretary:	Katie Scott
Membership Secretary:	Jane Pascoe
Treasurer:	<b>no nominations</b>
Committee (2-8):	Francesca Beckett Ross Benbow Des Cron Coral Hausmann Sam Nicholls Megan Slater Peta Spooner Katie Wolicki

**Honorary positions:**

Patron	Francis Day
Hon Vice-Presidents	Glen, Lady Rowling Nick Smith Bruce Martin Chris Lukies Helen Moulder
Hon Accountant:	Ross Stevenson of Strawbridge & Associates.
Hon Reviewer	<i>to be appointed</i>
Hon Solicitor	Amanda Creehan of Knapps Lawyers

**Confirmation of Honorary positions**

Moved: Megan Slater

Seconded: Francesca Beckett

## **General Business**

1. Unveiling of new NMT and Red Door Theatre logos. Jane Baken explained the need to differentiate between the venue and the society. An official opening occasion will be held soon. These logos will be used on all marketing, giving cohesion in presenting the venue and the society. Jane Baken and Katie Wolicki will be in charge of marketing for the whole year.
2. Membership system. Work in progress to link all on-line activities, including membership application forms, payment of subscriptions, newsletters, link to ticket sales. Display boards in the foyer will give patrons information about the society's activities, upcoming events, etc. Tickets will be on sale earlier than before and the idea is being explored of a season pass, so patrons can book several shows at the same time.
3. A query from the floor about Mary Poppins: details have disappeared from our website. Jane Baken explained marketing a Disney show has many "red-tape" conditions attached. Auditions will be held in May/June and the show will be staged in September.
4. Sponsorship: For Little Shop of Horrors "sponsored nights" were trialled very successfully: four performances in the season were sponsored. The sponsor for the night was announced during the safety announcements at the start of the evening. This practice will be used for the end-of-year show. For Theatre Royal shows, such as Mary Poppins, a different, larger package with naming rights is needed. A sub-committee will be appointed to seek sponsorship for all our shows.
5. Life membership was awarded to Des Cron.

**Meeting closed at:** 7.30pm, after which a light supper was served.