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Minutes of Meeting held on: Wednesday 1st May 2024 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: President Neil welcomed a large turnout of members including new member Dora Kelly.

APOLOGIES:

Phil Bullen; Andrew Jones; Julie Laurie; Dale McPherson; Eric Moffat; Helen Murray

ALMONERS REPORT

Ross reported that Dale is starting a regime of radiotherapy. He will pass on the club's best wishes.

MATTERS ARISING

Summer outing to Roselee. David reported that he had 28 names and had therefore ordered a 34 seat coach. The plan is to meet at the Rose Club as usual at 10.00am for tea, coffee and biscuits before departing at 10.30. The bus back will leave at 3.00pm arriving back at around quarter to 4. Cars can be left in the car park for the day. The cost of the day will be £10 and the Treasurer has started collecting.

AOCB

The Secretary advised that next year's programme is now up on the website at <https://bolinprobus.org/events-programme/>

Gala Day Arches The club had been asked to be judges for the Gala Day Arches. The judging takes place on the Friday before the Gala Day which is Friday 21st June this year. The plan is to meet up at the Rose Club early in the evening and decide how many cars are required. Then all will go to the first couple of entries to agree a marking strategy, then split up. It was emphasised how important it was for all entries to be in the correct category.

Although a number of names had been collected, members are asked to confirm to the Secretary their wish to take part.

Screen and PA John Aitken will be arranging for the purchase of the equipment to be installed over the summer.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Due to the unfortunate illness of the planned speaker, Roy Johnstone, Gary Withnell stepped into the breach by bringing forward his planned presentation entitled 'A Funny Thing Happened To Me.' Gary has been involved in LAMP (Linlithgow Amateur Musical Productions) for 35 years, initially as Wine Bar manager, then

moving on to stagehand, lighting and sound before succumbing to the lure of the smell of the greasepaint and the roar of the crowd and appearing on stage. Although his primary love was for the musicals, he has also starred in productions at the Bryony in Bo'ness as well as other productions in East Calder and Falkirk.

He talked about the costs involved in putting on productions that could amount to £30,000 for a LAMP production, what with licences, rented lighting and sound equipment, clothing and rental of the Academy theatre. A recent success has been the adoption of a video wall instead of backcloth sets, but that hasn't been cheap.

Gary gave a couple of recitations. At the end, a large number of questions showed the interest that he created.

VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Chris Collen and supported by the members in the usual manner.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 15th and will be the postponed talk on Heroines Of The Special Opps executive by Roy Johnstone.

Chris Collen
Secretary
02/05/2024

