

## **Wessex Glyndebourne Association**

Patron : Diana Montague

### **Notes of the Annual General Meeting of the membership for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 held at Itchen Abbas Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

#### **Company Number 06459686**

About 75 members were present.

1. **Notes of the last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019** which had been available on the website were deemed to have been approved. This was the last occasion on which it had been possible to hold an AGM.

2. **Apologies** A number of apologies were received.

3. **Chairman's Report**

Peter McManus spoke of the impact of Covid restrictions, which had curtailed the Association's normal activities, with the first resumed In House event taking place in November 2021. However, we had been pleased with the success of Virtual Beaulieu, which had accumulated over 1200 viewings, together with the five Zoom-based interviews, with over 400 viewings in total. 'Normal' life resumed in July 2021, though with a reduced 'Glyndebourne at Beaulieu' programme. A new venture has recently been launched, with a visit to Dorset Opera in July to see the production of Puccini's Manon Lescaut. 12 members have signed up for this trip.

The Chairman spoke of a need for new Committee members as the existing members, while willing to serve for a further year, had been in post for many years. Without "new blood" the Association will falter. The task is enjoyable and not onerous.

The Chairman then described the recently-launched Glyndebourne 'Encore' programme. This provides on-demand access (using a 'Smart' TV) to a growing number of recordings of Glyndebourne operas. In addition, all four of the new productions in the 2022 Festival season will be added soon after being performed. The annual fee for 'Encore' is £79.99, reduced to £59.99 for Glyndebourne Festival members. This reduced fee is now being offered to WGA members. Any member wishing to take up this offer should contact the Chairman.

4. **Financial Report**

The Treasurer reported that the financial situation of the Association was reasonable despite the impact of Covid restrictions. Copies of the Income and Expenditure Accounts were distributed and available for scrutiny by the members.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.