

## **COMEDY GUILD AGM 2019**

Venue: The Classic, 321 Queen St, Auckland

AGM OPEN: 5.05PM

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Brendon Green (Board Member), Corin Healey, Dean Watson, Donna Brookbanks (Chair), Heta Dawson, James Coldham, Jamie Patterson, Justine Smith, Dan Crozier (Outgoing Board), Richard Carrington (Outgoing Board), Julia Clement, Oliver Smith, Ray O'Leary, Tim Batt, Rhys Mathewson, Nick Gibb, Jack Ansett, Jerome Chandrahasen (Wellington Rep) TM Bishop, Ashes Phoenix,

APOLOGIES: Bec Sandys

### MINUTES:

#### **Welcome – Chair Donna Brookbanks opens the AGM**

#### **Report from Trust Board - Ed, Kylie, Oliver, Tim Batt**

General history of the Trust Board shared.

MOU with festival and guild acknowledged.

2019 festival was a success, ticket sales high,

Te Radar stepped down from the Trust, with Tim Batt taking his place.

Dan C – reiterates relationship is good from Guild perspective

#### QUESTIONS open to floor

Is the Trust working on any other projects? - No, just festival. After 2016 they've been focusing on rebuild. Working to develop funding relationships so can have longer term plans.

#### **Chairs Annual Report**

Donna's first year as Chair.

Tim and Urzila have moved on.

Shout out to Debs for her work.

Work the Board has done this year:

Mediation – confidential in nature, so no specific details. Bec worked with cyber safety for members. (Netsafe details can be found on Guild website)

Work in progress – focus on welfare and mental health of members. Partnerships in place already, including Whāriki Hauora, a mental health and wellbeing service available to anyone involved in the comedy industry, to be strengthened and more relationships developed.

Recognition of Overseas success: Rose, Urzila, Scott Blanks, Jamie Bowen. And acknowledgement of NZ TV comedy shows new and continuing.

2019 NZ Intl Comedy Festival was a success. Richard Carrington saw the iTicket basement fees were a mistake, and we got a resolution which included extra income for Basement festival acts.

### **Lower North Island Update:**

Lower North Island reps have expanded from one to two this year.

Jerome's Lower North Island update (Full Update can be found in the Chair Report):

Neil Thornton's NZ Comedy School, regular open mics, regular pro shows, Wellington RAW Final selling out, all showcase the strength of Wellington comedy.

Humourous Arts Trust will be adding 2 new members to the board over the next couple of months.

The Guild have helped out with a few issues around contracts and payments throughout the year. We are going to bring down Scott Blanks for his annual comedy talk, and it has been raised that we should also invite the Comedy Fest staff down to introduce them to new acts before Festival application time.

### **South Island Update**

South Island rep Simon resigned at the start of the year. Bec Sandys stepped in.

Bec's South Island update (Full Update can be found in the Chair Report):

There's regular gigs happening in Christchurch and Dunedin and it's been really cool to see new comedy scenes popping up and growing in Queenstown, Blenheim, Nelson and Methven.

Most issues brought to the Guild this past year have been around behaviour of comedians at gigs, payment for gigs and general enquiries to do with guild rates.

One incident brought up the issue of cyber safety. Advice and guidelines from Netsafe have been uploaded to the Guild website under the resources tab.

Incoming South Island Rep can look at seeing what the Sth Island needs and wants from the Guild, and encouraging membership and participation.

### **Chairs Report Continues:**

Further work for new board to focus on:

Membership numbers – focus on increasing region numbers

Organizing development workshops

membership deals

relook at the code of conduct

Thank you to Dan and Rich for their hard work. Legends of the Board who have given many years to the guild.

Chair report ends.

### **Financial Report – Treasurer Rich Carrington**

EOY for March 2018, little different to previous, as we had a payout from Mediaworks so we had to pay tax. Tax paid from members who donated fees.

Total revenue, expenses, shared verbally. Statements available online.

Motion to accept the 2018 Financial Report as being correct:

Motion advanced Richard, seconded Brendon, voted in

### **Any other business**

TM Bishop asked about previous plan for Workshops in the regions, using money offered by Trust. Rich had the update that The Trust no longer had money to offer. Tim Batt tables we can ask the Trust again, Donna seconds.

Tim Batt tables idea for a Mentorship programme (for both comedian and producer roles). Joint project with Trust to build a framework on how it would work, and to set it up. For Exec Board to look at this year.

Julia Clement asks if there is a better way for Anonymous questions and requests for the community and/or guild to be made. Donna reiterates the current system is that the Guild keep names confidential if requested, and will sign non disclosure forms. Oliver Smith tables idea of a google doc for anonymous entries. The board will look at this, and again reiterates that the exec board is confidential, and hope that community feels that.

### **Voting Of New Exec Board**

SHORT BIOS from all people standing, before they leave the room. (Julia speaks for Tessa)

### **Announcement of the new Exec Board**

LOWER SOUTH ISLAND REPS – Jerome and Ben Caldwell

SOUTH ISLAND REP– to be voted on in future

GENERAL EXEC BOARD - Donna, Bec, Brendon, Corin, Jamie

**Meeting closed.**

5.46pm