

Meeting Minutes

Milnerton Players – 46th Annual General Meeting

DATE 19 April 2026

TIME 14h00 at the Milnerton Playhouse (Foyer)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Neal Johnson

1. WELCOME & OPENING

Chairman Neal Johnson (NJ) welcomed all members and opened the meeting a shortly after 14h00.

2. IN ATTENDANCE

NJ confirmed attendance of 21 paid up members, constituting a quorum. As per the Milnerton Players constitution, we're able to proceed with the AGM.

Apologies: Philippa Van Ryneveld, Yvonne Smith, Johann Van Der Merwe, Peter Mayhew & Philip Boyd.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed – Kyla Thorburn

Seconded – Richard Wade

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

See addendum A. No questions or feedback.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

See Addendum B. No questions or feedback..

Report & financial statements for approval: Proposed Kyla Thorburn; Seconded Melissa Marcus.

7. MEMBERSHIP RATES 2026-2027

No change – fees to remain at R100 for regular members, R50 for students and pensioners.

Patronage to be set at R1200 per annum. This grants the patron 2x free tickets to any MP production, throughout the year.

8. GENERAL AND SHORT NOTICE ITEMS

- Honorary Life Membership –
 Laura Singh – see addendum C for citation.
 Richard Wade - see addendum C for citation.
 Both were voted 'YES' unanimously by all present.
- Bruce Sanderson asked the question re: social/members evenings; feedback was that we've organised one under guidance with Sheila McCormick; and YF & CvH organised the Open Mic Night in March. The main challenge is the volunteer base/availability to facilitate the socials, and available dates, since increased hires are an important stream of revenue which we can't ignore. Suggestions have been to move social evenings to Sunday afternoons instead to reduce clashing with paying hires.
- Fin McCormick asked re: training of new younger volunteers; Judith Herbig expanded on the training & workshops planned with a showcase on 6 June. YF stepped in to expand that the workshops are including a Set design & construction workshop; and HM is facilitating the technical skills & back-stage crew subjects. Skill building is a focus to teach the new members how to produce a show.
- Christian Van Heerden is still heading the Socials SubCom for the oncoming year.
- Question re: the capacity of membership base – about 50 paid up members, of which only half are actively involved with anything during the year in some capacity.

9. ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2026-2027

Election Officer: **Richard Wade**

Nominations for 2026/2027 committee:

Chairperson – **Neal Johnson**

Treasurer – **Wayne Hendricks**

Secretary – **Hema Maskowitz**

Additional Members – **Tai Spies, York Froon, Judith Herbig, Sara Hassall.**

All nominees accepted, and were voted in.

Notice of a Special General Meeting to be held before the AGM for 2027 to approve a few changes to the MP Constitution.

Meeting was formally concluded at 14h50.

First ExCom meeting set for Sunday 26 April 2026, in the morning, the time will be confirmed via WhatsApp with the new members.