National Theatre Society Ltd.

Minute Book.

Nov 22nd 1912.

The annual general meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited was held in the Office Abbey Theatre on the above date.

The following members were present – Lady Gregory and Mr. W. B. Yeats; and the following were in attendance: Miss Sara Allgood, Mr. Edmund Burke, Mr. U. Wright and Mr Lennox Robinson. Lady Gregory was in the chair. A statement was made by W. B. Yeats with regard to the winding up of the old National Theatre Society Ltd and the forming of the new Theatre Society. It was proposed by Mr W. B. Yeats and seconded by Lady Gregory, that shares in the new company should be allotted as follows

Lady Gregory	188 shares
W. B. Yeats	188 "
U. Wright	2 "
Sara Allgood	4 "
Edmund Burke	2 "
Rt Hon. W. F. Bailey	2
Philip Hanson	2
Lennox Robinson	2

It was proposed by N. W. Byfield and seconded by Miss Sara Allgood that N. U. Wright should be appointed manager of the Society. It was proposed by Miss Sara Allgood and seconded by N. U. Wright that Mr Lennox Robinson should be appointed Secretary to the Society. These proposals were passed unanimously.

The future work and development of the Theatre was discussed also the possibility of trying ~~and~~ or hiring the Mechanics Institute

The meeting then adjourned.

W B Yeats.

Oct 31st 1913

The annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited was held in the Office, Abbey Theatre on the above date.

The following members of the Society were present – Lady Gregory, W. B. Yeats, the Rt. Hon. W. F. Bailey, Philip Hanson, U. Wright, Fennor Robinson. W. W. B. Yeats was in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. The finances of the theatre and the future work and the advisability of purchasing the Mechanics Institute when it would come up for auction were discussed.

The meeting then adjourned.

W B Yeats.

Thursday
April 16th 1914

NATIONAL THEATRE SOCIETY, LTD.

On the above date a meeting of Directors was held in the office Abbey Theatre. There were present Mr W. B. Yeats, who presided, Lady Gregory. Mr W. F. Bailey Mr Harris, Auditor and Mr A. P. Wilson the business manager.

A general discussion took place upon the work and future prospects of the companies under the Societies' management, and it was decided that in future the whole of the banking and other business transactions of the companies would be done with one set of books and one bank account instead of the No I & No II accounts which had been utilised up till this meeting. The auditor was instructed to prepare a statement showing how much had been lost over the whole of last year's working by both companies together. Said statement to be read by Mr Yeats at a full meeting of the principal company in London in June next. It was

further agreed that a first charge should be made upon all takings of either company of 10% or more for the upkeep of the Theatre Prefer and paid into that account. The exact percentage to be determined on by the auditor.

It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that in future no loans should be made to any member of the company.

W. B. Yeats.

Friday June 19th 1914

The annual general meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. was held in the Royal Court Theatre London on the above date. There were present Mr W.B. Yeats and Lady Gregory the Directors, Mr A.P. Wilson, the manager and Mr H. Wright. Mr W.B. Yeats took the chair.

Mr Yeats announced that Mr Robinson had resigned the management of the company and arising from that a letter was read from Mr Robinson also saying that he wished to resign the secretaryship of the Society though he still would remain a member. Mr Wilson's appointment as Manager of the Company was then confirmed and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Wright he was also appointed Secretary to the Society. Mr J.F. Barlow's appointment as Assistant Stage Manager was also confirmed. Thereupon the meeting ended.

W.B. Yeats

11 Royal Avenue
Chelsea.

Friday June 12.

Dear Yeats
I have received a
notice of the meeting of the
Nat. Th. Soc for next Friday -
I will be in Paris all
next week so can't attend
- when there is something very
special on and then I
would come back for it

if you wanted me. I
suppose I had better resign
the Secretaryship of the N.T.S.
as I may be little in
Dublin in the future but
of course I will still
remain a member -

Yours sincerely

Lennox Robinson.

Wilson will want to send to
Dublin for the minute book.

Directors Meeting

Coole Park, Gort, Co Galway

Novr 15th 1914.

Present Lady Gregory & W. B. Yeats.
Mr. Wilson, Manager, was also in attendance

The present financial condition of the Theatre was considered. Mr Wilson reported, the new audit had not yet been received, but it seemed probable that leaving out losses on the summer, the Theatre might just pay its expenses for the present quarter.
It was decided unless the audit or later events made it necessary not to reduce salaries. At the same time it was obvious so long as the war continued it was unlikely that the losses would be made up, not merely the loss on America but the lack of a sufficient London profit to set against the salaries paid during the holidays. As a considerable time would have to pass until there was any possibility of profit sharing it seemed better, therefore

to abolish the profit sharing system until further notice. At present it would only cause disappointment.

The question of the return of Miss Allgood was also considered, and, in consideration of the fact that she would undoubtedly increase the drawing power of the Company, Mr. Wilson was empowered in case of her return to give her and Mr. Sinclair a slight increase of salary (ten shillings). Should she ask for special terms, the only special terms to be conceded, apart from this slight increase, was to be a short contract say for three months. She was not to be given a contract which she could break in case of getting an engagement in England. The short contract, however, it was considered might meet her views on this matter.

Wm Yeats

Directors Meeting

Abbey Theatre. 10th April, 1915.

Present: W. B. Yeats; Lady Gregory, Rt. Hon. W. F. Bailey, K.C., and Fred J. Harris.

Financial Report.

Capital of Theatre.

If investments sold at present selling value they would realise £2327. 10. 0

We consider the present actual value of the Theatre after paying for the new additional portion [the sum of £1250] to be at least 6000. 0. 0

On this we should be able to realise £3000. Out of this £3000, we then pay the sum of £1250 for the new portion just mentioned. The overdraft in the bank is £200 which will, of course, also come out of the £3000, and to allow for loss on Dublin playing this season exclusive of losses on tours £120 8327. 10. 0

Directors' Meeting cont.

I It is decided to reserve a sum of £1000 to pay the rent, etc. for two years in case of having to cease playing owing to the war.

II It is decided also to reserve another sum of £1,000 to restart work. This would leave a sum of £1757. 10. 0 to be used to tide over the present emergency.

Mr. Harris's Statement

Mr. Harris then made a statement on behalf of the purchase of the Mechanics Institute and said the sum £1250 should be paid out of the Investment Fund, it being only changing the investments from scrip into property, and said this would leave us then that for the working of the Theatre we could get on loan from the bank whatever money is considered necessary on placing with them portions of the leases of the Theatre. This will have to be done at

Stone Cottage, Coleman's Hatch,
Sussex

Dear Mr Harris

I send you the application for the overdraft. If the form of words is correct will you please forward it. If not, I would be obliged if you will send me a typed letter in the proper form, which I will sign. I have no experience of the law, consequently. Mr Bailey, named in the cheque on the civil fund.

yours sincerely

W D Yeats

Feb 5, 1915

once and get an overdraft of say £600 for the present working of the Company.

After considering Mr. Harris's statement we came to the conclusion that this would be the best course to adopt, and instructed Mr. Harris to arrange to carry out this scheme as soon as ever possible.

W B Yeats

Copy of letter (attached) sent to Mr Harris on 5th February, 1915, authorising the application for overdraft to the bank, and signed by Mr Yeats.

Sunday. April 9th, 1915.

The Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd was held in the Abbey Theatre, on the above date. The following members of the Society were present: Mr W. B. Yeats and Lady Gregory, the Directors; Mr A. Patrick Wilson, Manager, ~~Mr W. B. Bailey~~ and Mr. Fred Harris, Auditor. Mr. W. B. Yeats took the chair.

The financial aspect of the Theatre's affairs was left to the Sub-Committee consisting of the Auditor, Mr. Fred Harris, and Mr. Wm Bailey

Statement by Mr. Harris.

The Revenue Account for the twelve months ended 28th February, 1915, shows gross Theatre Receipts from all sources amounting to £8141. 9. 3. Against this is charged the expenditure: Salaries, permanent & staff, advertising; printing and bill-posting; house expenses; stationery & postage; props; typewriting; hire of furniture; lighting & heating; rents; rates; costumes, dramatists fees and all

other expenses in connection with the working of the Theatre, and writing off depreciations to the extent of £152, the total amounting to £9352.2.7. This shows a deficiency on the period for the twelve months and taken into the Balance Sheet of £1210 13.4. The Balance Sheet then shows the position of affairs as at the 28th February, 1915. The Assets side shows.

Theatre Premises at	£1000		
General Property	100		
Costumes & Scenery	360		
Improvements &c.	40		
Heating Plant.	10		
Sundry Debtors	88	11	9
Cash in Bank & on hands	104.	1	6
Scenery at present in America	65.		
Books of Tickets on Hand	10.		
Books on Hand.	13.		
Your total assets being	1790	14	1

[P.T.O.]

The liabilities

Capital authorised at £1000	
Issued	390. 0. 0
Sundry Trade Creditors	36. 7. 3
Munster & Leinster Bank	154. 14. 4
The Endowment Fund	484. 9. 5
Making the total liabilities	1065. 11. 0

The accumulation of profits stands now at £725. 3. 10 as against £1935. 17. 2, but as I mentioned in a letter to Lady Gregory this large deficiency does not all come under the present management, about £600 of this being lost on the American Tour, which was previous to Mr Wilson's taking over the management of the Theatre.

Mechanics Institute

After the meeting the new premises known as the Mechanics Institute, and bought within the last month for the Theatre, was inspected by Lady Gregory, Mr Yeats, Mr Harris & Mr Wilson, when they decided to get an estimate from

one or two firms in town for putting it somewhat in repair, but that at the present time it was not their intention of going on with any immediate work, and it was decided to leave it until the war is over in the hope that things would be better in the way of income coming in to the Theatre.

19th July 1915.

A letter was received from Mr. A. Patrick Wilson, dated July 19th, tendering his resignation as Manager to the National Theatre Society Ltd, and which was accepted by the Directors, they appointing Mr. H. Wright as his successor pro tem

The following letter was received from Mr. Yeats giving further directions and authorising Mr Harris to get whatever overdraft would be necessary to enable the carrying on of the Theatre.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter with regard to the overdraft you require to carry on the Theatre engagements, and I authorise you on behalf of Lady Gregory and myself to lodge the Title Deeds of the Mechanics Institute, lately purchased by us, with the Munster &

hemster Bank, Sackville Street, so as to secure an overdraft from them of £600 or £700, or whatever sum you may think necessary

Yours faithfully
(Signed) W. B. Yeats

3rd October, 1915 Tuesday.

Mr Harris was appointed by the Directors, owing to the financial position, to go to London and explain to the artists that the present salaries would have to be reduced so as to enable the Theatre to be carried on; and an agreement drawn up by him to this effect and to be signed by each artist. This was done, all the artists agreeing to the new terms, and as specified in the agreement, with the exception of Messrs

Sinclair and Morgan, who, refusing to join in, were dismissed from the services of the Company on the following Saturday, all monies due to them being paid in full.

13th October, 1915.

On the 13th October Mr. Harris received a letter from Mr. Yeats informing him that he had engaged the services of Mr. St. John G. Ervine as Manager to the National Theatre Society, Ltd. (to succeed Mr. A. Wright, who was anxious to give up his duties for his own personal reasons), subject to him arranging financial questions with Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris wrote to Mr. Ervine on 16th October, 1915.

Copy of letter Mr Harris sent to Mr St John Ervine

16th October, 1915.

Dear Mr Ervine,

I am in receipt of your favour of yesterdays date.

I am afraid that owing to the financial position of the Theatre, I would be unable to offer you that salary which I know that your literary reputation, to say, nothing else, would entitle you. We have been hard pushed for some time past, and, unfortunately, we were paying out moneys which we should not, and, knowing this, I really feel a bit delicate on making you the only offer that I am in a position to do under the circumstances, viz, that you should take over the management of the Abbey Theatre, say for the next two months at a salary of £150 per year. And should Mrs Ervine act, at, say, £2 10. 0. Then if the Company goes on, and the Theatre becomes a paying

concern, I am perfectly sure that the Directors, with myself, would be only too pleased to make it up to you: but it would all depend on the results of the Theatre was paying or otherwise

I shall feel obliged by your letting me know as early as possible what you decide upon, as, of course, some arrangement will have to be come to before the Theatre opens.

Yours sincerely
(Signed) H. J. Harris.

Mr. Barrie's reply to Mr. Harris' letter.
18th October, 1915.

Dear Mr Harris,

I accept the terms offered in your letter of the 16th inst., and will come to Dublin on Wednesday week, viz., 27th October, 1915

Sincerely (Signed) St John G. Barrie.

5th June, 1916

The Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society, Ltd., was held in the Office of the Abbey Theatre on the above date. The following were present: Mr. W. B. Yeats & Lady Gregory, Directors; the Rt. Hon. W. F. Bailey, K.C., and Mr. Fred Harris, auditor. Mr. W. B. Yeats presided.

The matter of the dismissal of the Company on the 27th May, 1916, was then discussed. This dismissal was decided upon on the recommendation of Mr. St. John Ervine, Manager, whose statements as to acts of insubordination and failure to attend a special rehearsal in Limerick of the Playboy of the Western World made this dismissal necessary. A week's notice was given to the Players concerned [with the exception of J. M. Kerrigan & Fred O'Donovan, who had previously resigned to take up work with a Cinema Company] but the Players refused to perform during the week of notice, and the Company disbanded. The best means of getting together a new Company was then considered. After a long discussion an arrangement was come to by the Directors and Members present that the Theatre would be closed for an indefinite period until such time as a Company

could be got together again.

It was further decided that no tours were to be undertaken without consulting the Directors as during the past quarter serious losses were incurred in going to unsuitable places

It was also decided that:-

I All payments made by the Manager, Stage Manager or other official of the Company when on tour or in Dublin must be set out in detail and passed by the Financial Committee before payment

II Any payments made without the sanction of the Finance Committee shall be submitted to them as soon as possible, and if not approved by them the amount shall be refunded to the Company or debited to the official who has made such payment.

14th July, 1916

A Meeting was held in the Abbey Theatre on the above date. There were present: Lady Gregory, Director, The Rt. Hon. W. F. Bailey, C.B., & Mr. Fred Harris, Auditor.

After disposing of various matters in connection with the carrying on of the Theatre, and a letter being read from the late Manager, St. John Ervine, whose resignation had been accepted that day, the offer of Mr. A. J. Keogh to take up the management and act as producer and to form a new Company with as many as possible of the old members as might be thought advisable in case they wished to come back; and after Mr. Robinson's name being also mentioned as a probable Manager, the members decided to appoint Mr. Keogh for a period of six months from the 1st September, subject to the rules and regulations to be drawn up in his contract. Mr. Harris was asked to approach Mr. Keogh [who waited in the Green Room] as to what terms he would require to take up the foregoing position. After Mr. Harris' interview, he returned and informed us that Mr. Keogh would be willing to accept the position for the sum of £4 per week while in Dublin, and an extra £1 10. 0 when on tour. The members present

agreed to this proposal, and afterwards interviewed Mr. Keogh, who thanked them for the appointment informing them he would do everything he could for the advancement of art, and put on such plays as the Directors thought advisable.

A B B E Y T H E A T R E.

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t a meeting held, with a view to cutting down expences, at The resham Hotel, 13th March, 1917, Lady Gregory representing the irectors, Mr. Harris representing the Finance Committee, it was ecided:--

. That all advertisments shall be discontinued in the Weekly Papers and the length of insertions in the Daily Papers should be reduced as much as possible.

3. That Furniture and other articles necessary for the production of Plays and for general use in the theatre, shall not be obtained without a written order from the Secretary, and that Estimates shall be required before orders are place

3. That the contract having expired with Messrs. Dollards, the printing of the programmes shall be given to Messrs. Corrigan and Wilson, provided that their price is in order.

4. That before each new production a list of the cast and the proposed salaries of the artists shall be submitted to the Finance Committee and the Directors for their approval.

TELEPHONE No 3470.

FRED J. HARRIS,
ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR.

39, Lower Ormond Quay,
Dublin 21st April, 1917.

At a meeting held by the Directors (Abbey Theatre) at 39, Lr. Ormond Quay to-day, Mr. Keogh's letter referring to signing Contract was considered, and also his later desire to sign it last week to Mr. Harris by wire. The Directors had, however, already accepted his refusal and had made other arrangements for the management of the Theatre which will not permit of retaining his services. They hope he will see his way to stay on until the Company's visit to London.

With regard to Bonus. In the absence of a financial success the matter does not arise, but in consideration of his difficult work at the time of transition, we are anxious to deal generously with him. He will therefore receive his full salary to end of August.

(Signed) Lady Gregory.

" W.B. Yeats.

25 May 17

At Mr. Harris' office, 39 Fr. Ormond Quay, Mr. Keogh on above date handed over the Keys of the theatre which were in his possession. Mrs. Renwick was present & Mr. Harris subsequently gave the Key of the stage door & the Key of the office to Mr. O'Donovan

A General Meeting of the National Theatre was held in the Abbey Theatre on Wednesday 16th March, 1921.

Present: Lady Gregory, Lennox Robinson, F. J. Harris and J. H. Perrin.

The Accounts for the financial year ending 28th Feby 1921 were read by Mr. Harris and passed by the Meeting.

Different matters in connection with the closing of the Theatre for the summer months, and arranging plays for the ensuing season were discussed.

Yours April 20 1921

A General Meeting of the National Theatre Society, Ltd. was held in the Abbey Theatre on Tuesday 25th. April, 1922

Present – Lady Gregory, W. B. Yeats, Lennox Robinson, F. J. Harris and J. H. Perrin

The Accounts for the financial year ending 28th. February, 1922 were read by Mr Harris and passed by the Meeting

Different matters in connection with the closing of the Theatre for the summer months were discussed.

W B Yeats
April 1/ 1923

A general meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. was held in the Abbey Theatre on April 16th 1923

Present: Lady Gregory, W. B. Yeats and Lennox Robinson

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

The accounts for the financial year ending February 28th 1923 were considered and passed.

The letter ~~day~~ to the Government drafted by Mr Robinson was approved; it was decided it should be presented to the Government at the end of the present financial quarter (May 31st) together with an estimate prepared by Mr Munro of the value of the Theatre.

It was ordered that estimates be prepared for necessary repairs and re-painting of the Theatre.

W B Yeats.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Directors of
The National Theatre Society Limited
Held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Tuesday
15th April April 1924, at 11.30 a.m.

Present
Lady Gregory, W. B. Yeats, and Lennox Robinson
Also Present
J. H. Perrin, Secretary, and J. H. Culloch.

Mr Lennox Robinson was formally appointed a Director of the Society.

A transfer of 49 Shares, numbered from 140 to 188 inclusive, from Lady Gregory was submitted and passed, and a transfer from W. B. Yeats to Lennox Robinson of 49 Shares, numbered 328 to 376 inclusive, was also passed

A Statement of Accounts for the year ending 29th February 1924, certified by Messrs. George Munro & Company was submitted to the Meeting.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting should be held on Tuesday the 3rd. June 1924, at the

Abbey Theatre.

A draft of the Report to be submitted by the Directors to the Annual Meeting, in accordance with Article 57, prepared by Mr Tulloch, was approved.

It was agreed that Messrs. Craig Gardner & Company's name should be submitted to the Annual Meeting for election as Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year. Mr Robinson undertook to give notice to the Secretary of his intention to nominate Messrs. Craig Gardner & Company, and it was arranged that a copy of this notice should be sent to Messrs. George Munro & Company 7 days before the Meeting, and that a copy of the notice should also be sent to the Shareholders when the Meeting is being summoned.

It was reported that the Munster & Leinster Bank were taking steps to obtain a mortgage on the Society's premises and that a draft of the Mortgage drawn up by Messrs. Maxwell Weldon & Company, the Bank's Solicitors, had been sent to Messrs Whitney Moore & Keller, the Solicitors to the Society. A letter was read from the latter

firm pointing out that Messrs Maxwell Weldon & Company require a consent, as provided by Article 32, to be signed by all the Directors to the borrowing by the Society of sums in excess of £1,000. They also require the Directors to pass a Resolution authorising the raising of sums up to £2000 from the Munster & Leinster Bank. The following Consent was accordingly signed by the three Directors:—

"It being provided by Article No. 32 of the Society's Articles of Association that no monies exceeding in all a sum of £1000 shall be borrowed without the consent of all the Directors. We, the Directors of the Society hereby consent to the borrowing by the Society from the Munster & Leinster Bank Limited of sums not exceeding in all £2,000."

The following Resolution was also passed:—

"Resolved that a sum not exceeding Two Thousand Pounds (£2000) be raised on the security of the Theatre Premises on

"overdraft from the Munster & Leinster Bank
"Limited to be secured by a Mortgage of
"such Premises to the Bank".

It was reported that the present overdraft was between £1600 and £1700, and Mr Tulloch advised that the investments at present held by the Society should be sold. It was reported that these would probably realise close on £1100, and that if they were realised the overdraft would be reduced to £600 or £700, in which case the Bank might not require the Mortgage. It was decided that Mr Robinson and Mr Tulloch should interview the Manager of the Bank and arrange matters, and it was agreed that the investments should be sold.

Mr Perrin reported that he had got all the books in Mr Munro's possession and that the Private Ledger has not been written up since the year 1919; he also reported that no Share Certificate Book could be found.

The Endowment Fund and the Theatre Funds

amounting together to £3362-6-10 were discussed and Mr Tulloch advised that if there were no obligations attached to these funds they should be merged in a General Reserve Fund, and that the deficiency of £1661-14-6 in the Balance Sheet should be deducted therefrom, which would leave a balance of £1700-12-4 at the credit of Reserve Fund. Lady Gregory stated that both these Funds were formed out of moneys collected by her at different times for the carrying on of the Theatre, and that there were no obligations attached to them. It was agreed that Mr Tulloch's suggestion should be adopted.

A general discussion took place as to the finances of the Theatre and it was agreed that the Government should be approached for a State Subsidy at the rate of £1000 per annum.

Mr Robinson and Mr Tulloch subsequently attended the Manager of the Munster & Leinster Bank, Sackville Street. The Manager stated that

even in the event of the overdraft being reduced to £600 or £700 by the sale of the Stock Exchange Securities it was desirable, from the Bank's point of view, that the Mortgage should be carried through, and he pointed out that it was also desirable from the point of view of the Society in order that they might increase the overdraft if necessary. He stated that on the security of the Mortgage the Bank would be willing to authorise an overdraft up to a limit of £2000. He said that the rate of interest would be the ordinary Bank interest for overdrafts from time to time (at present 6%) and that they could not see their way to giving better terms having regard to the nature of the security. He stated that the investments were still in the names of Lady Gregory and Mr Yeats and the certificates would be required at any time on an undertaking that the proceeds of the sale would be lodged in reduction of the Bank overdraft. If desired, the Bank would arrange for the sale.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Directors of the National Theatre Society Limited
Held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Tuesday 3rd. June, 1924 at 11.15 a.m.

Present Lady Gregory, W. B. Yeats. and Lennox Robinson
Also Present: S. H. Sullock and J. H. Perrin

Mr. Killen representing Whitney, Moore & Killen. Solicitors to the Society presented the Mortgage on the Society's premises required by Messrs Maxwell, Weldon & Company, Solicitors to the Munster and Leinster Bank Limited. This was signed by all three Directors, witnessed, and the Society's seal affixed thereto.

A discussion took place as to the date for the re-opening of the Theatre and it was decided to fix the date for Monday 21st. July 1924.

It was decided that for the present no monies should be expended on the decoration of the Theatre. Mr. Perrin was, however, instructed to obtain an estimate for the re-seating of the Stalls and also one for the repairing of all seats in the Theatre. The question as

to whether the Company should be paid during the summer months was then discussed and it was decided to pay the following members half salary. Miss Allgood. Miss Delany, Mr. J. J. McCormick, Mr. A. Shields. It was also decided to renew Mr. Dolan's Agreement as Manager of the Theatre for a further six months.

It was decided that the services of the present Wardrobe Mistress be dispensed with and replaced by a more efficient worker having a sewing-machine of her own.

Mr. Yeats proposed and it was decided that in future should the Company take out any play forming part of the repertory of the theatre they should not be permitted to cut or modify that play in any manner.

It was also agreed that the theatre messenger should from the 1st of May receive a wage of £1-0-0 per week, during the period of playing this wage to include the lighting of the boiler.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The National Theatre Society Limited Held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Tuesday 3rd June, 1924 at 11.30 a.m.

Present

Lady Gregory, W. B. Yeats, Lennox Robinson, Miss Sara Allgood and Adolphus Wright.

Also Present

J. H. Perrin and G. D. Tulloch.

The notice summoning the Meeting was read. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

The Auditor's Report on Accounts for year ended 29th February 1924 was read and the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for year ended 29th February 1924 was submitted.

The following resolution proposed by Mr. W. B. Yeats and seconded by Lady Gregory was passed by the Meeting:—

"That the Directors' Report and Statement of

Accounts for year ended 29th February 1924 as now submitted to this Meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted

The following resolution proposed by Miss Sara Allgood and seconded by Mr. W. B. Yeats was passed by the Meeting:-

"That the retiring Director, Mr Lennox Robinson be, and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Company"

The following resolution proposed by Mr Lennox Robinson and seconded by Mr W. B. Yeats was passed by the Meeting:-

"That Messrs Craig Gardner & Company be and are hereby elected Auditors to the Company for the ensuing year."

W B Yeats

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of the National Theatre Society Ltd.
Held at the Abbey Theatre Dublin, on Thursday
4th. June 1925, at 11.30 a.m.

Present: Lady Gregory. W. B. Yeats. Lennox Robinson

Also Present. G. N. Tulloch, J. N. Perrin

The notice summoning the Meeting was read.
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed
and signed.
The Auditors Report on Accounts for year ended
28th. February 1925 was read and the Directors' Report
and Statement of Accounts for year ended 28th February
1925 was submitted.

The following resolution proposed by Mr W. B. Yeats
and seconded by Mr. Lennox Robinson was passed by the
Meeting.

'That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 28th February 1925 as now submitted to
this Meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted.'

The following resolution proposed by Lady Gregory and seconded by Mr. W. B. Yeats was passed by the Meeting

'That the retiring Director, Mr Lennox Robinson, be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society.'

The following resolution proposed by Mr Lennox Robinson and seconded by Lady Gregory was passed by the Meeting.

'That Messrs Craig, Gardner & Co be and are hereby elected Auditors to the Society for the ensuing year"

WB Yeats

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. Held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Monday 26th October, 1925 at 12 o'clock noon.

Present: W. B. Yeats, (in the chair) Lennox Robinson, Sir Philip Hanson, U. Wright.

Also Present: G. H. Tulloch, J. H. Perrin

The following resolution proposed by Mr. W. B. Yeats and seconded by Sir Philip Hanson was passed unanimously by the Meeting.

'That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:-

By the insertion after Article 5 of the following new Article to be numbered 5a.

5a. In the event of the Government of Saorstat Eireann giving financial assistance to the Company for the furtherance of its objects, and requiring a Director to represent

them on the Board of Directors of the Company, then, notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 5 hereof, the Directors may from time to time further increase the number of Directors by appointing a Director, in addition to the maximum number of 3 provided for in Clause 5, and such additional Director, if expressly appointed to represent the Government with the consent in writing of the responsible minister, shall notwithstanding Clause 10 hereof, not require any qualification."

W.R. Yeats

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society, Ltd Held at the Abbey Theatre Dublin on 16th November 1925.

Present W. B. Yeats (in the chair) Lennox Robinson

Also Present; J. H. Tulloch. J. H. Ervin

The following resolution proposed by Mr. W. B. Yeats ~~and~~ seconded by Sir Philip Hanson and passed unanimously by the Meeting was confirmed.

'That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following :-

By the insertion after Article 5 of the following new Article to be numbered 5a.

5a. In the event of the Government of Saorstat Eireann giving financial assistance to the Company for the furtherance of its objects, and requiring a Director to represent them on the Board of Directors of the Company then, notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 5 hereof, the Directors may from time to time

further increase the number of Directors by appointing a Director, in addition to the maximum number of 3 provided for in Clause 5, and such additional Director, if expressly appointed ~~by the Government~~ to represent the Government with the consent in writing of the responsible Minister, shall notwithstanding Clause 10 hereof ~~in~~ not require any qualification".

W S Yento.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. Held at the Abbey Theatre. Dublin on Friday 7th May 1926, at 11.30 a.m.

Present: W. B. Yeats. Lady Gregory, Lennox Robinson
U. Wright.

In Attendance. J. H. Perrin. G. H. Tulloch

The notice summoning the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The auditors Report on Accounts for year ended 28th February, 1926 was read and the Directors Report and Statement of Accounts for ended 28th February 1926 was submitted.

The following resolution proposed by Mr. W. B. Yeats and seconded by Mr. Lennox Robinson was passed by the meeting:-

'That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1926 as now submitted to this meeting, be and the

same are hereby adopted.

The following resolution proposed by Lady Gregory and seconded by Mr W. B. Yeats was passed by the meeting:

"That the retiring Director Mr Lennox Robinson, be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society"

The following resolution proposed by Mr Lennox Robinson and seconded by Lady Gregory was passed by the meeting:

"That Messrs Craig, Gardner & Co be and are hereby re-elected Auditors to the Society for the ensuing year."

W B Yeats
3/6/17.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society held at the Abbey Theatre Dublin on Friday 3rd June 1927 at 3 P.M.

Present. W. B. Yeats. Lennox Robinson
U. Wright.

In Attendance: G. H. Tulloch. J. H. Perrin

The notice summoning the meeting was read. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.
The Auditors' Report on Accounts for the year ended 28th February was submitted
The following resolution proposed by Mr U. Wright and seconded by Mr W. B. Yeats was passed by the Meeting:
"That the Directors Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1927, as now submitted to this Meeting, be and the same are

hereby adopted"

The following resolution proposed by Mr W. B. Yeats and seconded by Mr. U. Wright was passed by the Meeting:

"That the retiring Director, Mr. S. Lennon Robinson, be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

The following resolution proposed by Mr. U. Wright and seconded by Mr. Lennon Robinson was also passed by the Meeting:-

"That Messrs Craig Gardner & Co. be and are hereby elected Auditors to the Society, for the ensuing year at a fee of £40."

WB Yeats

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd held at the Abbey Theatre Dublin on Monday 14th May 1928 at 2.30 P.M.

Present Lady Gregory. W. B. Yeats, Lennox Robinson. Walter Starkie U. Wright
In attendance: J. H. Tulloch. J. H. Perrin

. The notice summoning the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Auditors Report on Accounts for the year ending 29th February 1928 were submitted.

The following resolution proposed by W. B Yeats and seconded by U. Wright was passed by the meeting

"That the Director's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 29th February 1928, as now submitted to this meeting be, and the same are hereby adopted"

Lady Gregory proposed Walter Starkie seconded the following resolution which was passed

by the meeting

"That the retiring Director Mr. S. Lennox Robinson, be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society."

The following resolution was proposed by U. Wright and seconded by Lennox Robinson.

"That Messrs. Craig Gardner & Co be and are hereby elected Auditors to the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £40

W Wright

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd held at the Abbey Theatre Dublin on Thursday 23rd. May 1929 at 12 o'clock noon

Present: W. B. Yeats. Lady Gregory.
Lennox Robinson. U. Wright.
In Attendance. G. H. Tulloch. J. H. Perrin

The Notice summoning the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Auditors Reports on Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1929 were submitted.

The following resolution proposed by W. B. Yeats and seconded by Lady Gregory was passed by the meeting.

"That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1929 as now submitted to this Meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted"

U. Wright proposed and W. B. Yeats seconded the following resolution which was passed by the meeting.

"That the retiring Director Mr. S. Lennox Robinson, be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society."

The following resolution was proposed by Lennox Robinson and seconded by U. Wright

"That Messrs Craig, Gardner & Co. be and are hereby elected Auditors to the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £40.

Alvey

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society, Ltd. held at the Abbey Theatre Dublin on Tuesday 1st. April, 1930 at 11.30 a.m.

Present: Lady Gregory (in the Chair)
Lennox Robinson, U. Wright

In attendance: G. H. Tulloch, J. H. Perrin.

The notice summoning the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The auditors Reports and Accounts for the year ending 28th February, 1930, were submitted.

The following resolution proposed by Lady Gregory and seconded by Lennox Robinson was passed by the meeting

"That the Auditors' Report and Statement "of Accounts for the year ending 28th

"February 1930 as now submitted to this
"Meeting be and the same are hereby
"adopted.

Lady Gregory proposed and U. Wright seconded the following resolution which was passed by the Meeting:

"That the retiring Director, Mr. S.
"Lennox Robinson, be and is hereby
"re-elected a Director of the Society.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. U. Wright.

"That Messrs. Craig Gardner & Co.
"be and are hereby elected Auditors
"to the Society for the ensuing year
"at a fee of £40.

W. Yeats.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Wednesday 17th June 1931. at 11.30 a.m.

Present: Lady Gregory (in the Chair) W. B. Yeats
Walter Starkie, Lennox Robinson.
U. Wright

In attendance: J. H. Tulloch. J. H. Perrin

The notice summoning the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Auditors Reports and Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1931. were submitted.

The following resolution proposed by W. B. Yeats and seconded by Walter Starkie was passed by the Meeting

That the Directors' Reports and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1931, as now

"submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted"

W. B. Yeats proposed and Walter Starkie seconded the following resolution which was passed by the Meeting:-

"That the retiring Director, Mr. S. Lennox Robinson, be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society"

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. U. Wright and seconded by Lennox Robinson.

"That Messrs. Craig, Gardner & Co. be and are hereby elected Auditors to the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £40.

W Wright
20th Jan. 1922

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Thursday 30th June 1932 at 12 noon.

Present W. B. Yeats, Walter Starkie, Lennox Robinson. H. Wright.

In Attendance T. J. Robinson. J. H. Perrin
G. H. Tullock.

The notice summoning the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Auditors Reports and Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1932 were submitted.

The following resolution proposed by Walter Starkie and seconded by H. Wright was passed by the Meeting,

That the Directors Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 29th February 1932 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted

Dr Walter Starkie proposed and U. Wright seconded That the retiring Director W. S. Lennox Robinson, be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society. This resolution was passed by the Meeting.

The following resolution proposed by U. Wright and seconded by Lennox Robinson was passed by the Meeting

- That Messrs Craig. Gardner & Co be and are hereby elected Auditors to the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £40.

W T Cosgrave
25th Sept. 1933.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society, Ltd held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Monday 25th September 1933 at 12 noon.

Present: W. B. Yeats, Walter Starkie, Lennox Robinson
U. Wright

In attendance; T. J. Robinson, J. D. Perrin

The notice summoning the meeting was read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Auditors Reports and Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1933 were read and signed.

The following resolution proposed by W. B. Yeats and seconded by Walter Starkie was passed by the meeting

That the ~~Directors~~ Auditors Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1933 as now submitted to the Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted.

Lennox Robinson proposed and W. B. Yeats

seconded.

That the retiring Director, Dr Walter Starkie be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society.

This resolution was passed by the Meeting.

The following resolution proposed by U. Wright and seconded by Walter Starkie was passed by the Meeting.

That Messrs Craig, Gardner & Co., be and are hereby re-elected Auditors to the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £40

W S Wright

29th August 1924.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Wednesday the 29th August 1934 at 3 p.m.

Present :- W. B. Yeats, Lennox Robinson, U. Wright.
In attendance:- G. H. Tulloch and Eric Gorman.

The Notice summoning the Meeting was read. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Auditors Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1934 were read and signed.

It was proposed by W. B. Yeats and seconded by Lennox Robinson "That the Directors Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1934 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted."
This resolution was passed by the Meeting.
It was proposed by W. B. Yeats and seconded by U. Wright "That the retiring Director, Mr Lennox Robinson be and hereby is re-elected a Director of the Society"
This resolution was passed by the Meeting.
It was proposed by W. B. Yeats and seconded by Lennox Robinson

"That the continuation of Dr. Walter Starkie as a Director after the appointment of Dr. Richard Hayes as the Director representing the Government, be and is hereby confirmed"
This resolution was passed by the Meeting.
It was proposed by U. Wright and seconded by Leanor Robinson "That Messrs Craig Gardiner & Co. be and are hereby re-elected Auditors to the Society for the ensuing year at a Fee of £4-0"
This resolution was passed by the Meeting.
A discussion took place regarding the possibility of erecting on the site of the present Theatre, a building to contain the Abbey Theatre and also suites of offices which could be let and would be a source of revenue to the Society. The Secretary was instructed to obtain from the Architects who built the Peacock Theatre, the Ground Plan made by them at the time, of all the premises owned by the Society, with a view to further consideration of the matter.

W B Yeats.
9/8/35.

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Friday, 22nd March 1935 at 3.30 p.m.

Present:- W.B. Yeats, Lennox Robinson.

An Extraordinary Resolution in the following terms was proposed by Mr Lennox Robinson and seconded by Mr W.B. Yeats:- "That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:- By the insertion after Article 5a of the following new Article to be numbered 5b.

5b. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 5 the Directors may from time to time further increase the number of Directors by appointing a Director or Directors in addition to the maximum number of four provided for in Clause 5 as amended by Clause 5a. such additional Directors not to exceed four and such additional Director or Directors shall, notwithstanding Clause 10 hereof not require any qualification."

This resolution was ~~unanimously~~ submitted to the Meeting, and passed by the requisite majority.

8. April 1935 Philip Hanson

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Monday, the 8th day of April, 1935, at 3.30 p.m.

Present:- Sir Philip Hanson, C.B. in the Chair, Mr. Lennox Robinson.

An Extraordinary Resolution as follows:- " That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:- By the insertion after Article 5a of the following new Article to be numbered 5b

5b. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 5 the Directors may from time to time further increase the number of Directors by appointing a Director or Directors in addition to the maximum number of four provided for in Clause 5 as amended by Clause 5a such additional Directors not to exceed four and such additional Director or Directors shall notwithstanding Clause 10 hereof not require any qualification." having been passed by the requisite majority at an Extraordinary Meeting held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, the 22nd of March, 1935, it was proposed by Mr L Robinson and seconded by Sir Philip Hanson C.B.

That the resolution be confirmed as a Special Resolution. This was unanimously agreed to.

Philip Hanson

8. april 1935

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, 9th of August 1935 at 5 p.m.

Present. W. B. Yeats in the Chair, Lennox Robinson, Adolphus Wright, Senator E. Blythe, Brinsley Macnamara, F. R. Higgins.

Notice. The Notice summoning the meeting was read by the Secretary.

Minutes. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Auditors' Report and Statement of Accounts. The Auditors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1935 were read and signed.

First Resolution. It was proposed by A. Wright, seconded by Lennox Robinson and passed "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1935 as now submitted

to

to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

Second Resolution — It was proposed by Lennox Robinson, seconded by U. Wright and passed "That the retiring Director, Dr. Walter Starkie be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

Third Resolution. — It was proposed by W. B. Yeats, seconded by Lennox Robinson and passed "That the continuation of Mr J. R. Higgins, Mr Brinsley Macnamara and Senator Ernest Blythe as Directors be and is hereby confirmed".

Fourth Resolution — It was proposed by U. Wright, seconded by Lennox Robinson and passed "That Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Co. be and are hereby re-elected Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £40".

Lennox Robinson
Oct. 9th 1936

20th Septr. 1935.

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, the 20th September 1935 at 5.15 p.m.

Present: W. B. Yeats (in the Chair), Lennox Robinson, Dr. Walter Starkie, Sir Philip Hanson C.B., Adolphus Wright

Resolution. An Extraordinary Resolution in the following terms was proposed by Dr. Walter Starkie and seconded by Adolphus Wright:-

"That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:-

By the insertion after Article 10 of the following new Article to be numbered 10a.

10a. The Company may by extraordinary resolution remove any Director, except William Butler Yeats, one of the first Directors named in Clause 5, and except any Director expressly appointed to represent the Government under the provisions of Clause 5a., and may (subject to the provisions of Clauses 5, 5a. and 5b.) by an ordinary resolution appoint another person in his stead. The person so appointed

appointed shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Director. The Directors shall have power to fill a casual vacancy in the Directorate".

Resolution passed. This resolution was submitted to the meeting and passed by the requisite majority.

Walter Starkie.

4th October 1935. Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday the 4th of October 1935 at 5.15 p.m.

Present — Dr Walter Starkie in the Chair, Lennox Robinson, Adolphus Wright.

Notice. — The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

Minutes — The Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 20th September 1935 were read confirmed and signed.

Resolution. — An Extraordinary Resolution as follows:-
"That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:-
By the insertion after Article 10 of the following new Article to be numbered 10A:
10A. The Company may by extraordinary resolution remove any Director, except William Butler Yeats, one of the first Directors named

in Clause 5, and except any Director expressly appointed to represent the Government under the Provisions of Clause 5A. and may (subject to the provisions of Clauses 5, 5A & 5B.) by an ordinary resolution appoint another person in his stead. The person so appointed shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Director. The Directors shall have power to fill a casual vacancy in the Directorate" having been passed by the requisite majority at an Extraordinary Meeting held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, 20th September 1935 it was proposed by Mr Adolphus Wright and seconded by Mr Lennox Robinson "That the resolution be confirmed as a Special Resolution." This was unanimously agreed to.

F R Higgins
Sept 8. 1937.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, Held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday 9th October, 1936, at 5.15 p.m.

Present — Mr Lennox Robinson in the Chair, Dr. Walter Starkie, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr Ernest Blythe, Mr F.R. Higgins, Mr Frank O'Connor, Mr U. Wright.
Mr Eric Gorman, Secretary, was in attendance.

Notice. — The Notice summoning the meeting was read by the Secretary.

Minutes. — The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Auditors Report & Statement of Accounts. — The Auditors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 29th February 1936 were read and signed.

First Resolution — It was proposed by Mr E. Blythe, seconded by Mr U. Wright and passed "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 29th February, 1936, as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted."

Second Resolution. — It was proposed by Mr F.R. Higgins, seconded by Mr Frank O'Connor and

and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr S. Lennox Robinson be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society."

Third Resolution

It was proposed by Mr U. Wright and seconded by Mr Lennox Robinson "That Messrs Craig Gardner & Co be and are hereby re-elected Auditors of the Society for the ensuing Year at a fee of £40"

Mr F.R. Higgins objected to the re-election of Messrs Craig Gardner owing to their attitude in connection with the allocation of shares to the three new Directors, and the reference made to the matter by the Auditors in their Report to the Shareholders on the Accounts for the year ending 29th February, 1936.

Mr Blythe and Mr O'Connor supported Mr Higgins in his objection.

It was then proposed by Mr Frank O'Connor and seconded by Mr F.R. Higgins "That Mr F.R. O'Connor of 10 Westmoreland Street, Dublin be appointed Auditor of the Society".

On a vote being taken, this resolution was passed by 300 votes to 225.

F R Higgins
Sept 8th 1937

1/1/37. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. was held at 5 p.m. on Friday, the 1st January 1937 at the registered offices 2 Marlborough Street, Dublin.

Present Mr E. Blythe, in the Chair
Dr. Walter Starkie
Mr F.R. Higgins
Mr U. Wright.

Dr Richard Hayes, as the Government Representative, was also present but did not take part in the proceedings.

Mr. G. H. Tulloch, representing Messrs Gray Gardner & Co., the retiring Auditors, was also present.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr F. R. Higgins, seconded by Mr E. Blythe, and passed :-

"Whereas owing to an auditor not having been validly appointed at the ~~Annual~~ General Meeting held on 9th October 1936, it was found necessary to make application to the Department of Industry and Commerce

under Section 112 (2) of the Companies (Consolidation) Act 1908 to appoint an Auditor for the current year and to fix his remuneration, and whereas in accordance with the directions of the Minister of Industry and Commerce this Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company has been called for the purpose of nominating an auditor and of suggesting the fee which should be paid to him for his services It Is Hereby Resolved that Mr F. R. O'Connor of 10 Westmoreland Street, Dublin, be nominated for appointment by the Minister as Auditor for the current year, subject to his approval; and that the sum of £40 be suggested as a suitable fee for his services, less such abatement as he may be disposed to make in consideration that the books of the Society have already been audited and accounts prepared for the first two quarters of the year; and that a copy of the Minutes of this meeting be forwarded to the Minister.

Lennox Robinson
March 7th 1939

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Wednesday 8th September 1937 at 5.15 p.m.

Present Mr F.R. Higgins in the Chair, Mr W.B. Yeats, Mr Lennox Robinson, Dr. Walter Starkie, Mr Frank O'Connor, Mr U. Wright.

Notice The Notice summoning the meeting was read by the Secretary.

Minutes The Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 4th October 1935, and the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th October 1936 were read, confirmed and signed

The Auditors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1937 were read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr E. Blythe, seconded by Mr Frank O'Connor and passed "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th

February, 1937, as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Mr U. Wright, seconded by Mr Frank O'Connor, and passed - "That the retiring Director, Dr. Starkie be and is hereby re-elected".

It was proposed by Mr F.R. Higgins, seconded by Mr E. Blythe, and passed - "That Mr F.R. O'Connor, Incorporated Accountant, 10 Westmoreland Street, Dublin, be appointed Auditor to the Society at a salary of £40 per annum".

In the course of a general discussion on the Theatre, Mr U. Wright said that the Players often felt aggrieved owing to the fact that matters which concerned them were known to people outside the Theatre before the Players heard of them.

The Chairman agreed that the Players would have just cause for complaint if this happened and promised that in future they would be notified by notice on the Notice board of any matters in which they would be interested.

The Chairman also informed the meeting that negotiations were under way for the purchase of Whyles premises at a price of £ 6100.

Lennox Robinson -

March. 7th 1939

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Tuesday 7th March, 1939 at 5.15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lennox Robinson in the chair. Dr. Walter Starkie. Mr. Ernest Blythe and Mr. F.R. Higgins.

Notice: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 1st January, 1937 and the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 8th September 1937, were read, confirmed and signed.

The Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February, 1938 were read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Starkie, seconded by Mr. E. Blythe and passed, "That the Directors' Report and Statement of accounts for the year ending 28th February, 1938 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted."

It was proposed by Mr. Lennox Robinson and seconded by Dr. Starkie and passed "That the retiring Director Mr. F.R. Higgins be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society"

It was proposed by Mr. Ernest Blythe, and seconded by Mr. F.R. Higgins, and passed "That Mr. F.R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the SOCIETY for the ensuing year at a fee of £40."

Seamus O'Cuill
18/8/39

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Tuesday the 7th March, 1939 at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lennox Robinson in the chair. Dr. Walter Starkie. Mr. Ernest Blythe. Mr. F.R. Higgins.

Notice: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

Resolutions:

An Extraordinary Resolution in the following terms was proposed by Mr. Ernest Blythe, and seconded by Dr. Starkie:-

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:-

By the insertion after Article 4 of the following new Article to be numbered 4a:-

4a. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 4 or Clause 5 no share in the Company shall be issued or allotted unless not less than 14 days nor more than 21 days notice in writing of the proposal to issue or allot such share shall have been sent by post to each Director and unless at the meeting at which such share is issued or allotted there shall be not less than four Directors present and voting in favour of such issue or allottment.

This Resolution was submitted to the Meeting and passed by the requisite majority.

An Extraordinary Resolution in the following terms was proposed by Mr. F.R. Higgins and seconded by Mr.Ernest Blythe:-

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:-

By the insertion after Article 5b of the following new Article to be numbered 5c:-

5c. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clauses 5,5b, 8 and 10 a, the Directors shall not appoint any person to be a Director unless:-

(a) Not less than 14 days or more than 28 days notice of the proposal to appoint such person shall have been sent by post to each Director and unless

(b) At the meeting at which such person is appointed there shall be at least four Directors present and voting in favour of the appointment and unless

(c) Such appointment is either unanimous or is not opposed by more than one Director.

This Resolution was submitted to the Meeting and passed by the requisite majority.

An Extraordinary Resolution in the following terms was proposed by Dr. Walter Starkie and seconded by Mr. F.R. Higgins:-

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:-

By the insertion after Article 6 of the following new Article to be numbered 6a:-

6a. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 6 or Clause 7 any Director who has not the holding of Shares in the Company specified in Clause 10, shall if he is not a Director appointed under Clause 5a to represent the Government cease to be a Director immediately after the conclusion of any ordinary Meeting of the Company at which his appointment is not confirmed or reconfirmed

by the Company, but such Director shall not be one of the Directors required to retire in rotation under the provisions of Clauses 6 and 7.

This Resolution was submitted to the Meeting and passed by the requisite majority.

An Extraordinary Resolution in the following terms was proposed by Mr. Ernest Blythe and seconded by Mr. F.R. Higgins:-

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:

By the insertion after Article 7 of the following new Articles to be numbered 7a and 7b respectively:-

7a. If at any General Meeting at which an election of Directors ought to take place, the place of a Director retiring by rotation is not filled he shall if willing and if he is not a Director who has not the holding of shares specified in Clause 10, continue in office until the ordinary Meeting in the next year and so on from year to year until his place is filled up, unless on notice given not less than fourteen days and not more than twenty-eight days before such meeting, it shall be determined to reduce the number of Directors in office.

7b. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 8 no person not being a retiring Director shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election to the office

of Director at any General Meeting unless he or some other member intending to propose him has at least fourteen clear days and not more than twenty-eight days before the meeting served on the Secretary a notice in writing duly signed signifying his candidature for the office or the intention of such member to propose him.

This Resolution was submitted to the Meeting and passed by the requisite majority.

Chairman
24/3/39

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, 24th March, 1939.

Present:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair. Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. F. R. Higgins.

Notice The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

FIRST RESOLUTION: The following Extraordinary Resolution having been passed by the requisite majority at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Tuesday the 7th March, 1939. "That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:-

By the insertion after Article 4 of the following new Article to be numbered 4a:-

4a. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 4 or Clause 5 no share in the Company shall be issued or allotted unless not less than 14 days nor more than 21 days notice in writing of the proposal to issue or allot such share shall have been sent by post to each Director and unless at the meeting at which such share is issued or allotted there shall be not less than four Directors present and voting in favour of such issue or allotment," it was proposed by Mr. F. R. Higgins and seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes "That the Resolution be confirmed as a Special Resolution".

SECOND RESOLUTION: The following Extraordinary Resolution having been passed by the requisite majority at an Extraordinary ~~General~~-Meeting of the Society held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Tuesday the 7th March, 1939. "That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:-

By the insertion after Article 5b of the following new Article to be numbered 5c:-

5c. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clauses 5,5b, 8 and 10a, the Directors shall not appoint any person to be a Director unless

(a) Not less than 14 days or more than 28 days notice of the proposal to appoint such person shall have been sent by post to each Director and unless

(b) At the meeting at which such person is appointed there shall be at least four Directors present and voting in favour of the appointment and unless

(c) Such appointment is either unanimous or is not opposed by more than one Director."

It was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes and seconded by Mr. F. R. Higgins "That the Resolution be confirmed as a Special Resolution".

THIRD RESOLUTION: The following Extraordinary Resolution having been passed by the requisite majority at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Tuesday the 7th March, 1939, "That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:-

By the insertion after Article 6 of the following new Article to be numbered 6a:-

6a. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 6 or Clause 7 any Director who has not the holding of Shares in the Company specified in Clause 10, shall if he is not a Director appointed under Clause 5a to represent the Government cease to be a Director immediately after the conclusion of any ordinary Meeting of the Company at which his appointment is not confirmed or reconfirmed by the Company, but such Director shall not be one of the Directors required to retire in rotation under the provisions of Clauses 6 and 7,"

itwas proposed by Mr. F. R. Higgins and seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes "That the Resolution be confirmed as a Special Resolution".

FOURTH RESOLUTION: The following Extraordinary Resolution having been passed by the requisite majority at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Tuesday the 7th March, 1939. "That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:-

By the insertion after Article 7 of the following new Articles to be numbered 7a and 7b respectively:-

7a. If at any General Meeting at which an election of Directors ought to take place, the place of a Director retiring by rotation

is not filled he shall if willing and if he is not a Director who has not the holding of shares specified in Clause 10, continue in office until the Ordinary Meeting in the next year and so on from year to year until his place is filled up, unless on notice given not less than fourteen days and more than twenty-eight days before such meeting it shall be determined to reduce the number of Directors in office.

7b. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 8 no person not being a retiring Director shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any General Meeting unless he or some other member intending to propose him has at least fourteen clear days and not more than twenty-eight days before the meeting served on the Secretary a notice in writing duly signed signifying his candidature for the office or the intention of such member to propose him,"

it was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes and

seconded by Mr. F. R. Higgins "That the

Resolution be confirmed as a Special Resolution".

Chairman

18/8/39

Minutes of the Anual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited held at the Abbey Theatre Dubàin on Friday, 18th August, 1939 at 5.30 p.m.

Present : Mr. E. Blythe in the Chair. Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Walter Starkie, Mr. F.R.Higgins, Mr. U. Wright.

Notice : The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

Minutes : The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 7th March 1939 and the Minutes of the Extra-ordinary General Meeting held on the 24th March 1939, were read , confirmed and signed.

The Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1939were read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Starkie, seconded by Mr. U. Wright and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1939 as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Mr. Lennox Robinson, seconded by Dr. Starkie and passed:- "That the retiring Director Mr. Ernest Blythe be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Mr. F.R.Higgins and passed:-"That Mr. F.R.O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £40."

Eamon O'Reilly
4/10/40

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, 18th August 1939.

Present:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Walter Starkie, Mr. F.R.Higgins, Mr. U. Wright.

Notice:- The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

The Chairman explained that when the Extraordinary General Meetings were held on the 7th March 1939 and on the 24th March 1939 the Article of Association referred to as 10a. was not effective as the statutory period of fourteen days had not elapsed between the holding of the two Extraordinary General Meetings held on the 20th September 1935 and on the 4th October 1935, at which Article 10a. was added to the Articles of Association. Consequently it was necessary to call two further Extraordinary General Meetings, one now being held and a further one to be held on Friday, the 8th September 1939. Notice of both these meetings had been sent to all the members of the Society.

An Extraordinary Resolution in the following terms was then proposed by Mr. Lennox Robinson, seconded by Mr. F.R. Higgins and passed:-

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:-

(a) By the insertion after Article 10 of the following new Article to be numbered 10A.

10A. The Company may by extraordinary resolution remove any Director except any Director expressly appointed to represent the Government under the provisions of Clause 5A, and may (subject to the provisions of Clauses 5, 5A, and 5B) by an ordinary resolution appoint another person in his stead. The person so appointed shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Director. The Directors shall have power to fill a casual vacancy in the Directorate.

(b) By the insertion after Article 4 of the following new Article to be numbered 4A:-

4A. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 4 or Clause 5 no share in the Company shall be issued or allotted unless not less than 14 days nor more than 21 days notice in writing of the proposal to issue or allot such share shall have been sent by post to each Director and unless at the meeting at which such share is issued or allotted there shall be not less than four Directors present and voting in favour of such issue or allotment.

(c) By the insertion after Article 5B of the following new Article to be numbered 5C:-

5C. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clauses 5, 5B. 8 and 10A. the Directors shall not appoint any person to be a Director unless:

(a) Not less than 14 days or more than 28 days notice of the proposal to appoint such person shall have been sent by post to each Director and unless

(b) At the meeting at which such person is appointed there shall be at least four Directors present and voting in favour of the appointment and unless

(c) Such appointment is either unanimous or is not opposed by more than one Director.

(d) By the insertion after Article 6 of the following new Article to be numbered 6A:-

6A. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 6 or Clause 7 any Director who has not the holding of shares in the Company specified in Clause 10 shall, if he is not a Director appointed under Clause 5A to represent the Government, cease to be a Director immediately after the conclusion of any ordinary Meeting of the Company at which his appointment is not confirmed or reconfirmed by the Company, but such Director shall not be one of the Directors required to retire in rotation under the provisions of Clauses 6 and 7.

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, 18th August 1939.

Present:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Walter Starkie, Mr. F.R.Higgins, Mr. U. Wright.

Notice:- The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

The Chairman explained that when the Extraordinary General Meetings were held on the 7th March 1939 and on the 24th March 1939 the Article of Association referred to as 10a. was not effective as the statutory period of fourteen days had not elapsed between the holding of the two Extraordinary General Meetings held on the 20th September 1935 and on the 4th October 1935, at which Article 10a. was added to the Articles of Association. Consequently it was necessary to call two further Extraordinary General Meetings, one now being held and a further one to be held on Friday, the 8th September 1939. Notice of both these meetings had been sent to all the members of the Society.

An Extraordinary Resolution in the following terms was then proposed by Mr. Lennox Robinson, seconded by Mr. F.R. Higgins and passed:-

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:-

(a) By the insertion after Article 10 of the following new Article to be numbered 10A.

10A. The Company may by extraordinary resolution remove any Director except any Director expressly appointed to represent the Government under the provisions of Clause 5A, and may (subject to the provisions of Clauses 5, 5A, and 5B) by an ordinary resolution appoint another person in his stead. The person so appointed shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Director. The Directors shall have power to fill a casual vacancy in the Directorate.

(b) By the insertion after Article 4 of the following new Article to be numbered 4A:-

4A. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 4 or Clause 5 no share in the Company shall be issued or allotted unless not less than 14 days nor more than 21 days notice in writing of the proposal to issue or allot such share shall have been sent by post to each Director and unless at the meeting at which such share is issued or allotted there shall be not less than four Directors present and voting in favour of such issue or allotment.

(c) By the insertion after Article 5B of the following new Article to be numbered 5C:-

5C. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clauses 5, 5B. 8 and 10A. the Directors shall not appoint any person to be a Director unless:

(a) Not less than 14 days or more than 28 days notice of the proposal to appoint such person shall have been sent by post to each Director and unless

(b) At the meeting at which such person is appointed there shall be at least four Directors present and voting in favour of the appointment and unless

(c) Such appointment is either unanimous or is not opposed by more than one Director.

(d) By the insertion after Article 6 of the following new Article to be numbered 6A:-

6A. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 6 or Clause 7 any Director who has not the holding of shares in the Company specified in Clause 10 shall, if he is not a Director appointed under Clause 5A to represent the Government, cease to be a Director immediately after the conclusion of any ordinary Meeting of the Company at which his appointment is not confirmed or reconfirmed by the Company, but such Director shall not be one of the Directors required to retire in rotation under the provisions of Clauses 6 and 7.

(e) By the insertion after Article 7 of the following new Articles to be numbered 7A and 7B respectively:-

7A. If at any General Meeting at which an election of Directors ought to take place, the place of a Director retiring by rotation is not filled he shall if willing and if he is not a Director who has not the holding of shares specified in Clause 10, continue in office until the Ordinary Meeting in the next year and so on from year to year until his place is filled up, unless on notice given not less than fourteen days and more than twenty eight days before such meeting, it shall be determined to reduce the number of Directors in office.

7B. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 8 no person not being a retiring Director shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any General Meeting unless he or some other member intending to propose him has at least fourteen clear days and not more than twenty eight days before the meeting served on the Secretary a notice in writing duly signed signifying his candidature for the office or the intention of such member to propose him.

Lennox Robinson

8th. Sept. 1939.

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, 8th September, 1939.

Present:- Mr. Lennox Robinson in the Chair, Mr. F.R. Higgins.

Notice:- The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

The following Extraordinary Resolution having been passed by the requisite majority at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, 18th August 1939:-

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:-

(a) By the insertion after Article 10 of the following new Article to be numbered 10A.

10A. The Company may by extraordinary resolution remove any Director except any Director expressly appointed to represent the Government under the provisions of Clause 5A, and may (subject to the provisions of Clauses 5, 5A, and 5B) by an ordinary resolution appoint another person in his stead. The person so appointed shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Director. The Directors shall have power to fill a casual vacancy in the Directorate.

(b) By the insertion after Article 4 of the following new Article to be numbered 4A:-

4A. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 4 or Clause 5 no share in the Company shall be issued or allotted unless not less than 14 days nor more than 21 days notice in writing of the proposal to issue or allot such shares shall have been sent

by post to each Director and unless at the meeting at which such share is issued or allotted there shall be not less than four Directors present and voting in favour of such issue or allotment

(c) By the insertion after Article 5B of the following new Article to be numbered 5C:-

5C. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clauses 5, 5B. 8 and 10A. the Directors shall not appoint any person to be a Director unless:

(a) Not less than 14 days or more than 28 days notice of the proposal to appoint such person shall have been sent by post to each Director and unless

(b) At the meeting at which such person is appointed there shall be at least four Directors present and voting in favour of the appointment and unless

(c) Such appointment is either unanimous or is not opposed by more than one Director.

(d) By the insertion after Article 6 of the following new Article to be numbered 6A:-

6A. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 6 or Clause 7 any Director who has not the holding of shares in the Company specified in Clause 10 shall, if he is not a Director appointed under Clause 5A to represent the Government, cease to be a Director immediately after the conclusion of any ordinary Meeting of the Company at which his appointment is not confirmed or reconfirmed by the Company, but such Director shall not be one of the Directors required to retire in rotation under the provisions of Clauses 6 and 7.

(e) By the insertion after Article 7 of the following new Articles to be numbered 7A and 7B respectively:-

7A. If at any General Meeting at which an election of Directors ought to take place, the place of a Director retiring by rotation is not filled he shall if willing and if he is not a Director who has not the holding of shares specified in Clause 10, continue in office until the Ordinary Meeting in the next year and so on from year to year until his place is filled up, unless on notice given not less than fourteen days and more th twenty eight days before such meeting, it shall be determined t reduce the number of Directors in office.

7B. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 8 no person not being a retiring Director shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any General Meeting unless he or some other member intending to propose him has at least fourteen clear days and not more than twenty eight days before the meeting served on the Secretary a notice in writing duly signed signifying his candidature for the office or the intention of such member to propose him.

it was proposed by Mr. Lennox Robinson seconded by Mr. F.R. Higgins and passed :- "That the Resolution be confirmed as a Special Resolution".

Cearnán a Dúil
4/10/41

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Tuesday, 16th January, 1940, at 5.30 p.m.

Present:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Michael O'Donovan, Mr. F.R.Higgins, Mr. U. Wright.

Notice:- The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by Mr. F.R.Higgins, Managing Director.

A Resolution in the following terms was proposed by Mr. F.R. Higgins and seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes:-

"In order to insure that the proper keeping and timely writing-up of the books and records of the Company shall not be interfered with through the inspection of the Books of Account by Members and to ensure that books and records shall not be lost damaged or defaced during any such inspection, the Company in General Meeting in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 55 of the Articles of Association hereby imposes the following restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the Company's Books of Account.

(a) None of the Company's Books of Account shall be allowed to pass out of the custody of the Secretary and all inspections shall take place in his presence, in the Company's office.

(b) No member inspecting the Books of Account shall mark, alter, or copy any book or document.

(c) No inspection shall last more than two hours on any one day, or more than three days in all, and no inspection shall begin before 11 a.m. or conclude after 2 p.m.

(d) No inspection shall take place on a Saturday, or during the period when the Theatre is closed for annual holidays in the Summer, or while an Audit is in progress.

(e) No member shall be permitted to inspect the Books of Account of the Company while he is intoxicated or is behaving in a disorderly manner.

(f) Every member intending to make an inspection of the Company's Books of Account shall give twenty one days notice in writing to the Secretary of his intention, so that the Secretary may be able to make arrangements to

be present at such inspection without neglecting his other duties as Secretary. The Secretary shall then notify the member of the date and time appointed for the inspection; such date to be not later than the tenth day following the end of the said period of twenty one days.

(g) If at any time the Secretary shall be absent from duty through illness for a period exceeding one month, an inspection of the Company's Books of Account may be carried out in the presence of any other person appointed by the Directors to be responsible for their custody or of the employee or officer of the Company who actually has custody of them.

Mr. O'Donovan proposed that a Committee of Shareholders consisting of Mr. Blythe, Dr. Starkie, Dr. Hayes and Mr. O'Donovan be appointed to examine the books of the Society.

~~As there was no seconder to this proposal the Chairman put the original resolution as proposed by Mr. Higgins and seconded by Dr. Hayes to the meeting. The resolution was passed.~~

The Chairman ruled the proposal out of order

The Resolution which had been proposed by Mr F.R. Higgins and seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes was passed.

Chairman 4/10/40

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre Dublin, on Thursday, 25th January, 1940, at 5.30 p.m.

Present:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. F.R.Higgins.

Notice:- The Notice summoning the meeting was read by the Secretary.

An Extraordinary Resolution in the following terms was proposed by Mr. Lennox Robinson, seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes, and passed:-

That the Articles of Association be altered in the manner following:-

(1) Article 13 and all the words in the second paragraph of Article 55 following the words "as the Directors think fit" shall be deleted and a full stop substituted for the comma appearing in the said Article immediately after the word "fit".

(2) The following Article shall be inserted after Article 55.
55A. The Directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Company, or any of them, shall be open to the inspection of the members, and no member shall have any right of inspecting any accounts or books or documents of the Company except as conferred by Statute or authorised by the Directors.

P Quinnath ( )
9/2/40

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, 9th February 1940,

Present :- Mr. Ernest Blythr in the Chair, Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. F.R.Higgins, Mr. U. Wright.

Notice:- The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

The following Extraordinary Resolution having been passed by the requisite majority at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Thursday, 25th January 1940:-

That the Articles of Association be altered in the manner following:-

(1) Article 13 and all the words in the second paragraph of Article 55 following the words "as the Directors think fit" shall be deleted and a full stop substituted for the comma appearing in the said Article immediately after the word "fit".

(2) The following Article shall be inserted after Article 55.
55A. The Directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Company, or any of them, shall be open to the inspection of the members, and no member shall have any right of inspecting any accounts or books or documents of the Companyexcept as conferred by Statute or authorised by the Directors

it was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes seconded by Mr. U. Wright and passed:- "That the Resolution be confirmed as a Special Resolution.

Lennox Robinson
4/10/40

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Friday, 4th October, 1940, at 5.30 p.m.

Present:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. F.R.Higgins, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain.

Notice : The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on t the 18th August 1939 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meetings held on the 8th September 1939, the 16th January 1940 and the 9th February 1940 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 29th February 1940 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. F.R.Higgins and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 29th February 1940 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted"

It was proposed by Mr. F.R.Higgins, seconded by Dr. Hayes and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr. Lennox Robinson be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society"

It was proposed by Mr. F.R.Higgins, seconded by Dr. Hayes and passed:-"That in accordance with Clause 6a of the Articles of Association the appointment of Mr. Roibeard O Farachain as a Director be and is hereby confirmed"

It was proposed by Mr. F.R.Higgins, seconded by Dr. Hayes and passed:- "That Mr. F.R.O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Forty Pounds"

Ernest Blythe
26/6/41

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Thursday, 26th June, 1941 at 6.15 p.m.

PRESENT:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair. Mr.Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, and Mr. U. Wright.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was ready by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 4th October, 1940 were read confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for year ended 28th February, 1941 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. Lennox Robinson seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes and passed "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February, 1941 as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted."

The Meeting agreed that as Dr. Walter Starkie the retiring Director had not attended any meeting of the Board for a very considerable time, his name should not be put forward for re-election, but that he should be deemed to be a Director in accordance with the terms of Article 7a of the Articles of Association.

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright seconded by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain and passed, "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the

ensuing year at a fee of £40.

In a general discussion which followed, The Chairman referred to the balances due to the Theatre by Samuel Grisman and Elbert E. Wickes out of the 1937/38 American Tour, and said that these amounts had been written off as bad debts it being considered impossible to collect them.

Mr. Wright who was on the tour and had been in contact with both Grisman and Wickes agreed that this was the wisest course to adopt. He said he did not believe it would be wise for the Society to incur any expense in attempting to collect the amount due by Grisman. Mr.Wright also said that Wickes had undoubtedly lost a lot of money on the part of the tour which he controlled and was unable to pay what he owed the Society when the Company were leaving the U. S.A. But he was an honest man, and Mr. Wright felt that if at any time, Wickes was able to pay the amount, he would do so. It would however, be useless to take legal proceedings for the recovery of the debt, as the law costs might possible run into more than the amount due, and the Society might not even then recover any of the money.

Chairman 17/9/

CHAIRMAN.

17/9/42

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Thursday, 17th September, 1942 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Walter Starkie, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, Mr. Udolphus Wright.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th June 1941 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1942 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Dr. Walter Starkie and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 28th February 1942 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Mr. Lennox Robinson, seconded by Dr. Hayes and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr. Robert O Farachain be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. E. Blythe, and seconded by Mr. O Farachain:- "That without prejudice to the powers given to the Directors in Clause 5 B. of the Articles of Association the number of Directors in office is hereby reduced to four".

Mr. Blythe explained that as Dr. Walter Starkie, who was present at the meeting had not attended any meeting of the Board for a very considerable time prior to the Annual General Meeting held on 26th June, 1941, it had been agreed at that meeting that he should not, as the retiring Director of that year, be re-elected but that he should

be deemed to be a Director in accordance with the terms of Article 7A. of the Articles of Association.

Since the date of the last Annual General Meeting, 26th June 1941, Dr. Starkie had not attended any meeting of the Board and if Mr. Blythe's resolution was passed Dr. Starkie would cease to be a Director of the Society.

Mr. Robinson said he opposed the resolution as he thought that Dr. Starkie, who had been a Director for many years should be allowed to remain on the Board even though he could not attend the meetings owing to his absence from Eire.

After some discussion Mr. Robinson withdrew his opposition and Dr. Starkie said that as he was unable at present to attend meetings of the Board he wished to tender his resignation.

This was accepted by the meeting and Mr. Blythe withdrew his motion.

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lennox Robinson and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £40".

Pegeen Hayes

CHAIRMAN.

30/9/43

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on THURSDAY, 30th September, 1943, at 6.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe (in the chair) Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, Mr. U. Wright.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

An Extraordinary Resolution in the following terms was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, seconded by Mr. Lennox Robinson, and passed: Unanimously That the Articles of Association be altered in the manner following:-

(1) That the following Article be inserted after Article (4a).

(4b) "If at any time the total number of Directors of the Company be less than five then notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 4a the number of Directors required to be present at any meeting at which any share is issued or allotted and to vote in favour of such issue or allotment shall be one less than the total number of Directors"

(2) That the following Article be inserted after Article (10a)

(10b) "If any Director without the express consent of his colleagues absents himself from all meetings of the Board held during any period of six calendar months, and if the number of such meetings has been not less than six, he shall at the end of the said period cease to be a member of the Board"

(3) That the following Article be inserted after Article (5c)

(5d) "If at any time the total number of Directors of the Company be less than five then notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 5c paragraph b, the number of Directors required to be present at any meeting at which a person is appointed to be a Director and to vote in favour of such appointment shall be one less than the total number of Directors."

Copied 21/10/42

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Thursday, 30th September, 1943 at 5.45 p.m.

PRESENT:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, Mr. Udolphus Wright.

NOTICE:- The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES:- The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 17th September 1942 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the sixteen months ending 30th June 1943 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the sixteen months ending 30th June 1943 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes, seconded by Mr. Lennox Robinson and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr. Ernest Blythe be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £40"

Chairman.

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of The National Theatre Society Ltd., held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Thursday, 21st October 1943.

Present:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Mr. Lennox Robinson, Mr. U. Wright.

Notice:- The Notice summoning the meeting was read by the Secretary.

The following Extraordinary Resolution having been passed by the requisite majority at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Thursday, 30th September 1943:-

(1) That the following Article be inserted after Article 4A. 4B. If at any time the total number of Directors of the Company be less than five then notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 4A the number of Directors required to be present at any meeting at which any share is issued or allotted and to vote in favour of such issue or allotment shall be one less than the total number of Directors.

(2) That the following Article be inserted after Article 10A 10B. If any Director without the express consent of his colleagues absents himself from all meetings of the Board held during any period of six calendar months, and if the number of such meetings has been not less than six, he shall at the end of the said period cease to be a member of the Board.

(3) That the following Article be inserted after Article 5C. 5D. If at any time the total number of Directors of the Company be less than five then notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 5C paragraph b, the number of Directors required to be present at any meeting at which a person is appointed to be a Director and to vote in favour of such appointment shall be one less than the total number of Directors.

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright seconded by Mr. Lennox Robinson and passed:- "That the Resolution be confirmed as a Special Resolution".

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Thursday, 26th October, 1944 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, Mr. Udolphus Wright.

NOTICE:- The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES:- The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 30th September 1943 and of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 21st October 1943 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1944 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1944 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr. Lennox Robinson be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society."

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lennox Robinson and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £40."

13/12/40

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Thursday, 13th December, 1945 at 5.45 p.m.

PRESENT:- Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain.

NOTICE:- The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES:- The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th October 1944 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1945 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr Roibeard O Farachain, seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes and passed :- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1945 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Mr. Lennox Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Forty Pounds (£40)."

Ernest Blythe
12/12/46

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Thursday 12th December, 1946 at 5.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe (in the chair) Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. U. Wright.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 13th December 1945 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1946 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1946 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted"

It was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes, seconded by Mr. U. Wright and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr. Ernest Blythe be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society"

It was proposed by Mr. Ernest Blythe, seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Forty Pounds (£40.)"

Eamonn de Ó hÚ
23/12/47

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Tuesday 23rd December, 1947 at 5.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Richard Hayes Mr Frank O'Connor, Mr U. Wright, Mr Roibeard O Farachain.

NOTICE : The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES : The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 12th December 1946 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1947 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes, seconded by Mr U. Wright and passed:- "That the Directors Report and Statement of Accountsfor the twelve months ending 30th June 1947 as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Mr U. Wright, seconded by Mr Roibeard O Farachain and passed, Mr Frank O'Connor dissenting:- "That the retiring Director, Mr Lennox Robinson be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Dr Richard Hayes, seconded by Mr U. Wright and passed:- "That Mr F.R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Forty Pounds (£40).

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Mr Wright enquired about the recording of SPREADING THE NEWS which had been made by the Towers Recording Company. He said he understood that this Company intended to make gramophone records of this recording for sale in England, America and Australia describing them as records of a performance by the Abbey Theatre Company. He asked if permission for this had been given to this recording Company. He said he considered that the performance of SPREADING THE NEWS which had been recorded was very bad and he asked if permission for the public sale of these records had been given to the Company.

Mr. Blythe said in reply that no permission for the issue of the records would be given until the Directors had heard the recording and had passed it for sale to the public. He said that the Company had guaranteed to let the Directors hear the recording before proceeding further with the project and had promised that no record would be issued without the approval of the Directors of the Abbey Theatre.

Mr Frank O'Connor referred to the recent criticisms of the productions in the Abbey and to the protests that had been made by some members of the public especially with reference to the recent production of THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS which he said was very bad.

Mr O Farachain said he disagreed with Mr O'Connor as regards this production which he considered was very good.

After a long discussion Mr O'Connor asked the Directors to improve the standard of production so that ther would not be a repetition of the adverse criticisms which had recently appeared.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Thursday, 16th December 1948 at 6 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, Mr. U. Wright.

NOTICE : The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES : The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 23rd December 1947 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1948 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 30th June 1948 as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr Roibeard O Farachain be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, seconded by Mr. U. Wright and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Forty Pounds (£40).

20/12/49

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Tuesday, 20th December 1949 at 6 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, Mr. U. Wright.

NOTICE. : The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES.: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th December 1948 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1949 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1949 as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes, seconded by Mr. U. Wright and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr. Ernest Blythe be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Fifty Pounds (£50).

Ernest Blythe
29/12/50

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Friday, 29th December 1950 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Lennox Robinson Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Robert O Farachain.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

Minutes. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th December 1949 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1950 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes, seconded by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1950, as now submitted to this Meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes, seconded by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Dr. Lennox Robinson be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes and passed:- "That Mr. F.R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Eighty Pounds (£80).

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28/12/51

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Friday, 28th December 1951 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. U. Wright.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th december 1950 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1951 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Richard Hayes, seconded by Mr. U. Wright and passed:- "That the Directors' R Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1951 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Dr. Lennox Robinson, seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes and passed:-"That the retiring Director, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. U. Wright, seconded by Dr. Richard Hayes and passed: "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £80."

Ernest Blythe
29/12/52

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Monday, 29th December 1952 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th December 1951 were read confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1952 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the same period was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. R. O Farachain, seconded by Dr. R. Hayes and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1952, as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Dr. R. Hayes, seconded by Dr. Robinson and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr. Ernest Blythe be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. R. O Farachain, seconded by Dr. Robinson and passed:- "That Mr. F.R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Eighty Pounds".

On behalf of the Society the Directors expressed their sympathy with the relatives of Mr. Udolphus Wright, Miss Sara Allgood and Mr. William Fay, all of whom had died since the last Annual General Meeting.

Ernest Blythe
22/12/53

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Tuesday, 22nd December 1953 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th December 1952 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1953 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1953 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. R. O Farachain, seconded by Dr. Robinson and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1953, as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Mr. E. Blythe, seconded by Mr. R. O Farachain and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Dr. Lennox Robinson be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Dr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. O Farachain and passed:- "That Mr. F.R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Eighty Pounds".

On behalf of the Society the Directors expressed their sympathy with the relatives of Miss Maire O'Neill and Mr. Fred O'Donovan both of whom had died since the last Annual General Meeting.

Ernest Blythe
29/12/54

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Wednesday, 29th December 1954 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd December 1953 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1954 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1954 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. R. O Farachain, seconded by Dr. Hayes and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1954, as now submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Dr. L. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Hayes and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. E. Blythe, seconded by Mr. R. O Farachain and passed:- "That Mr. F.R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Eighty Pounds".

On behalf of the Society the Directors expressed their sympathy with the relatives of Michael J. Dolan who had died since the last Annual General Meeting.

Ernest Blythe
29/12/55

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Thursday, 29th December 1955 at 5.30 p.m.
PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Lennox Robinson Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th December 1954 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1955 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1955 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Hayes, seconded by Dr. L. Robinson and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1955 as now submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Mr. R O Farachain, seconded by Dr. L. Robinson and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Dr. Richard Hayes be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. E. Blythe, seconded by Dr. Hayes and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Eighty Pounds".

Lennox Robinson

December 28th 1956

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Friday, 28th., December 1956 at 5.30 p.m.
PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Lennox Robinson Mr. Roibeard O Farachain.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th., December 1955 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1956 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1956 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. R O Farachain, seconded by Mr. E. Blythe and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1956 as now submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Dr. L. Robinson, seconded by Mr. R. O Farachain and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Mr. Ernest Blythe be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. R. O Farachain, seconded by Mr. E. Blythe and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Eighty Pounds".

Ernest Blythe
30 December
1957

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Monday, 30th., December 1957 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Dr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th., December, 1956 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1957 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th. June 1957 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Lennox Robinson, seconded Mr. R. O'Farachain and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1957 as now submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Mr. E. Blythe, seconded by Mr. R. O'Farachain and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Dr. Lennox Robinson be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Dr. R. Hayes, seconded by Mr. E. Blythe and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Eighty Pounds".

Eamon de Blaghd

17th December 1958

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on Wednesday, 17 th., December, 1958 at 5.30 p.m.
PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe in the Chair, Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain. Dr. Seamus Wilmot was also present in a non-voting capacity.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th., December 1957 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th. June 1958 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th., June 1958 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th., June 1958 as now submitted to this meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted".

As the only shareholders present at the meeting were Mr. Ernest Blythe and Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain the resolution re-electing Mr. O'Farachain a Director of the Society could not be seconded. It was, therefore, agreed under Clause 7 A of the Articles of Association that Mr. Roibeard O Farachain should continue in office as a Director until the next Ordinary Meeting of the Society when he would be re-elected.

It was proposed by Mr. Ernest Blythe, seconded by Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor of the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of Eighty Pounds".

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That

the appointment of Dr. Seamus Wilmot as a Director of the Society made at a meeting of the Board on 22nd., July, 1958 is hereby confirmed."

R. O'Faoiain

30-12-59

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on Wednesday, 30th., December, 1959 at 5.30 p.m.
PRESENT: Mr. Roibeard O Farachain in the Chair, Mr. Ernest Blythe, Dr. Seamus Wilmot and Mr. Gabriel Fallon.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th., December, 1958 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th., June, 1959 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th., June, 1959 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Seamus Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th., June, 1959 as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted."

It having been agreed at the last Annual General Meeting of the Society that under Clause 7 A Mr. Roibeard O Farachain should continue in office as a Director until the next Annual General Meeting, it was proposed by Dr. Seamus Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That Mr. Roibeard O Farachain be and is hereby re-elected as a Director of the Society."

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, seconded by Mr. Gabriel Fallon and passed:- "That the retiring Director Mr. Ernest Blythe be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society."

It was proposed by Dr. Seamus Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That the appointment of Mr. Gabriel Fallon as a Director of the Society made at a meeting of the Board on the 7th., January, 1959 is hereby confirmed."

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, seconded by Dr. Seamus Wilmot and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor to the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £80."

R. O Farachain

30/12/60

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Queen's Theatre, Pearse Street, Dublin, on Friday, 30th., December, 1960 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Roibeard O Farachain in the Chair, Mr. Ernest Blythe, Dr. Seamus Wilmot and Mr. Gabriel Fallon.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th., December, 1959 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th., June, 1960 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th., June, 1960 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. Gabriel Fallon, seconded by Dr. Seamus Wilmot and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th., June, 1960 as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted."

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That the retiring Director, Dr. Seamus Wilmot be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society."

It was proposed by Dr. Seamus Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Gabriel Fallon and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor to the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £80."

R. O Farachain

29/12/61

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National THEATRE Society Limited, held at the Queen's Theatre, Pearse Street, Dublin, on Friday, 29th December 1961 at 8 p.m.
PRESENT: Mr. Roibeard O Farachain in the Chair, Mr. Ernest Blythe, Dr. Seamus Wilmot and Mr. Gabriel Fallon.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th December 1960 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1961 was read and the Auditor' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1961 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Fallon and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1961, as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Mr. O Farachain, seconded by Dr. Wilmot and passed:- "That the retiring Director Mr. Gabriel Fallon be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. Blythe, seconded by Dr. Wilmot and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connorbe and is hereby re-elected Auditor to the Society at a fee of £80".

R O Farachain
4/1/63

Minutes of the ~~adjourned~~ Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited held at the Queen's Theatre, Pearse Street, Dublin on Friday 28th December 1962 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ernest Blythe

IN ATTENDANCE: The Secretary

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

QUORUM: As no quorum was available Mr. Blythe declared the Meeting adjourned to Friday 4th January 1963 at the same place at 7 p.m.

R Farrell
4/1/63

Minutes of the adjourned Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. held at the Queen's Theatre, Pearse Street, Dublin on Friday 4th January 1963 at 7 p.m.
PRESENT: Mr. Roibeard O Farachain in the Chair, Mr. Ernest Blythe, Dr. Seamus Wilmot.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th December 1961 and of the adjourned Annual General Meeting held on 28th December 1962 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months to 30th June 1962 was read and the Auditor's Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1962 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Dr. Seamus Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1962, as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Dr. Seamus Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That the retiring Director Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society".

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor to the Society at a fee of £80".

30th December 1963 Séamus Wilmot

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. Held at the Queen's Theatre, Pearse Street, Dublin on Monday, 30th December 1963 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Seamus Wilmot in the Chair, Mr. Ernest Blythe, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, Mr. Gabriel Fallon.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the adjourned Annual General Meeting held on Friday 4th January 1963 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months to 30th June 1963 was read and the Auditors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1963 was read and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. Gabriel Fallon, seconded by Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain and passed:- "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months ending 30th June 1963 as now submitted to this Meeting, be and the same are hereby adopted".

It was proposed by Dr. Seamus Wilmot, Seconded by Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain and passed:- "That the retiring Director Mr. Ernest Blythe be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society."

It was proposed by Mr. Ernest Blythe, seconded by Dr. Seamus Wilmot and passed:- "That Mr. F. R. O'Connor be and is hereby re-elected Auditor to the Society for the ensuing year at a fee of £80."

Gabriel Fallon 29th December

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited, held at the Queen's Theatre, Pearse Street, Dublin on Tuesday, 29th December 1964 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Gabriel Fallon in the Chair, Mr. Ernest Blythe, Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain and Dr. Seamus Wilmot. Mr. Declan O'Connor of the firm Messrs. F. R.O'Connor & Co. Auditors, was in attendance.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 30th December 1963 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed :- "That the retiring Director Dr. Seamus Wilmot be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Society."

Mr. Declan O'Connor gave the meeting a detailed explanation of the Accounts for the year to 30th June 1964 which were in preparation and would be considered at a further meeting which would be called for the purpose.

It was agreed that a fee of £200 be paid to Messrs. F. R. O'Connor & Co. Auditors, for work done in connection with the accounts to 30th June 1964.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Gabriel Fallon
2nd February 1965.

Minutes of the Adjourned Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Limited Held at the Queen's Theatre, Pearse Street, Dublin on Tuesday, 2nd February 1965 at 8 p.m.

Present: Mr Gabriel Fallon in the Chair, MrErnest Blythe, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain.

Notice: The Notice summoning the Meetingwas read by the Secretary.

Minutes. The Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 29th December 1964 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Mr. Roibeard O Farachain, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed: "That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months to the 30th June 1964as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted"

It was proposed by Mr. Gabriel Fallon, seconded by Mr. Roibeard O Farachainand passed "That the remuner-ation payable to Messrs. F. R. O'Connor & Co. Chartered Accountants for the year ended 30th June 1965 be fixed by the Directors."

R. Farachain
23/2/65

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. held at the Queen's Theatre, Pearse Street, Dublin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 23rd February 1965.

PRESENT: Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain in the Chair, Mr. Ernest Blythe, Dr. Seamus Wilmot, Mr. Gabriel Fallon.

NOTICE: The Notice summoning the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the adjourned Annual General Meeting held on 2nd February 1965 were read, confirmed and signed.

The following Special Resolution was proposed by Dr. Seamus Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Ernest Blythe and passed:-

"That Clause 6 of the Memorandum of Association be amended to read -

" The Capital of the Company is £3,000 divided into 3,000 shares of £1 each."

It was proposed by Dr. Seamus Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Gabriel Fallon and passed:-

(2) That the Articles of Association be amended in manner following:-

(A) By the addition of the following new Article to be numbered 4 (c) -

"4 (c) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Articles of Association of the Company, the following provisions shall apply -

(i) The Directors shall before 31st March 1965 make allotments of 30 shares each to 25 persons interested in dramatic art and literature, and willing to aid and advise the Directors, and nominated

by the Minister for Finance, after consultation with the Directors. After 31st March 1965, no shares shall be issued to any person other than a Director, unless such issue shall have been approved by a majority of shareholders actually present at an Annual General Meeting of the Company:

(ii) the Directors shall provide facilities for persons to whom shares have been allotted under the foregoing provision, to attend at the first performance of all Plays produced in the Abbey Theatre:

(iii) if the holder of shares allotted under the foregoing provision shall not wish to remain a member of the Company, the Directors shall nominate a person to whom he may transfer his shares, but the name of the transferee shall not be entered on the Register until it has been approved by the majority of shareholders personally present at a General Meeting of the Company"

(B) By the deletion of Article 5 (a) and the substitution of the following Article:-

"5 (a) In view of the annual grant given by the Government to the Company, and of the provision out of State Funds for a new building in place of that destroyed by fire in the year 1951, the Minister for Finance shall be entitled to nominate two

persons to be Directors to represent the Government on the Board of the Company. On such nomination being made, the persons so nominated shall thereupon be Directors for a term of four years, and if again nominated by the Minister shall continue as Directors for a further period or periods of four years. Shares shall forthwith be allotted to these nominees on the same terms as other Directors"

(C) By the addition of the following new Article to be numbered 5 (e) -

" 5 (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Articles, the number of Directors, other than the two Directors nominated by the Minister, shall not, without the consent of the Minister for Finance, exceed three, and these Directors shall be known as (Ordinary Directors' The quorum for a Directors meeting shall be two."

(D) By the deletion of Article 8 and the substitution of the following Article:-

"If any of the Ordinary Directors hereby nominated or hereafter to be appointed shall die or become disqualified to act as a Director of the Company, the casual vacancy may be temporarily filled by the Directors until the next General Meeting of the

Company. In the event of there being an equal vote as to the Director to be appointed to fill the casual vacancy, the Ordinary director who has the longest service on the Board shall be entitled to a casting vote. At the next General Meeting of the Company the shareholders may confirm the appointment or elect a fresh director, or may, by vote, allow the vacancy to remain unfilled. If any Director nominated by the Minister shall die, resign, or become disqualified to act as a Director of the Company, the vacancy shall be filled by such person as may be nominated by the Minister in his place, and such person shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the person so dying, resigning, or becoming disqualified to act."

(E) By the addition of the following new Article to be numbered 10 (c) -

"10 (c) No shares shall be allotted to any Director until he shall have satisfied the Board of his willingness to arrange that, in case of his ceasing to be a member of the Board, such shares shall be transferred to a person nominated by the Board, or in the case of the shareholder in questio being one of those nominated to represent the

Minister, then to a person to be designated by the Minister"

(F) By the deletion of Article 28 and the substitution of the following Article:-

"28. On the death of a shareholder, his or her executor or administrator shall without delay execute in favour of such person as shall be nominated by the Directors, a transfer of the shares held by the deceased shareholder, but in the case of shares allotted under Article 4 (c) the name of the transferee shall not be entered on the Register until the transfer shall have been approved by a majority of shareholders personally present at a General Meeting of the Company"

(G) By the addition to Article 36 of the following words at the end of paragraph 3 :-

"And at least two such meetings shall be held in each year at such times and places as the Directors may determine"

(H) By the addition to Article 36 of a new paragraph 4 to read as follows:-

" (4) All available Directors shall attend General Meetings"

(I) By the deletion in lines 1,2,3, and 4 of Article 37 of the

words:

"they shall, upon a requisition made in writing by members holding in the aggregate one-half of the issued capital, convene an Extraordinary Meeting"

and the substitution of the following words:-

"The Directors may, whenever they think fit, and shall upon a requisition made in writing by not less than 15 members, convene an Extraordinary Meeting"

(J) By the deletion of all the words in paragraph 3, Article 37, and the substitution of the following words:-

"In case the Directors shall fail to convene an Extraordinary Meeting within 21 days from the time of such deposit, the requisitionists or any fifteen members, may themselves convene a meeting, but no requisition shall remain in force for more than two calendar months from the time when the same shall be deposited in the office."

(K) By the deletion of the word "Two" in Article 39, and the substitution of the word "Five"

R. Paracian
8/5/65

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. held at Wynn's Hotel, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin on Saturday 8th May 1965 at 3 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. R. O'Farachain in the Chair, Ernest Blythe, Gabriel Fallon and Dr. Seamus Wilmot. There were twenty-one other shareholders in attendance.

NOTICE: The notice convening the meeting under Article 36 was read by the Assistant Secretary.

MINUTES: The minutes for the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 23rd February 1965 were read, confirmed and signed.

LIST OF PLAYS PRODUCED IN QUEEN'S THEATRE: In order to give a fuller picture of policy the Board agreed to circulate additional information as follows regarding individual productions for the last five years:-

(a) opening date of run and length of run

(b) house receipts.

TABLE OF WORKING LOSSES 1949-64: further elaboration of the data given was requested. The Board undertook to supply a list of Government grants received over this period.

COMPLETING NEW PEACOCK THEATRE: Mr. Blythe outlined the Minister's proposal to subscribe £1 for each pound sterling

provided by the Society. The Directors could not raise the sum of £33,000 immediately since the Bank would not give accommodation.

Resolution No. I: It was then moved by an tUas. C. O Dálaigh seconded by Mr. C. McCarthy and carried unanimously

- that it is essential that the Peacock Theatre be available for use not later than the opening of the Abbey Theatre. The information that under the present financial provisions the Peacock will emerge as an empty shell without stage, equipment or furnishings is gravely perturbing. The absence of this experimental theatre must have a crippling effect on the proper development of the new theatre.
- that the Board should forthwith seek such authorisation as is necessary from the Minister for Finance in order to proceed immediately and contemporaneously with the completion of the Peacock.
- that the foregoing resolution be conveyed to the Minister as the considered opinion of the meeting.

AMOUNT OF FUTURE SUBSIDY: the Chairman declared the meeting in favour of a clear solution to the financial problem. An Dr. S. O'Tuama suggested that a resolution go forward to the Minister from the meeting and the following resolution proposed by an tUas C. O Dálaigh, seconded by Miss S. Richards was carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2

- that the Minister be asked to clear the Society's present overdraft in full in view of the fact that the Society cannot make profits and like other National theatres must receive communal support in the form of an adequate annual state subsidy in order to develop fully.

CURRENT AND CAPITAL BUDGET it was proposed by an tUas O Dálaigh seconded by Mr. C. McCarthy and carried unanimously

Resolution No. 3.

- that there should be an immediate examination of the extent of the inadequacy of the present annual subsidy, based on the estimated earnings in the new theatre and the cost of carrying out the Company's new policy.
- that the salary element in the Company's annual subsidy should be automatically adjusted as comparable State salaries are increased because of rises in the cost of living or because of "status" increases
- that the principle be accepted that there should be both a capital budget and a current budget.

POLICY: it was proposed by an tUas. O Dálaigh, seconded by Mr. C. McCarthy and carried unanimously

Resolution No. 4

- that the Society should regard itself as being, in effect, a national theatre, whose obligation it is to serve only the highest artistic standards.

Dr. ~~O'~~ Donoghue said a discussion of policy would require great deliberatioh and he suggested therefore that policy should be debated at a separate meeting. The Chairman then declared the meeting adjourned to the same venue at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 15th May 1965.

R. Ó Faoláin
26/6/65

Minutes of the adjourned Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at Wynn's Hotel, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin, on Saturday 15th May 1965 at 3 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. R. O'Farachain in the chair; Messrs. Blythe, Fallon, Wilmot and 19 other Shareholders were in attendance.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 1965 were read, confirmation being deferred to the next meeting. Mr. McCarthy requested circulation of minutes before they were confirmed to the members of the Society. The Chairman said this would be arranged in future.

DISCUSSION ON GENERAL POLICY

re:- Plays it was proposed by An tUas. O Dálaigh, seconded by Dr. O'Donoghue and carried unanimously

Resolution No. 5

- that as a national theatre the Society's first duty is to produce the best available Irish plays and to present dramatic works of foreign authors, old and new, subject to the provisions of Clause

3 (b) of the Memorandum of Association of the National Theatre Society Ltd.

With the object of promoting public interest and confidence and of initiating a programme prearranged in part, it was proposed by An tUas. O Dálaigh, seconded by an tUas. O'hAodha and carried unanimously

Resolution No. 6

- that the Society should announce in advance a programme of six important plays to be presented during the first twelve months in the new Abbey Theatre.

re:- Works in the Irish Language the Chairman declared the meeting in favour of deferring this subject to a later meeting.

re:- Artistic Director the Chairman expressed the Board's opposition to the creation of such an office. He said the present Directors would have no function if all powers of artistic direction were to be taken from them. The appointment of an Artistic Adviser working on a consultative basis with the Board was mentioned as a possible compromise.

It was proposed by An tUas. O Dálaigh, seconded by Brian Friel, and carried unanimously

Resolution No. 7

- that consideration of the proposal to place the execution of policy in the hands of an Artistic Director - described as proposal "G (a)" - be brought forward again for consideration at a later meeting.

re:- Producers it was proposed by An tUas. O Dálaigh, seconded by Professor O Briain and carried unanimously

Resolution No. 8

- that the Society's producers be afforded opportunities to study and work abroad.

It was proposed by an tUas. O Dálaigh, seconded by Mr. Cusack and resolved

Resolution No. 9

- that guest producers should be a feature of the working of the theatre.

re:- Exchange Visits - with other national theatres - the Chairman declared the meeting in favour of postponing to a later meeting discussion on this proposal.

re:- The Abbey Players agreement in principle was reached on the following proposals -

(a) maintaining regular consultative procedure with the players' representatives

(b) granting reasonable permission for film and t.v. work and for acting abroad

(c) establishing some form of a link with the Radio Eireann Players

(d) increasing the number of players

(e) establishing and defining the rank to be known as Senior Player

(f) making superannuation provision for players

(g) a reserve list of ex-Abbey actors to be drawn up and a list of Life Members of the Abbey Players which would be limited by number, perhaps by the number seven.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF GENERAL POLICY on which agreement in principle was reached included:

(i) that a training school for actors be maintained in the new Abbey

(ii) that programmes of public lectures and discussions be arranged particularly with reference to the Six Productions to be announced in advance each year.

(iii) that a library of plays, periodicals and books relating to the theatre from publishers at home and abroad be established for the information of persons connected with the National Theatre.

(iv) that the possible setting up of a Theatre Subscription Club should be examined

(v) that touring by the Abbey Players in Ireland should become a regular part of the annual programme.

(vi) that the facilities for staging plays said to be included in the plan for the Kennedy Memorial Concert Hall be ascertained with the object of forming a link with the Hall in which certain Abbey productions might be presented.

VISIT TO DEPARTMENT FOR FINANCE re completion of Peacock Theatre - it was agreed that the Board should issue invitations to two or three shareholders to accompany the Directors when they would next have an interview with the Minister for Finance on this subject. It was hoped to arrange the meeting with the Minister in the near future.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING the next General Meeting of shareholders was arranged for Saturday 26th June 1965 at 2.30 p.m. and a limited agenda was settled as follows:

(i) the means to be considered for attracting new plays by Irish authors

(ii) Suggestions regarding the Six Productions which are to be announced in advance for presentation during the first twelve months in the new Abbey.

R Farrar
26/6/65

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at Wynn's Hotel, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin on Saturday 26th June 1965 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Roibeard O'Farachain in the Chair, Mr. Ernest Blythe, Dr. Seamus Wilmot, Mr. Gabriel Fallon, Máiread Uas. Ní Ghrada, Lady Longford, Miss Ria Mooney, Mrs. Mary O'Malley, An tUas. Cearbhall O Dalaigh, Dr. D. Donoghue, Dr. T. O'Raifeartaigh, Mr. Bryan MacMahon, Dr. Micheál MacLiammoir, Prof. Liam O'Briain, Mr. Charles McCarthy, Prof. T. Moody, Mr. M. O'hAodha, Prof. J. Murphy, Mr. Cyril Cusack.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meetings held on the 8th and 15th May 1965 were read, confirmed and signed. Mr. McCarthy said he thought that the names of those present at a meeting should be recorded in the Minutes.

The Chairman agreed that that should be done. The two items on the Agenda were then taken up.

(I) METHODS OF ATTRACTING NEW PLAYS BY IRISH AUTHORS

Mr. McCarthy suggested that a public statement should be issued setting out that the theatre needed new plays and

inviting playwrights to send in their work.

Mr. Blythe said it was hoped it would be possible to find new dramatists through the work which would be done in the Peacock in which plays by writers of promise who had not yet mastered their craft could be performed. Budding writers would be helped a great deal more by seeing their work with its merits and defects actually produced on the stage by a company capable of doing justice to it than they would from advice and criticism based on a reading of their scripts. Mr. Blythe also said the Directors were considering making a big increase in the amount paid to an author on acceptance of his play. It was contemplated that part of the payment might be an increased lump sum and the balance an advance on royalties.

Mr. Bryan MacMahon said he thought there should be someone to act as Public Relations Officer between dramatists and the Directors. He thought Miss Ria Mooney would be most suitable for the position.

Another shareholder thought there should be a large Reading Committee and that on request an author should be given a detailed criticism of his play. He considered also that it might be useful to bring together a meeting of playwrights whose plays had been rejected and discuss the faults or defects which had been found in them.

Mr. Blythe said that generally in a case in which a play was not suitable for acceptance but indicated that the author might later do successful work a letter of criticism and encouragement was sent to him. In the case of a play considered to be borderline a letter was invariably sent offering criticism and tentative suggestions for the improvement of the play and urging the author to revise and re-submit it.

Dr. MacLiammoir said there was now emerging a new style of playwriting. Máiread Ní Ghrada had adopted it very successfully in her last play. He suggested that a manifesto should be drawn up welcoming plays showing trends towards a looser form.

It was agreed that such a manifesto should appear as part of the programme on the opening night of the new theatre. It was also agreed that in the meantime shareholders should submit suggestions in regard to the manifesto for consideration by the Board.

(2) SUGGESTED PRODUCTIONS FOR FIRST YEAR IN NEW ABBEY

A discussion took place in regard to the advance selection of six plays for presentation during the first twelve months in the new Theatre. A list of plays from which six might be selected was circulated by the Directors.

It consisted of the following:-

THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD	Synge
THOMAS MUSKERRY	Colum
AU PARTAGE DE MIDI	Claudel
THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS	O'Casey
LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT	O'Neill
THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA	Lorca
THE PRETENDERS	Ibsen
THE PIPER	Norreys Connell
A NIGHT AT AN INN	Dunsany
THE KING OF FRIDAY'S MEN	Molloy

Amongst the additional suggestions made by shareholders were the following:-

A bilingual version of

WAITING FOR GODOT	Beckett
HEARTBREAK HOUSE	Shaw
VOLPONE	Johnson
THE DUCHESS OF MALFI	Webster
BLUES FOR MR. CHARLES	Baldwin
OEDIPUS REX	Yeats
OEDIPUS AT COLONNUS	Yeats
THE RISEN PEOPLE	Plunkett
JOHN BULL'S OTHER ISLAND	Shaw
SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER	Goldsmith

MANFRED	Byron
GOOD HOPE	Dutch author
CUIS IN AGHAIDH IOSA (Translation)	Fabri

Other suggestions included revivals of plays by Brian Friel, Tomás Coffey and Eugene McCabe.

In addition ARRAH NA PÓG and CON THE SHAUGHRAUN by Boucicault were mentioned, and it was stated that the Directors had already decided on doing CON THE SHAUGHRAUN.

It was agreed that the Directors should submit to the next meeting a list of six plays which amongst others they would definitely propose to produce during the twelve months following the opening of the new Theatre.

IRISH LIFE PRIZE

Mr. Cusack stated that Mr. Tierney of Irish Life had indicated in conversation with him that the Assurance Company would be willing in future to arrange that the first production of the winning play in their Festival Competition should be entrusted to the Abbey. It was agreed that the Manager should communicate with Mr. Tierney and ascertain whether a feasible proposal could be evolved which would be implemented by the Assurance Company.

NEXT MEETING

A suggestion that the next meeting of shareholders should be held in August or early September was objected to on the ground that anything like a full meeting would be impossible during the holiday period. It was ultimately agreed that the meeting should be held in late September or early October.

R. Yakoian
9/10/65

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. held at Wynn's Hotel, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin on Saturday 9th October 1965 at 2.30p.m.

Present: Mr. R. O'Farachain in the Chair,

Mr. Blythe, Dr. Wilmot, Mr. Fallon, Máireád Uas. Ní Ghráda, Lady Longford, Miss Ria Mooney, Mrs. Mary O'Malley, Mr. A. Ussher, T. Uas. Luibhéad, Mr. L. Marcus, Dr. S. O'Tuama, Prof. T. W. Moody, Dr. D. Thornley, Mr. M. McGonigle, Prof. J. Murphy.
B. Mac Mahon, B. Friel, C. Cusack

The Chairman introduced Mr. Walter Macken to the meeting as the second Director to be nominated by the Minister for Finance. He expressed the Board's satisfaction with the appointment and said Mr. Macken was an eminently welcome appointee.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 1965 were read, confirmed and signed.

Re Item 3 on Agenda - Six productions to be announced in advance for presentation during the first twelve months in the new Abbey Theatre:

The Board put before the meeting its selection of plays which are subject to any changes that may be suggested by events during the next five or six months. Six of the following seven plays would be produced during the period from 1st May 1966 to 1st May 1967.

1.	THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS	O'Casey
2.	CON THE SHAUGHRAUN	Boucicault
3.	THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA	Lorca
4.	Bilingual Version of WAITING FOR GODOT	Beckett-O'Briain
5.	LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT	O'Neill
6.	THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD	Synge
7.	HEARTBREAK HOUSE	Shaw

The order in which the plays will be produced will depend on contemporary factors and could not be conveniently fixed in advance.

Máireád Ní Ghráda commented that almost all the plays on the list had been done previously by the Abbey. She felt it would be better to break new ground.

It was agreed not to specify until a later date the play by Lorca; as counter suggestions of YERMA and BLOOD WEDDING were put forward.

Mr. Cusack agreed to make available the Irish/English version of WAITING FOR GODOT before a final decision would be made on its presentation.

Mr. MacMahon asked whether a new interpretation of THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD could be given and suggested that somebody with new ideas on the play might be given the production.

Dr. S. O'Tuama, describing the plays as established classics said he would like to see names like Max Frisch included.

Dr. D. Thornley regretted the absence of contemporary writers from the list.

Mr. Blythe said it was hoped to present THE COUNTESS CATHLEEN and THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS during the first week in the new Theatre. THE COUNTESS CATHLEEN was the first play performed by the Irish Literary Theatre and THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS was running at the time of the fire in 1951. Mrs. O'Malley said a case could be made for doing THE KING'S THRESHOLD instead. She considered it a better play than THE COUNTESS CATHLEEN and it would, therefore, be preferable particularly at the opening performance.

Re Item 4 on agenda - Completion of New Abbey

Mr. Blythe outlined progress and mentioned factors which have caused delays. He said the Architects were of the opinion that the project should be completed before 1st May 1966 but the builder was not yet prepared to specify a date. Revised plans for the Peacock Theatre were currently with the Corporation for approval: the possible completion date for the Peacock is 1st June 1966.

Altogether it seemed at this stage that the opening would take place after the June 1966 summer holidays since a period of "running in" would be required.

Other business: The Chairman read a request from An tUas. O'Dalaigh that a note should in future be inserted in the programme about the author's life and work.

Irish Life Competition: Mr. Blythe reported that as suggested by Mr. Cusack at the last meeting he had been in communication with the Irish Life Assurance Company about the terms and conditions of future competitions for their £500 prize but had only a promise that the matter will be considered.

Competition for play in Irish: the Directors announced their intention of offering a £250 prize for a full length play in Irish in order to stimulate writing in Irish for the Peacock Theatre. Outside readers would be appointed to adjudicate.

After some discussion about the quality of various productions and about publicity the Chairman declared the meeting in favour of putting on the agenda for the next meeting the question raised by Mr. Friel regarding Standards Of Acting and Production in the Abbey. Mr. Friel said that the proposal to appoint an Artistic Director which had been debated inconclusively at a meeting held on 15th May 1965 was to have been brought forward for discussion at a later meeting but had not yet appeared on the agenda. The Chairman said the proposal regarding the Artistic Director would also be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: It was proposed that the next meeting of shareholders should take place on the last Saturday in November.

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed.

R A Farachain
4/12/65

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at Wynn's Hotel, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin, on Saturday 4th December 1965 at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. R. O'Farachain in the Chair, Mr. Blythe, Dr. Wilmot, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Macken, Miss S. Richards, Lady Longford, Mrs. O'Malley, An Dr. O Raifeartaigh, Prof. O Briain, Mr. MacMahon, An tUas. O Dalaigh, An tUas. O hAodha, Mr. Ussher, an tUas. Luibhéad, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Marcus.

Apologies were received from Miss Ria Mooney,

Dr. Donoghue, Prof. Ó Murchú and Mr. B. Friel who were unable to attend the meeting.

Minutes: of the meeting held on 9th October 1965 - a copy had been circulated to each shareholder. Having been taken as read they were confirmed and signed.

Item 4 on the Agenda - the proposal to appoint an Assistant Manager and Artistic Advisor was taken first. The letter of appointment sent to Mr. Macken was read to the meeting and it was proposed by An tUas. C. O. Dálaigh, seconded by an tUas. M. O'hAodha and carried unanimously,

Resolution No. 10 "that the shareholders welcome the appointment of Mr. Walter Macken."

Mr. Macken thanked the meeting and said his task would not be a "one-man-job". Co-operative effort was essential to creating the right atmosphere.

Item 3 on the Agenda - Acting and Production in the Abbey.

Mrs. O'Malley stressed the importance of the School of Acting in improving standards. In her opinion a Senior School might cover a 3 year course but younger children in the 8 to 10 year old age group should also be

catered for. Voluntary attendance at the Theatre as a recreation was more desirable than compulsory participation.

On the subject of catering for children Dr. T. O Raifeartaigh said it was preferable that children should see good adult acting rather than watch other child performers.

Other business

Mr. McCarthy questioned the disbanding of the Orchestra and the reasons therefor were outlined by Mr. Blythe.

Mr. McCarthy asked that a firm opening date for the New Abbey should be sought. Mr. Blythe explained that this was not yet possible.

At the request of Mr. McCarthy it was agreed that a fuller discussion on Abbey finances should take place at the next meeting.

Mr. B. MacMahon requested that a link with the amateur drama movement be established. He also expressed the hope that special consideration would be given to commemorating the 1916 Jubilee.

An tUas. O Dálaigh put three points to the meeting for consideration.

(1) A new programme should be designed.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Wolfhound Motif should be used as a basis upon which a design in modern form should be worked out. An tUas. O Dálaigh suggested that the programme should contain an historical note about the Theatre.

(2) A display of books about the Theatre should be maintained in the foyer - this suggestion was accepted in principle.

(3) The omission of the National Anthem at the conclusion of performances in the Abbey on the grounds that records used are of poor quality and it would be preferable to have the Anthem played on special occasions only when an Orchestra might be hired for the purpose.

It was agreed that the Board should seek a Government directive on the matter.

<u>Next Meeting</u>: the date of the Annual General Meeting which will be the next meeting of Shareholders, was arranged for Saturday 27th February 1966.

R Garrison
19-3-66

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at Wynn's Hotel, Lr. Abbey St., Dublin, on Saturday 19th March 1966 at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. O'Farachain in the Chair.

Mr. Blythe, Dr. Wilmot, Mr. Macken, Miss S. Richards, Lady Longford, Mrs. O'Malley, Máiread Ní Ghráda, An Dr. O'Raifeartaigh, Mr. McMahon, Mr. McCarthy, Prof. T. W. Moody, Mr. B. Friel, Mr. A. Ussher, An Dr. Micheál MacLiammóir, Mr. L. Marcus, An tUas. C. O'Dalaigh, Dr. Thornley and Mr. Whitty representing the Minister for Finance.

An tUas M. O'hAodha was unable to attend.

Vote of Condolence it was proposed by Dr. Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Blythe and unanimously resolved "That the Shareholders wish to have their sympathy conveyed to the widows of Michael O'Donovan and Prof. D. O'Murchu".

Accounts:

Shareholders made the following points regarding the accounts presented:-

(a) The year ended on 30th June 1965: Article 56 requires that accounts be made up to a date not more than three months before the meeting.

(b) The Statutory format of the Accounts circulated complied with the Company's Act but in the opinion of Professor Moody and Mr. McCarthy contravened Article 56 in that it did not constitute "a statement of income and expenditure" as well as a Balance Sheet.

(c) The Directors' Report as circulated was not adequate. An tUas. O'Dálaigh requested a survey of the year's work, in which policy proposed for the following year would be indicated.

(d) Mr. Friel requested particulars of attendance, house receipts and production costs.

It was moved by Mr. McCarthy and declared unanimously agreed by the Chair:
"That adoption of the accounts and report be deferred to an adjourned meeting."

The Chairman declared that further details for the year 1964/65 would be presented at an adjournment of the meeting. An approximation of the results for the nine months to 31 March 1966 would also be drawn up. A survey of the year's work would be presented to the Meeting together with data on House Receipts and Attendance over the 21 months to 31 March 1966.

Re-Election of Retiring Director:

It was proposed by Dr. Wilmot, seconded by Mr. Blythe and carried unanimously "That the retiring Director, Mr. Gabriel Fallon, be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Company."

Auditor's Remuneration:

Mr. McCarthy proposed "That in view of Article 58 Messrs. F. R. O'Connor & Co., Chartered Accountants be and are hereby re-appointed auditors to the Company". The motion was seconded by Dr. Wilmot and passed unanimously. Mr. McCarthy requested that the interpretation of Article 58 vis-a-vis current company legislation should be ascertained.

Other business:

An TUas O'Dálaigh requested that a list of suggested names should be presented to the next meeting of the Seven Life Members of the Abbey Players.

Public Relations Officer:

The Chairman declared that the Directors would make a statement on the matter at the adjourned meeting.

Opening date of new Abbey Theatre:

Mr. Blythe said a tentative date was 1 August 1966. In reply to Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Blythe said reporters rang him regularly asking when the opening was due but his

reply was always necessarily vague as he did not yet know himself. There was no question of his making a statement on the matter and he could not prevent inaccurate reports. Mr. McCarthy suggested that when announcing the opening the Directors should reveal details first to the shareholders. Subsequent Press releases should be comprehensive.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned to the same venue at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 30th April 1966.

8/10/66

Minutes of the adjourned Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at Wynn's Hotel, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin, on Saturday 30th April 1966 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. R. O'Farachain in the Chair, Mr. Blythe, Dr. Wilmot, Mr. Fallon, Professor L. O'Briain, Mr. C. McCarthy, An tUas. M. O'hAodha, Mr. B. MacMahon, Lady Longford, Máireád Uas. Ní Ghráda, Mr. L. Marcus, An tUas. C. O Dalaigh, Miss S. Richards, Dr. D. Thornley, Mr. A. Ussher, Mr. C. Cusack, and Mr. Whitty representing the Minister for Finance.

Prof. T. W. Moody and Dr. T. O'Raifeartaigh were unable to be present.

ACCOUNTS: Detailed accounts covering the year to 30th June 1965 together with approximate figures to 31st March 1966 were presented to the meeting.

It was proposed by Prof. O'Briain and seconded by Mr. McCarthy that the Directors Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months to 30 June 1965 as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted.

It was agreed that the Company's financial year shoul end in future on 31 March beginning in the year 1966/67.

AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION: It was proposed by Mr. McMahon and seconded by An tUas. O hAodha that the remuneration payable to Messrs. F. R. O'Connor & Co. Chartered Accountants for the year ending 30 June 1966 be fixed by the Directors.

Arising from a query raised by Mr. McCarthy on 19th March 1966 the Company's solicitors were consulted and they confirmed that it is not necessary in normal circumstances to re-appoint auditors. Section 160 of the Companies Act 1963 supercedes Article 58 in this respect.

RETURN ON PLAYS: A summary of returns on plays presented from July 6 1964 to 14 March 1966 was circulated to shareholders. It was agreed that such returns should be presented regularly at meetings of shareholders.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: The Chairman informed the meeting that the Board of Directors intended making a statement at an early date concerning the appointment.

NEW ABBEY THEATRE: The proposals for the opening programme were outlined by Mr. Blythe Mr. McCarthy expressed the belief that the first play would be the critical test and suggested a limited run for RECALL THE YEARS.

NEXT MEETING: The date was tentatively arranged for 1st October.

8/10/66

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd held at the Abbey Theatre Lr. Abbey St Dublin on Saturday 8th October 1966 at 2.30pm

Present

Dr. ~~S.M.~~ S. Wilmot in the Chair, Mr. Blythe, Mr. O'Farachain, An tUas Oh-Aodha, Professore T. W. Moody, Mrs. O'Malley Mrs. Mooney, Lady Longford, Professor L. O'Briain, Mr. Ussher An Dr. O'Raifeartaigh, Mairead NiGhrada, An tUas Luibhead, Mr. Marcus, An tUas O'Dalaigh, Dr. Donoghue, An Dr. S.O'Tuama Mr. McGonigal

Apologies for inattendance were received from Mr. Fallon, Mr. McCarthy Dr. Thornley and Mr McMahon. The chariman proposed that and tUas Michael Oh-Aodha be welcomed to the meeting in his new capacity on the Board of Directors having been appointed on the 19th September 1966

Peacock Theatre. Am tUas ODalaigh requested that a ~~draught~~ draft programme for the first 6 months in the Peacock should be presented at the next meeting. The chairman indicated that this would be done.

Ten Life Members.: TheChairman stated that ten distinguished former members of the Company had been invited to become Life members When acceptances were received the names would be announced.

P.R.O. Mr. McGonigal suggested that the P.R.O. should attend Shareholders meetings in order to keep himself fully informed The chairman said the Board would consider the suggestion.

Programme
of Plays for Abbey Theatre:

Of the seven plays agreed upon at an earlier meeting for production within the year ending 31st May 1967 two had already been produced. It was hoped to produce "Con the Shaughrann" early in the new year with Hugh Hunt as producer: the bi lingual "Waiting for Godot" was considered suitable for the Peacock.

Assistant
Manager: The Chairman announced that it was hoped within the near future to name a new Assistant Manager. An Artistic Advisor would also be appointed on a part-time basis

New Shareholders;
holders:

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Profess D. O'Murchu the Board had written to another party inviting him to accept shares. His name would be submitted to shareholders for approval at a later date.

Other Business:

An tUas ODalaigh suggested that the Board should endeavour to relate actors salaries to some sector of the public service wherin adjustment are made regularly to take deflationary trends into account. The department of Finance could then be requested to take increases into account in fixing the amount of the Annual Subsidy.

Regarding a pension scheme the Chairman stated that the Board proposed in time to introduce a proper pension scheme. An tUas O'Dalaigh requested that, before the next meeting, the Board should prepare a budger of the cost involved in doing things which it had been agreed should be done viz. inviting guest producers and sending producers abroad etc. besides the normal work of the Theatre. A subsidy must be sought which will enable the Board to execute all these decisions Mr. Gonigal suggested that the Board should discuss with the College of Art the possibility of setting up a course in Theatrical Design in co-operation with the Abbey Theatre's Set Designers.

Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting which would be the Annual General Meeting was tentatively fixed for 14th January 1966.

14/1/67

MINUTES of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., Held at the Abbey Theatre, Marlboro St. Dublin on Saturday 12th November 1966 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT: Dr. S. Wilmot in the Chair.

Mr. Blythe, Mr. O'Farachain, Mr. Fallon, Mr. OhAodha Miss S. Richards, Mairead Uas. Ní Ghráda, Miss Ria Mooney, Lady Longford, Mrs. O'Malley, Mr. McCarthy, An tUas. Luibhead, Dr. O'Raifeartaigh, Prof. Donoghue, Brian Friel, Mr. Marcus, Dr. Thornley, B. MacMahon, Prof. T. W. Moody, An tUas. O'Dalaigh An tUas. O'Tuama, Mr. Ussher.

Mr. McGonagle was unable to attend.

BUSINESS:

The Meeting was requisitioned by 15 Shareholders and convened in compliance with Article 37 and Section 132 of the Companies Act 1963. The object of the meeting was stared in the requisition as follows:

"to discuss the scope of the shareholders advisory function in order to determine the function of Shareholders in the formulation of the policy of the Theatre"

On behalf of the requisitionists Dr. Donoghue outlined their purpose in calling the meeting, mentioning three sources which specified the advisory role of shareholders

(1) Article 4 (c) (i) - "persons interested in dramatic Art and literature, and willing to aid and advise the Directors"

(2) An extract from a letter issued on 1 January 1965 by the Minister for Finance to the shareholders.

(3) An extract from a letter issued by the Minister on 5 January 1965 indicating the right to speak, vote, criticise and make suggestions at the Annual General Meeting.

With regard to recent appointments shareholders' advice was not sought as to the creation of the posts and Dr. Donoghue held that they should have been informed regarding the appointments in specific terms with reference to

(1) the policy of the Board in relation to the posts

(2) the responsibilities involved: the nature and scope of authority

(3) the terms of appointment.

Then the shareholders should have had the opportunity to give their advice and criticism.

Professor T. W. Moody said that the shareholders had been consulted on matters of lesser importance than the recent appointments.

Dr. Thornley said he wished to emphasise that it was not the shareholders' function to debate the merits of the candidates for the posts. It was an issue of principle - Were the creation and filling of these posts matters on which the shareholders should speak?

An tUas. C. O'Dalaigh said there was a general issue and a particular issue on which decisions were being sought. suggested that in order to clarify the general issue an acceptable statement on the function of shareholders should first be worked out and when the area of disagreement, if any, had been narrowed down the more particular issue could then be discussed.

The Chairman expressed concern at the circumstances which caused the meeting to be convened. Directors felt they had co-operated with shareholders in almost every matter which had been brought up at General Meetings. At the suggestion of shareholders action had been taken or was intended to be taken ss regards a successor to the Manager, Public Relations Officer, an Artistic Advisor, Guest producers, prestige productions and guest players. He pointed out that the appointment of the Artistic Advisor was initially for a period of twelve months. Shareholders would have an

opportunity in twelve months time to make their suggestions regarding the post. Shareholders should also send in their criticisms of plays performed. Dr. Wilmot said shareholders met infrequently: a Committee of Shareholders could have more frequent meetings. As regards the recent two appointments, he said the shareholders had been informed at the meeting on Saturday 8th October of the Board's intention to appoint a successor to Walter Macken and they had an opportunity then to discuss the matter.

Dr. Donoghue replied that the meeting on 8th October was informed about the appointments by means of a handout just before the meeting commenced. The Agenda for the meeting did not indicate that such important matters would arise and if it had done so the absent shareholders could have made a point of attending to debate so vital an issue.

Mr. O'hAodha said that whilst he sympathised with the issues raised by Dr. Donoghue he suggested that his (Dr. Donoghue)s) absence from a previous meeting may have misled him. The appointment of Walter Macken as Artistic Advisor and Assistant Manager was accepted by shareholders and this would seem to indicate that the objections put forward were directed against the individual now appointed as Artistic Advisor. Mr. O'hAodha said that during a year of transition the appointment of an outsider to the post could be disastrous.

Mr. McCarthy said it was not the shareholders' intention in calling the meeting to discuss individuals. He felt that the shareholders' contribution to the Theatre should be made in the form of common advice emanating from a group.

Mr. McCarthy proposed the following motion:

"That this meeting resolves that the advice of Shareholders shall be sought in specific terms before any important decision is taken which affects the policy or operation of the theatre."

Motion withdrawn

Mr. L. Marcus seconded the motion which he said would ensure that they were given specific opportunities to dis matters of significance.

Mr. B. MacMahon said he supported the motion with reservations. He suggested that the word "operation" be deleted since it implied that shareholders would be concerned with the day-to-day business of the theatre.

Dr. O'Raifeartaigh said he considered it would be fatal to have continuous acrimony between the Board of Directors and the body of shareholders. It would be wrong to suggest that any committee of the shareholders could convey the views of all since they all had individual viewpoints.

Similiarly, it was wrong to think that one of their number could act as their representative on the Board. It was accepted by the meeting that there had been a breakdown in communication and it was Dr. O'Raifeartaigh's view that the passing of a resolution could in itself achieve little. The best approach to the problem would be to work out some method of securing a meeting of minds so that policy matters could be thrashed out between Directors and Shareholders. Dr. O Raifeartaigh said he would support the motion if it was unopposed but he was of the opinion that the word "operation" should be deleted.

Since Mr. Blythe objected to the motion on the grounds that it would prevent the Board from taking action in cases of emergency, the Chairman declared that the initiative should rest with the Board in determining whether a particular issue was "important" or not.

The Chairman then put to the meeting the motion proposed by Mr. MacCarthy and seconded by Mr. Marcus accepting the deletion of the word "operation":-

new motion

"That this meeting resolves that the advice of shareholders shall be sought in specific terms before any important decision is taken which affects the policy of the theatre."

The resolution was carried unanimously. On the practical operation of this decision the Chairman said that the Board would circularise shareholders when an issue of importance arose and follow-up this by calling a General Meeting at which the matter could be discussed.

Dr. Donoghue thanked the Directors for the reception given to the shareholders.

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MINUTES of the 55th Annual General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at the Abbey Theatre, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin, on Saturday 14th January, 1967 at 3· o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT Dr. S. Wilmot in the Chair.

Mr. Blythe, Mr. O'Farachain, Mr. Fallon, Mr. O'hAodha, Mrs. O'Malley, Mairead Uas. Ni Ghrada, Miss Mooney, Lady Longford, Prof. T.W. Moody, Dr. Donoghue, Mr. Friel, Dr. O'Tuama, Mr. Marcus, An tUas. Luibhead, Mr. MacMahon, Mr. McGonagle, Mr. Ussher, Dr. MacLiammoir, An tUas. O'Dalaigh and Dr. Thornley.

Mr. O'Kelly, Deputy Manager and Mr. MacAnna, Artistic Advisor were also in attendance.

Mr. Declan O'Connor represented J. R. O'Connor & Co Chartered Accountants and Auditors to the Company.

The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meetings held on 8th October, 1966 and 12th November, 1966 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

ACCOUNTS It was proposed by Mr. MacMahon, seconded by An tUas. Luibhead and passed unanimously

"That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the twelve months to 30th June, 1966, as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted."

At the request of Professor Moody the Chairman said a Schedule would be circulated to Shareholders containing a summary of receipts, expenses, net loss, and Government grants received during the year.

ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTOR

It was proposed by Mr. O'Farachain, seconded by Dr. Donoghue and passed unanimously,

'That the retiring Director, Mr. Ernest Blythe, be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Company."

SHARE TRANSFER

It was proposed by Dr. O'Tuama seconded by An tUas. Luibhead and passed unanimously

"That 30 shares in the company be allotted to An tUas. Coiril O Mathuna."

AUDITORS REMUNER-ATION

It was proposed by Mr. Fallon seconded by Dr. Donoghue and passed unanimously

"That the remuneration payable to Messrs. F.R. O'Connor & Co., Chartered Accountants for the nine months ending 31st March, 1967 be fixed by the Directors."

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. MacAnna outlined proposed programmes for both the Peacock and the Abbey Theatres over the following 6 to 12 months.

Mr. Blythe said the names of Life Members of the Company would be published in the near future.

Date of Next Meeting was fixed for 22nd April, 1967.

Gabriel Fallon

22nd April 1967

MINUTES of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held at the Abbey Theatre, Lr. Abbey St., Dublin, on Saturday, 22nd April, 1967 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

RESENT: Mr. Gabriel Fallon in the Chair.

Mr. Blythe, Mr. O'Farachain, Dr. Wilmot, Mr. O hAodha, Professor L. O Briain, Mr. MacCarthy, Prof. Donoghue, Dr. O' Miss Richards, Miss Mooney, Mr. MacMahon, Dr. O Raifeartaigh, An tUas. O Dalaigh, An tUas. Luibhead, An tUas. O Mathuna, Dr. Thornley, M. Uas. Ni Ghrada, Mr. McGonagle, Mr. O'Kelly, Deputy Manager and Mr. MacAnna Artistic Advisor, were also in attendance.

Mrs. O'Malley, Mr. Marcus and Dr. MacLiammoir were unable to be present.

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NDOLENCE: The meeting passed a vote of condolence to be conveyed to the widow of Walter Macken and stood in silent tribute to his memory.

TICE: The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

NUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th January, 1967 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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TURNS: to 8th April, 1967 were presented to the meeting.

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MBERS: the list of Life Members was formally unveiled in the vestibule prior to the Meeting.

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7-68 A memorandum on the subject was circulated to Shareholders quoting subsidy available and estimated income and expenditure for the year to 31st March, 1968.

FUTURE PROGRAMMES: Programmes planned for the Abbey and Peacock Theatres announced together with proposals for the International Theatr Seminar to be held in October, 1967. Mr. MacMahon suggest the co-operation of American Academic organisations with Iris connections should be sought in attracting interest in the Semin

OTHER BUSINESS: Miss Richards suggested that Directors consider a fixed length-of-run repertory of plays instead of having long runs. Mr. O'Farachain commented that an old rule existed in the Theatre limiting runs to three weeks. The Chairman said financial and personnel considerations were involved but the Directors were aware of the desirability of such a policy whi they constantly kept in mind.

PREMISES: In reply to Mr. MacMahon who enquired whether the white wall finish could be improved in order to be kept clean, it was pointed out by the Chairman that this would be covered b maintenance which is yet to be carried out by the Builder. Miss Richards asked that Dressing Room accommodation be examined in order to provide two or three single Dressing Rooms.

YOUNG PRODUCER: The Chairman said twenty applications had been received fo post recently advertised.

NEXT MEETING: arranged for 30th September, 1967. In the meantime, Directors might convene another extraordinary meeting near the Peacock opening date in mid-July, if business so warran

Micheál MtOodhra, 30.9.67

MINUTES OF THE 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NATIONAL THEATRE SOCIETY LTD. held at the Abbey Theatre, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin on Saturday 30th September 1967 at 3.00 p.m.

PRESENT Mr. Michael O h-Aodha in the Chair and Mr. Blythe the Chairman apologised on behalf of Directors who were unable to attend.

Mrs. O'Malley, Lady Longford, Miss Richards, Mairead Ni Ghrada, An tUas. T. Luibhead, An tUas. O'Dalaigh, Mr. Friel, Mr. MacMahon, Professor L. O'Briain, Dr. Donoghue, Mr. Ussher.

Professor Moody, Mr. MacCarthy, Dr. O Tuama, C. O Mathuna and Mr. Marcus were unable to be present.

Mr. O'Kelly and Mr. MacAnna were also in attendance.
Mr. J.R. Whitty was present representing the Minister for Finance.

NOTICE The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES The minutes of the General Meeting held on 22nd April 1967 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

ACCOUNTS On the proposal of Lady Longford seconded by M. Ni Ghrada it was resolved

-"That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the nine months to 31st March 1967 as now submitted to this Meeting be and the same are hereby adopted."

ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTOR On the proposal of Mr. Luibhead seconded by Professor O'Briain it was resolved

-"That the retiring Director, Mr. Roibeard O Farachain be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Company".

SHARE TRANSFER On the proposal of Mr. MacMahon seconded by Mr. Luibhead it was resolved

-"That 30 shares numbered 1541 to 1570 be and the same are hereby transferred to Brendan O'Brien, Athlone.

AUDITORS' RENUMERATION On the proposal of Dr. Donoghue seconded by Mrs. O'Malley it was resolved

-"The renumeration payable to F.R. O'Connor & Co. Chartered Accountants for the year ending 31st March 1968 be fixed by the Directors."

PLAY RETURNS to 29th July 1967 were presented to the Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

THE MANANGER - reported on House Receipts in August and September on the Provincial Tour of "Long Days Journey into Night" and on further touring planned. Mr. O'Kelly also commented on the financial implications of alternating plays and suggested that seat prices might be raised to offset the increased costs.

THE ARTISTIC ADVISOR outlined future programmes for the Abbey and Peacock Theatres.

At the request of Mr. Ussher the Chairman indicated that Cecil Salkeld's picture of F.J. McCormick would be displayed again shortly.

Mr. Friel recommended that the resident producer should be sent abroad to work for a worthwhile period.

NEXT MEETING - was arranged provisionally for 27th January 1968

Micheál Mac Liammóir

27th January 1968

MINUTES of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the NATIONAL THEATRE SOCIETY LTD. held at the ABBEY THEATRE DUBLIN ON SATURDAY 27th JANUARY 1968 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT : Mr. Micheal O h-Aodha in the Chair; Mr. Blythe; Dr. Wilmot; Mr. Fallon; Mr. O Farachain

Mairead Ni Ghrada; Lady Longford; Miss Richards; Mrs. O'Malley; Dr. MacLiammoir; Dr. O'Raifeartaigh; Professor T.W. Moody; Mr. MacMahon; Mr. O'Brien; Mr. MacCarthy; An tUas Luibhead.

Miss Mooney; Dr. Donoghue; Mr. Friel; Dr. Thornley and Mr. O Mathuna were unable to be present.

MR. O'KELLY and MR. MacANNA were also in attendance.

NOTICE : The Notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES : The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th September 1967 were taken as read, as copies had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

PLAY RETURNS : to 20th December 1967 were presented to the meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN told the meeting that the Minister for Finance was providing £48,000 in 1968/69 towards the expenses of the Company. In addition, a special Grant of £10,000 would be voted for the specific purpose of reducing the Bank Overdraft. Directors hoped that this special grant could be repeated in future years so that the Overdraft might be eliminated within a reasonable period.

The MINISTER had also provided a sum of £75,000 towards meeting the final cost of the Abbey and Peacock Theatres. Increases over estimates by the Contractors necessitated this additional vote.

THE CHAIRMAN also announced that a Contributory Pension Scheme for Players and Senior Staff would be set up on 1st April 1968.

It was also reported that the Gaeltacht Tour for 1967 was a success artistically but yielded a deficit of £3,850.

MR. O'KELLY outlined the schedule of tours planned in 1968 indicating the plays running simultaneously in the ABBEY THEATRE. He said it was intended to split the Players into two separate Companies for the purpose of touring and in order to remain open throughout the Summer Season.

In commenting on 1967 MR. MacCARTHY said he felt gratified at the full houses but he considered that a target of 80 per cent House Receipts in 1968/69 might prove too high.

DR O RAIFEARTAIGH : said he wished to congratulate all concerned on the excellent results achieved during the past year. He also paid tribute to the tenacity of MR. BLYTHE who kept the Theatre going during the difficult years in the Queen's Theatre.

MR Mac ANNA outlined programmes in the ABBEY and PEACOCK Theatres during 1968.

NEXT MEETING was provisionally arranged for Saturday 27th April 1968.

Michael McAuliffe

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MINUTES

--------- of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. held at the Peacock Theatre, Dublin, on Saturday, 27th April, 1968 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT MR. O h-AODHA in the Chair

Mr. Blythe, Mr. O Farachain, Dr. Wilmot, Mr. Fallon, Mairead Ni Ghrada, Lady Longford, Mrs. O'Malley, Professor L. O Briain, An tUas Luibhead, Professor T.W. Moody, an tUas O'Dalaigh, Dr. O Tuama, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. MacMahon, An Dr. O'Raifeartaigh. MR. O'KELLY - Manager and MR. MacANNA - Artistic Adviser - were also in attendance.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Miss Mooney and Dr. MacLiammoir.

NOTICE The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 27th January, 1968, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

PLAY RETURNS to 30th March, 1968, were circulated to Shareholders. The Chairman said "BORSTAL BOY" was one of the most successful plays ever staged at the Abbey Theatre and negotiations for an American production were proceeding.

ARTISTIC ADVISER Before discussing the method to be adopted in appointing a successor, the Chairman, on behalf of the Board, paid tribute to the work of TOMAS MacANNA, whom he hoped would serve the Abbey Theatre for many years to come, on his return from America. The meeting was in favour of the proposal to advertise the post in June, 1968.

FLORENCE TOUR Mr. O'Kelly briefly outlined the visit to Florence, which resulted in enthusiastic notices from the Italian Press. Visits to LONDON, EDINBURGH, BELFAST and the GAELTACHT were also commented on.

FUTURE PROGRAMMES in both the Abbey and Peacock Theatres were introduced by Mr. MacAnna - An tUas O Dalaigh asked whether some programme to honour GANDHI could be mounted.

NEXT MEETING which would be the Annual General Meeting was provisionally arranged for SATURDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, 1968.

Micheál mac Aodha
28/9/68

MINUTES

of the 57th Annual General Meeting of the NATIONAL THEATRE SOCIETY LIMITED held in the Peacock Theatre 26 Lower Abbey Street Dublin 1 on Saturday 28th September 1968 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT

Mr. Micheal O h'Aodha in the Chair

Mr. Fallon, Dr. Wilmot, Mr. O Farachain,

Mr. Blythe

Mairead Ni Ghrada, Lady Longford, Mrs. O'Malley, Professor Liam O Briain, An tUas Luibhead, Professor T. W. Moody, An tUas. O Dalaigh, Dr. O Tuama, Mr. Friel, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. MacCarthy, An Dr. O Raifeartaigh, Dr. Thornley. Miss Ria Mooney

Apologies for inability to be present were received from Mr. MacMahon.

Mr. O'Kelly - Manager and Mr. MacAnna - Artistic Adviser, were also in attendance.

The auditors F.R. O'Connor & Co. were represented by Mr. Declan O'Connor, F.C.A.

NOTICE

The Notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES - the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 27th April 1968, having been circulated were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

28th September 1968

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RETURNS - to 24th August 1968 were circulated to Shareholders.

THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT - relating to the year 1967/68 was also circulated. The method by which State Aid was receivable was discussed at length. Mr. Whitty representing the Minister for Finance emphasised that supplementary applications for aid should be avoided. It was the opinion of the meeting that it would be more convenient if the Grant-in-Aid could be paid in one sum at the commencement of the year rather than by irregular instalments as at present.

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Accounts

INTS On the proposal of Professor Liam O Briain seconded by Lady Longford it was resolved:

28.9.1968

"That the Directors Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1968 as now submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby adopted."

Election

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~~ING~~ DIRECTOR - on the proposal of Mairead Ni Ghrada seconded by an tUas. Luibhead it was resolved:

Retiring

"That the retiring Director Mr. Gabriel Fallon be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Company."

Auditors' Remuneration

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NERATION - on the proposal of Mr. MacCarthy seconded by Dr. Thornley it was resolved:-

"That the remuneration payable to F.R. O'Connor & Co. Chartered Accountants for the year ended 31st March 1968 be fixed by the Directors."

Other

R BUSINESS - The Chairman announced that Tomas MacAnna's term in office would expire on 30th November 1968 and that the Directors proposed to advertise the position in the public Press. Tribute was paid to the excellent work done by Mr. MacAnna during the past two years.

Mr.

O'KELLY - briefly commented on the success of visits to London, Edinburgh and Belfast.

Next

MEETING - Provisionally arranged for Saturday 18th January 1969

Gabriel Fallon
18/1/69.

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd., held in the Peacock Theatre 26 Lower Abbey St. Dublin on Saturday 18th day of January 1969 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT - Mr. Gabriel Fallon in the chair
Mr. O h-Aodha, Mr. Blythe and Dr. Wilmot.
Dr. O'Tuama, Lady Longford, Professor Moody,
Mr. B. O'Brien, An t-Uas Luibhead, Professor L. O'Brian,
Mairead Ni Ghrada, Shelagh Richards,
Dr. Mac Liammoir, Dr. Thornley.
Mr. O'Kelly - Manager and Mr. Simpson - Artistic Adviser.
Apologies for inability to attend were received from -
Mr. O'Farachain, An t-Uas O'Mathuna, Mr. B. Mac Mahon,
Cyril Cusack, Miss Mooney.

NOTICE The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES - The minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 1968 were taken as read copies having been circulated, confirmed and signed.

PLAY RETURNS - to 21st December 1968 were circulated to Shareholders.

THE CHAIRMAN informed the meeting that a grant-in-aid for 1969-70 amounting to £70,000 had been approved by the Minister for Finance and, in addition, the special grant of £10,000 to reduce the Bank Overdraft further, was being repeated.
It was also announced that seat prices in the Abbey Theatre were being increased from 1st May 1969 to 15/- (from 12/6) 12/- (from 10/-), 9/- (from 8/-) and 6/- (from 5/-).
An effort had to be made to recover from increased revenue some portion of the rapidly increasing operating costs. These increased prices would be retained during the winter months provided there was no serious price resistance. The Manager told the meeting that tours were been arranged to provincial centres with "The Tailor & Ansty" and to Paris with "Borstal Boy" and possibly another play.

The Artistic Adviser outlined future programmes. At the request of Dr. Sean O'Tuama it was agreed that a statement of policy regarding plays in the Irish language would be discussed at the next meeting of Shareholders.

AN t-UAS TOMAS LUIBHEAD criticised the low standard of production of "An Baile Seo 'Gainne" but it was agreed that matters improved considerably after the first night.

Dr. O'Tuama suggested that an adult orientated revue in the Peacock might be a more satisfactory undertaking than a pantomime in the Abbey.

Dr. Michael Mac Liammoir requested that the possibility of arranging understudies for important parts should receive careful attention.

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for Saturday 3rd May 1969.

Gabriel Fallon

3rd May 1969

THE ABBEY THEATRE

Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Theatre Society Ltd. held in the Peacock Theatre, 26, Lr. Abbey Street, Dublin, on Saturday 3rd May 1969 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT: Mr. Gabriel Fallon in the Chair, Mr. M. O hAodha, Mr. E. Blythe, Dr. S. Wilmot and Mr. R. O'Farachain, Lady Longford, Mrs. M. O'Malley, Mairead Ni Ghrada, Shelagh Richards, An tUas. C. O'Dalaigh, Mr. B. O'Brien, Dr. D. Thornley, Dr. T. O'Raifeartaigh, Mr. C. McCarthy, Mr. B. MacMahon, Prof. L. O'Briain, Mr. M. McGonagle and Dr. S. O Tuama.

The Manager and Artistic Adviser were also present.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Ria Mooney, Coiril O Mathuna and Tomas Luibheid.

NOTICE: the notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

MINUTES: the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 18th January 1969 were taken as read, copies having been circulated, and were confirmed and signed.

PLAY RETURNS:- to 5th April 1969 were circulated to Shareholders.

THE CHAIRMAN in his address to the meeting informed Shareholders that total House Receipts for the year ended 31 March 1969 showed a decrease of more than £2,000 compared with the previous yea Since five or six leading members of the Company would be on extended leave of absence during the Summer it would be necessary to rearrange the repertory and engage a number of guest players. It was also announced that Dr. Micheal MacLiammoir had accepted an invitation to play in SWIFT by Eugene McCabe under the direction of Tyrone Guthrie.

Mr. O'Kelly told the meeting that the provincial tour of THE TAILOR AND ANSTY was given 40 performances in 12 provincial centres and it was expected to realise a profit.

The plays staged in Paris were well received particularly BORSTAL BOY. A deficit was incurred in excess of the £500 grant receivable from the Cultural Relations Committee.

Mr. Simpson outlined future programmes in both the Abbey and Peacock Theatres. He informed the meeting that it was intended to commence the Gaeltacht Tour in mid-August when BREITHIUNTAS le Mairead Ni Ghrada and OTHELLO translated by Tomas Toibin would be presented in Gweedore, Galway and Ballyferriter.

Policy regarding Plays in the Irish Language - a Memorandum on this subject was circulated at the meeting and the idea of a Club Dramaiochta was discussed.

Other Business Mr. MacMahon said the plays being presented on the Abbey stage were failing to reflect the tensions in Irish society and, at his suggestion, the Chairman agreed that the Directors would consider means by which plays could be encouraged which reflected in some way the tensions of to-day.

Mairead Ni Ghrada requested that arrangements be made to have the good Irish speakers cast in plays in Irish.

The next meeting was provisionally arranged for 27th September 1969.

27th September 1969