

**Vagabond Players
General Members Meeting
June 19, 2023**

Meeting: Called to order 7PM

Executive and position:

Warren Johnson – President/Box office manager
Ray Boulay - Vice President/Production Manager
Deb Tom – Treasurer
Bev Pride – Secretary/Costume room Manager
George Edwards – Director/Front House Manager
Craig Premack – Director/Tech Manager
Denise Brookson – Director/Props Coordinator
Al Zylstra – Director/Residence Stage Manager
Val Lawlor - past president/publicity/

Regrets: Val, Al, Ray, Craig

Members attending 16

Motion to waive reading of the minutes of last meeting: Nancy; Seconded: Alice – carried

Minutes recorded by Bev Pride

1. President's Report –

Request to follow point of order.

Boxoffice manager -

Ticket sales slow; same as the last show played in the June slot – Melville Boys
Nice weather has a lot to do with the patrons being busy.

2. Treasurer's Report –

Checking account - \$41,679.82
Savings Plan 24 \$29,459.96
Gaming Account - \$3,389.50
Term #1 \$50,000
Term #7 \$55,786.33
Term #8 \$50,000
Term #9 \$50,431

Pay pal and Audience view – little over a \$10,000 for sales to date.

Which is about half the amount that was for SVS at half way

3. Correspondence: from inquiries@vagabondplayers.ca –
None

4. Producers' reports:

- **Laughter:**
Financial – \$9932 earnings.
- **Co-Pro Report – Jazz Event – Producer - Warren.**
William Chernoff Jazz Quintet -
70/30 split on co-pro ticket sales (VP 30%)
About 60 patrons attended
- **Our Town – Producer Adam**
Flickering lights were an issue; OT Lighting Designer was able to fix them

5. **Front of House report** – every position filled for all shows.

6. **Tech report** – RFP see below; lighting and dimmers need fixing

7. **Publicity** – a lot of promotion and paid ads; Hyack Festival promotion; lots of social media done; Local events calendars online, New West Anchor article and New West Record press release.

8. Old Business

- Permanent Liquor licence ongoing
- Members' appreciation party July 9th
Motion - Pam move to include the AGM at 2pm on Sunday July 9 and appreciation party to follow, Nancy seconded; carried
- Celebration of Life – will take place July 16 2023
- Music Concerts – approached by the TD from Anvil and Massey for VP to take part in Music concerts – Ray is working on this
- **Plays for the 2023/4 season - pending members approval.**

Executive members – passed 3 motions regarding the productions for 2023/24 season.

These changes were made because of feedback from the cast and crew (including Directors from the current season. The considerations were – not enough rehearsal time given between shows. 4 weeks is too long a commitment for cast and crew in today's community theatre world and lack of working volunteers – same crew doing 5 shows is a heavy burden when most volunteers are aging and lack of show producers for 5 shows;

1. The 2023 season will reduce the number of weeks a show will run from 4 weeks to 3 weeks and the shows will end on a Sunday.
2. The number of shows produced will be reduced from 5 to 4.
3. The ticket prices will be increased to \$15 for preview nights; \$17 for Seniors and Youth; \$20 for General audience members.

The shows recommended by the executive are as follows:

- **Vimy** – Oct 19 to Nov 5, (no rights for 2:22 – A Ghost Story)
- **Marvelous Wonderettes** - Nov 30 to Dec 17;
- **Last Romance** - Feb 8 to Feb 25;
- **Men Express Their Feelings** – Apr 25 to May 12;

Motion: Suzanne Biehl moved that we move to a 3 week run;
Seconded: Denise; carried

Motion: Alice – that we do 4 Vagabond Players shows in a season;
Seconded by Nancy; carried

Motion: Deb increase our ticket prices: \$15 for the preview; \$17 for seniors and youth and \$20 for General admissions; Seconded by George; carried

Motion: Adam – move the first time slot to October 12 to 29;
Seconded: Bev; carried.

Motion: Nancy moved that the plays for season 2023 /24 are The Marvelous Wonderettes; Play on: Last Romance; Men Express Their Feelings
Seconded: Adam; carried with (3 opposed).

10. New Business:

- RFP for lighting upgrade

Motion: Scott – VP to move forward with the RFP to define the requirement for the upgrade for lighting and dimmers in the theatre. Second: Don; carried:

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Mary; Seconded: Suzanne; carried

Meeting adjourned at: 8:26

Next meeting: AGM: July 9; 2PM.

Meeting adjourned

All minutes can be seen on the Vagabond Players website; vagabondplayers.ca; link is *members* and password is: *bernielegge*