

Vagabond Players

Executive Meeting

Monday August 15, 2022

Executive Members Present:

President Warren Johnson; **VP** Ray Boulay; **Treasurer** Deb Tom; **Secretary** Bev Pride

Directors - Al Zylstra; Craig Premack; George Edwards; Ted Drabyk; Denise Brookson; Val Lawlor

Regrets: none

2 guests

Kim Drabyk

Wayne Nolan

Kim spoke first regarding her request to rent space for her dance studio.

- Wants to be part of the community group
- Could make volunteering with VP as part of the troupe's requirement.
- Wee tot class proposed for Tuesdays 6 to 6:30
- Then a private class for 1; 1/2hr session
- Also including an adult class from 7 to 8PM on Wednesdays
- Up to 8 students

Wayne

- Concerned about the cost of a musical production vs how much the production will bring into the club
- Patrons' response may not be there
- Confirmed he wanted to direct this production

Reports:

1.President:

- VR update went well, very quick and professional crew, painting looks good and red/beige will stay until shooting of the scenes finish in Nov/2022
- VR Netflix may come back for a few more scenes.
- Paid for the theatre use (chq tbdepo)
- Craig attended as technical support
- Warren attended as Venue support

2.Treasurer:

Standard building supplies Credit Card reactivated

Society filing received by Prov of BC

Total balance: \$205,736.33

Pay Pal owner needed - to have funds from ticket sales into paypal acct; then pushed into VP's acct.

ACTION: Treasurer will consider taking over ownership of Paypal

Lease has been paid

Gaming licence needs dates for upcoming shows.

50/50 tickets are \$2 for 1; \$5 for 3; \$10 for 10

3.Correspondence: Secretary retrieved

- Mail box- 5 items given to treasurer
- info@ tickets inquiries
- membership@ - volunteering interest
- text – 3 interested in Volunteering
- email – Arts Council newsletter

Bev replied to all.

ACTION: Bev will coordinate with Val to ensure all VP contacts are made.

4. Box Office Warren is getting up to speed on the processes

Ticket prices remain the same for the new season – \$12 Preview, \$15 Seniors and Students and \$17 General

ACTION: Warren will complete Box Office activation by Monday August 21.

Notify Bev in order to change information to members and patrons that tix are now available for purchase.

Christmas Show prices the same

5.FOH Manager George – nothing to report

6. Shop/Building Maintenance

- Stage door lock fixed
- Greenroom fridge needs replacement
- Motion: Al - to purchase 30” fridge; Ted seconded; carried
- **ACTION:** George and Warren will purchase

7.Props Denise will provide props for lobby for run of the show.

8.Costumes – Volunteer offered sewing help. Angie will get schedule and advise once ready for help.

9.Technical

- Sound system mixer up and running.
- Q sound not working with system
- **ACTION:** Bev will advise Adam
- LED lights (upgrade approval)
- **ACTION:** Craig will look into the equipment needed and report back in September.

10.Publicity

- New sign for marquee outside
- Posters – waiting for box office to be set up
- Will be put up next month
- Big poster
- **ACTION:** George will put up the big vinyl poster at back of the theatre.
- Website; FB; Instagram; TicTok
- Doug Joel to work with Marty B and Adam B to share duties.

ACTION: Bev will contact Doug, Marty, Adam to set up meeting for media updates and actions.

11. Current Production:

- **SHERLOCK'S VEILED SECRET (attached)**

Old Business:

1. Productions for the rest of the 2022/23 season:

Discussion followed.

Plays selected for the continuation of the 2022/2023 season:

February – Rumors by Neil Simon; Director Kayt Roth

April – Laughter on the 23 Floor by Neil Simon, Director Miles Lavkulich

June 2023 – The Marvelous Wonderettes by Roger Bean, Director Wayne Nolan.

ACTION: Warren will send out email to establish dates for plays

ACTION: Ray will continue liaison with directors to advise of dates

ACTION: Play/reading committee needs to be established at GM in Sept to determine 2023/24 season.

2. To consider Kim Drabyk's request to rent dance class space

Discussion followed

Bev: Motion to decline the proposal for the dance class

Seconded Denise

5 to 3 in favor; 1 abstained.

ACTION: Warren will advise Kim of decision and offer Bernie Legge as possible recital site.

New Business:

1. TBC – Vancouver Zone

Bev sent out an email requesting feedback as to the viability of restarting Vancouver Zone to Sidekick Players, Metro, United Players, White Rock.

TBC Mainstage will be held in Langley in 2023

- 5 Zones competed in 2022
- TBC has funds for VZ if necessary
- FVZF was about \$5000 to host
- Sidekick will add item to GM in Sept but doubts it will be of any interest
- Zone festivals have to end by mid June.

2.Members' Meet and Greet- idea for September – BBQ or casual drinks

Discussion followed. Idea will be tabled to possible June 2023 event.

3.NW Arts Council – member now the Arts Commission.

There are no “members” from the community attending the Commission unless invited to do so by the commission.

4.Email communications and email service

ACTION: Bev will work with Val on email and contacts from patrons and members.

5. Better lighting going downstairs to greenroom

ACTION: Warren/Ray to work on lightening

Producer's report for SHERLOCK'S VEILED SECRET SVS

Production mtg to establish budget and jobs needed.

Publicity started with an article in NW Record. FB and Website need to be updated as soon as Box office is up and running.

ACTION: Ray will do - decorations in lobby will help generate excitement for the play; welcome back sign

Looking at doing TicTok; more vignette photos for lobby; Instagram stories and reels..

First 2 auditions were held with 14 actors submitting interest in attending; 2 cancelled (1 covid, 1 cast in another part)

5 were not chosen - 1 cast but chose another play

All 7 roles were potentially cast after the second night

1 actor declined – chose another play - 1 role still not filled

Bev sent out 16 emails request anyone interested please contact asap.

Got 3 replies and 1 interested - Extra Audition held Sunday 14 for 2 candidates. Actor selected.

Violet – Kelsey Robertson

Sherlock – Robson Baker

Yorke – Sean McWhinney

Mrs. Morton – Michelle Stanley

Irene Alder – Colleen Bignell

Turlough – Drew Hart

Lady Carrington – Lisa Teskey

Playwright contacted Bev via email:

Hello, Friends -

A good friend in New Westminster let me know that you have just held auditions for my play. I'm delighted to know that you are opening your season with "Sherlocks Veiled Secret" and especially honoured that you are doing so after a long hiatus. It has been a while since there was a production close to where I live, so I would love to see your show. And also, I would be happy to answer any questions from the Director and production team, if needed.

I was born and raised in Vancouver, and so I have many friends to stay with in October. When I wrote the piece, I was using the pen name KC Brown. Now I use my regular name in the community, Claire Zaslove.

I believe the play holds many pleasures for audiences, and also a few pitfalls for the production team, so I would love to be helpful if you are open to that. Most importantly, however, I wish you broken legs and a wonderful run. Thank you so much for bringing my beloved Sherlock play to the stage.

Best wishes,
Claire
(aka KC Brown)

Bev contacted Dale and discussed possible director's and author's talk back night.

ACTION: Talk back will be Friday October 7; Bev will advise playwright and Director

Possible Gala night on Saturday October 8.

Ray created poster and was able to get prints donated from the production company he works for. ** Acknowledgement will be placed in the program.

Next Meeting: Executive: Monday September 12th 7PM

General Members Meeting: Monday September 19th 7PM.