

Vagabond Players
General Meeting & Annual General Meeting Minutes
Bernie Legge Theatre
June 23, 2024 at 2:00PM

Meeting called to order at: 2:00 pm

Executive Present: Warren Johnson, Deb Tom, Gail Craft, Scott McDonald, George Edwards, Cindy Dean, Valerie Lawlor, Lindsay MacIntosh

Members Present: 39, Guests – 1

Meeting Chaired by: Warren Johnson

Recorded by: Gail Craft

1) Welcome

2) Reading and Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2024 and July 9, 2023 (AGM)

MOTION: To combine this General Meeting with the AGM for tonight.

Moved by Val, Seconded by Warren

CARRIED

MOTION: To waive the reading of and to approve the May 13, 2024 General Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Dwayne, Seconded by Don

CARRIED

MOTION: To waive the reading of and to approve the July 9, 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Val, Seconded by Ted

CARRIED

3) Correspondence (Val):

a) PechaKucha – would like to hold another event at our theatre. Had requested June and then August which we could have accommodated but now requesting September which would not work for us. Val discussing possibilities with them for next year.

b) Rental inquiries – there have been 2 inquiries (Time Will Tell Arts Society and Simone Nathalia). Val sent the Rental Enquiry Form to both groups to get more details. Both of them look promising based on the info in their email to us.

4) Treasurer's Report (Deb): Attached

Motion to accept by Peter, **Seconded** by Kari

CARRIED

5) President's Report (Warren): Attached

Unfortunately we were not able to cast for Men Express Their Feelings

Marvelous Wonderettes was amazing

Last Romance was really well acted

Play On was also amazing

Thank you for a great season and hopefully we will continue with another great season

6) Production Update (Cindy/Bev):

• **Mauritius (Cindy)**

We have over 50 auditioners for 5 roles. Auditions are this week on Monday & Tuesday with callbacks on Thursday June 27th. We are sure to find an excellent cast from this group.

Rehearsals start July 14th and will be held in the theatre on Sundays, Tuesdays & Thursdays – we will be sharing the space with Tick Tick Boom who will be rehearsing on different days.

Our draft budget is \$11,200 and we will be asking the new Executive for approval.

Chris Schuessler is our director, with David Dodge as our set designer, being mentored by Dwayne Campbell. Al Zylstra is the Stage manager. Props are Denise Brookson with costumes by Bev Pride....and of course our wonderful regular Vagabond support group.

- **Tick, Tick Boom! (Bev)**

With over 20 auditioners for 6 roles, July 5 and 6 is going to be a busy 2 days for the director, Amanda Russell (BJ in the Marvelous Wonderettes) and musical director, Allan Thorpe, Musical Director for TMW); call backs will be July 13.

Rehearsals start Aug 21 and will be held in the theatre on the days that MAURITIUS is not in rehearsal, which makes for a very busy theatre calendar. By cooperating with the space there will be a savings in the budget for TTB.

The budget of over \$23,000 has been approved by the Executive board.

Crew is building and includes a new Stage Manager. Holly Krauchi is an experienced SM, working many shows with Theatre in the Country and Emerald Pig Society. She contacted Amanda because she saw the audition and wanted to be part of the show.

Sandra Walton is the set designer. Sandra and Amanda met to see the preliminary design, which has a very modern, black and white, NYC vibe.

Cindy Dean is the costume designer.

7) Publicity Update (Val):

Thank you to the publicity team this year... you really did a great job! There are so many folks that contribute to publicity... poster designers, program designers, poster distribution team, photographers, those who submit press releases and contribute to websites/social media and those who share and promote individually. There was great communication between all those involved and everything ran smoothly which I think contributed to our good houses. There are less opportunities to promote in print but we found more online places to promote our shows. We'll continue to look for creative ways to get the word out and ideas and/or help from other members is welcome for the upcoming year!

8) Membership (Lindsay):

We presently have around 80 members
it is time to renew memberships, please get a form from Lindsay and fill it out
membership fees have gone up to \$20

9) Box Office Report (Warren/Cindy):

2023 / 2024 Season

Unfortunately, we were unable to stage 'Men Express Their Feelings' when we could not complete casting. Therefore, our first play of the season was 'The Marvelous Wonderettes' which was a smashing success.

Marvelous Wonderettes: 14 shows. Ticket Sales \$43,686. Attendance 90% of available seats/

Last Romance: 12 shows. Ticket Sales \$19,965. Attendance 74% of available seats.

Play On: 12 shows. Ticket Sales \$20,384. Attendance 82% of available seats.

Jazz Night on June 1st: Ticket Sales \$2,375. 92 people attended. Vagabond gets 30% of ticket sales and of course all the profit from the Coffee Bar.

10) House Management Report (George):

Everything is great, repairs have been going on and working out, all the services have been updated
Thank you all to the volunteers

11) Technical Report (Scott):

- over the last year we did a lighting upgrade
- we have installed a projector
- now looking at taking some funds for an upgrade to sound system but wanting a demo before purchase, still working on this process
- Douglas College is donating 2 IMACS to which allow us to upgrade our sound system
- They are also giving us a sound board which is too large for the light box so we need to find a spot

12) Old Business

- **Heritage Home Tour (Bev)**

There were 325 tourists registered with the HH at the Bernie Legge. Not everyone would have gone through the theatre but a good many did. We saw 1/2 of those in the morning shift, so I am assuming that at least that amount came through in the afternoon. What a great way to open the theatre to the community and the curious.

We talked and talked, about the theater, the upcoming Jazz night and the season coming in September.

The comments were good and we heard quite a few stories of people who had been to the plays, had a history of theatre and a great many who didn't know we existed.

I directed everyone who was interested in volunteering to send an email to the inquiries email address and we have 2 new creative members come forward from the tour.

- **The Dimes Concert (Craig)**

Contract still needs to be signed.

13) New Business

- **Members Appreciation**

Deb thanked everyone and gave plants to those who volunteered multiple shifts for shows, and gift cards will be handed to all volunteers

There being no other business, the Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm

Election of the new Board of Directors

The AGM was called to order at 2:45 pm and the following people were elected to the board:

President – Dwayne

Vice President – Ray Boulay

Treasurer – Deborah Tom

Secretary – Peter Ker

Directors At Large (5)

1. Scott McDonald
2. Al Zylstra
3. Cindy Dean
4. Valerie Lawlor
5. Lindsay MacIntosh

Warren will stay on as Past President and continue with Lease agreement

Elections being complete,

Motion to adjourn by Ted, Seconded Pam

the AGM was adjourned at **2 58pm**.

Next meeting: September 16, 2024.

Minutes of all meetings can be found at: <https://www.vagabondplayers.ca/members>

The password is: bernielegge