

## Vagabond Players General Meeting

May 26, 2025

**Meeting called to order** at 7:00pm

30 members present- New member Trish Hyatt was introduced

**Chaired by:** Dwayne Campbell

**Recorded by:** Isabel Mendenhall

**Motion** by Val Lawlor and seconded by Craig Premack to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Passed

**Correspondence:** Isabel Mendenhall - Deep Cove is auditioning for The Ladies Foursome June 9 and 10 from 7:00-9:30 – a letter from Colleen Holub thanking us for such an enjoyable and diverse season.

**Treasurer:** Deb Tom – Written report submitted. Balance in Prospera Credit Union is 291,610.97. Moving forward with Liquor License.

**Membership:** Val Lawlor – We currently have 115 members. Membership will be due the end of July. You can renew at our AGM

**Publicity:** Val Lawlor – Posters have been printed for The Ladies Foursome and will be distributed in June. Show is posted on online calendars and have done preliminary FB postings. Email blast will start the beginning of June. Samantha Hussey will take on Social Media for our future shows. Did a great job on Instagram and postings for The Revolutionist, and would like to continue to be involved in our publicity.

**Production :** Dwayne Campbell – The last show of the season has closed and it was incredible. Moving on to the Ladies Foursome, one of the cast members had to drop out so her part was recast. Becky Oben, a former member, has taken on this role.

**House Manager:** - Cindy Dean – Volunteer participation for the season was amazing. Special thank you to Pam Bennett who did 27 shifts and Don Durrell who did 17. Also thank you to Bev, Connor, and Warren who did 12 or 13 shifts during the season. You are all appreciated! Pam and I will do inventory the week before the next show opens and then purchase what is necessary.

A special thank you to George Edwards who keeps this place running. He does so much behind the scenes, including following up on alarm calls at 5:30am. In addition to being the fantastic carpenter behind our sets, he also manages our cleaners, furnace maintenance, fire safety inspections, and much more.

**Box Office:** Lindsay MacIntosh - Reported by Cindy Dean – We are currently selling tickets for The Ladies Foursome. Ticket sales are following trends of being slow in the beginning but then picking up steam. Sales were only at 56% capacity for The Revolutionist, while A Nice Indian Boy was at 91.6%.

**Technical:** Scott MacDonald – Not much to report. Curtains will be taken down tomorrow to be cleaned and treated with fire retardant. We would like to order a white cyclorama and a black scrim to use for upcoming productions. The cost is 7,200.00. **Motion** by Scott MacDonald and seconded by Peter Ker to purchase a cyclorama and a black scrim for \$7,200.00 for future productions. Discussion ensued. Passed. 1 abstention.

Great Northern Way Scene Shop is interested in checking out our stage and giving us a quote to replace it. The projection screen works just fine as long as you don't pull it down beyond the "F". It won't go back up if you go beyond the "F".

**Stage Manager:** Al Zylstra – Connor had a great experience working on The Revolutionist as stage manager. Impressed with the actors, lighting and sound effects. A Nice Indian Boy went very well as well. Couldn't have been happier. Rehearsals have begun for The Ladies Foursome. We have a good cast that are gelling well. We are looking for an assistant stage manager.

**Set Construction:** Warren Johnson – Wednesday at 10:00am, we will be cleaning up some of the construction debris downstairs., so if you would like any scrap wood, come by. Next job will be sorting through our crown moulding and baseboards.

**Set Decoration:** Ray Boulay – After the heritage tour, every person who saw our dungeon was amazed by what we had down there, and many asked if they could donate a couch. It was an opportunity to look over things to see what we can purge. Same with the props room. Christine Manzer donated a beautiful scroll that is so Monty Python that it's awesome. Maybe we can rent a bin to get rid of some of our excess, or put an ad out to advertise "free stuff" for the refinisher or someone who is just looking for furniture pieces. If Warren or Ray can find out how much a bin will cost, we can approve it at Mondays board meeting.

**Costumes:** Bev Pride – Vagabonds were able to costume 4 plays this year. Though we have lots of costumes, each play had costume plots that required purchases. **Mauritius** actors had to provide a lot of the items necessary themselves. Cindy did a fantastic job costuming **Tick Tick Boom**. **A Nice Indian Boy** involved 62 different pieces, many which had to represent the South Asian culture, especially the wedding garments. Cindy and Bev tackled **The Revolutionist**, starting with the MA gown, wig, and pannier, fitting Kelsey with adjustments and ornamentation. A few items from costumes completed the 57 pieces of

that plot. Vags assisted 6 other theatre companies by loaning them costumes for their productions. Bev does a monthly clean up of the costume room, just to make sure that Vags assets are kept in good shape. We are looking for some 50's and 60's costumes, if anyone has any they want to donate.

**Play Reading:** Alexandra Wilson – Alexandra discussed how we chose the four plays and alternates. **Motion** by Alexandra Wilson and seconded by Nancy Ebert to approve the season as recommended by the play reading committee. Discussion ensued. Passed

1. Making a Killing – Alternate: Murder Inn
2. The Maltese Reindeer – Alternate: A Seussified Christmas Carol
3. Moon Over Buffalo – Alternate: The Last Night of Ballyhoo
4. The Birds and the Bees – Alternate: Things My Mother Taught Me

**Old Business: Heritage Home Tour:** Valerie Lawlor – Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> the theatre was a hub for the Heritage Home Tour. They set up on Saturday with their artwork, books and posters. 750 tickets were sold and we had about 200 come through our theatre. Vags had 4 volunteers for each shift to answer questions and guide people through the theatre. All visitors found it very interesting as we talked about the building history and the club operations. Many were local, others from various parts of the lower mainland. Many had never been in our theatre and expressed interest in coming back to see a show. We had people interested in volunteering, a playwright who was interested in submitting his work, and someone who saw a ghost in the auditorium. The Heritage group did a great job on their social media so we in turn got a lot of exposure. We all felt our partnership was a win-win. Besides the exposure, they do pay the homeowners \$200. Thank you to Val, Isabel, Al, Ray, Liz, Walter, and Lindsay for volunteering!

**New Business:** Craig Premack – The Dimes would like to perform again at our theatre in August and December. The Board will discuss dates.

**Motion** by Val Lawlor and seconded by Al Zylstra to adjourn at 8:30. passed

**Next Board Meeting** – June 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm at 76 Mott Cres. New West.

**General Meeting and AGM** Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00pm Barbecue to follow.3;30

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