

Vagabond Players Executive Meeting August 27, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Chaired by Dwayne Campbell

Recorded by Isabel Mendenhall

Regrets: Al Zylstra and Samantha Hussey

Motion by Cindy Dean and seconded by Val Lawlor to waive the reading of the July 20th minutes. Passed

Correspondence: Isabel Mendenhall - Cleo Awards are filling up. If anyone wants to attend the Gala on Sept. 6th, go to www.cleoawards.ca Sr. Salmonbellies will be hosting the 2025 Mann Cup in Queens Part Sept, 5,6,8,9,10,12, and 13th. Expecting large crowds, so there will be delays through the park. DarkHorse wants to schedule a rental. Passed this on to Craig Premack. Doreen Worledge, an honorary lifetime member will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Sept. 25. Her daughter requested us to send her a birthday card to honour her lifetime. We have all signed the card except Al and Samantha as they are not in attendance. A request from a teenager, Cora to sell her crochet animals at our Christmas show. I will send out a decline as we do not have the space in our lobby.

Treasurer Report: Deb Tom- Written report submitted. Total in our bank accounts: 294,293.22 **Motion** by Deb Tom and seconded by Val Lawlor to spend up to \$1,000.00 on a new computer. Passed. We need to be making 9,000,00 per show in order to cover our overhead. Societies registration has been done. Deb will proceed with the rezoning application and apply for the liquor license as soon as Samantha Hussey signs off. The treasurer committee is amazing!

Production Report: Dwayne Campbell - An intimacy director has been hired for Making A Killing. Need to increase the budget for Maltese Reindeer as costumes and set decorating for a Christmas show are more costly. We will be adding two extra shows to Maltese Reindeer. John Cousins will need to be paid for the extra shows. Rehearsals will run over into our general meeting, so we will have to move the meeting. Dwayne will deal with that.

Motion by Val Lawlor and seconded by Deb Tom to increase the budget for Maltese Reindeer from 6,000.00 to 8,000.00. Passed. Discussion on whether or not to change the show time for Maltese Reindeer from 8:00pm to 7:30pm. We will not change the time for this season, but will promote the 7:30 showtimes for next season.

Expectation problems with the director of Making a Killing. If there are problems, everyone should be going to the producer and let him deal with issues. We have a snow issue.

Canadian Tire has a light that might work for snow. From now on, we will make sure the first show of the season comes with a director.

Membership: Val Lawlor – Need membership forms from the cast so we have their information. So far, we have 48 members which includes 6 lifetime members. Memberships expired July 31, and while some renewed at our AGM, many haven't. I expect more to renew at the BBQ, our Sept meeting, and when they volunteer on site.

Publicity: Val Lawlor: Have been juggling publicity for The Dimes and Making a Killing. Posters for both distributed throughout New West. Patron email blast for Dimes sent...will do one for MAK next week. Samantha Hussey has been taking photos for social media. She has introduced the cast and will now use rehearsal photos for other posts. Handbills for Maltese Reindeer will be in the lobby for opening of MAK and tickets will be on sale.

House Manager: Cindy Dean – We have the Dimes covered for volunteers with the exception of 50/50 on Sunday. Making A Killing still needs 16 volunteer positions filled, eight of these positions are front of house manager.

Coffee Bar: Pam and I will be in on Thursday to do a clean up and inventory for what is needed for The Dimes. We will also fire up the Square system in case there are any updates and clean out the coffee urns. We will pick up any additional inventory required and drop it off on Friday.

Maintenance: Thursday, I will tidy up the bathrooms and add any supplies needed. I will vacuum the lobby and theatre with the Dyson. George is arranging the cleaners to come in the week before Making A Killing starts, to clean carpets and do regular clean up.

Box Office: The Dimes - As of this morning, 106 tickets have been sold for Saturday which is 79% of capacity. 93 tickets have been sold for Sunday which is 69% capacity. Making A Killing has sold 250 tickets, 15%.

Technical Director: Scott MacDonald – Lights for The Dimes are set. Craig has a plan for how to set up the stage. Telus has been calling Scott. Deb said for him to ignore Telus calls as she is dealing with all of this. We want two boosters. Internet number is the one we want booster for. Won't be doing anything for Maltese. A big gap in knowing what is going on between production and technical, as both parties have been away on holidays. Dwayne will follow up on Omar..

Playreading: Deb Tom – Val will be sending the notice out to members who might want to join the playreading committee. She will be sending out a notice to directors who might want to direct or submit a play to direct for next season as well. We will also post this on Facebook. Our season ends in May with the idea we are going to rebuild the stage. Playreading will choose four plays for next season, one being a musical. What slots are going to be filled with what? 1. musical, 2. a comedy, 3. a festival piece, 4. a thriller. Dates will be decided later. Do we want to consider the runners up for that season? Yes, we do.

Budget needs to be considered. We will start as soon as we have the team together. We have one play submitted. We will be looking for more Canadian authors. We would like to encourage casts with 6 or more.

Post show Survey. Val is working with Al. She has written up survey questions. A link to Survey Monkey might be the best way to go.

New Business: Barbecue: So far, we have 25 affirmatives coming to the barbecue. Hamburgers outweigh hotdogs and veggie burgers. Isabel will take care of the food and getting the propane. Cindy will take care of getting the pop, ice, tableware, and bring cupcakes. Scott, Dwayne and Ted have volunteered to help with setup and take down. I will ask George as well. Noon setup. We have 25 Starbucks cards that we can give out or we can do a draw for. Deb will take care of that.

Scott would like to pick up a Bluetooth speaker for rehearsals

We are short one director at large. Dwayne would like to add one.

Motion by Val Lawlor and seconded by Scott MacDonald to adjourn at 8:38pm.

Next General Meeting: to be announced

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