

Vagabond Players AGM

June 14, 2026

Meeting called to order at 2:03

30 members present

Chaired by Dwayne Campbell

Recorded by Isabel Mendenhall

Motion by Craig Premack and seconded by Peter Ker to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous general meeting. **Passed**

Correspondence: Isabel Mendenhall - nothing to report. Just some inquiries about directing the Christmas show and a note and two play submissions.

Treasurer: Deb Tom - written report submitted. Chequing, 117,999.62 Gaming 3,686.50 Savings, 35,792.58, terms 157,320.45, 50/50 revenue of 1897.50 was deposited to gaming on May 25th. Thank you to everyone who covered for me in my absence.

Production & President's Report: Dwayne Campbell - Katherine Morris reported that The Birds and Bees went very well. Excellent cast and crew. Dwayne reported that it's been a great year, and we've had some very successful shows. I would like to thank everyone involved in putting these shows together working on stage and off. In particular I would like to thank the people who made my job easier by being Production Managers this year. Valerie Lawlor, Cindy Dean, and Katherine Morris. I would also like to thank a team of people the rest of the club members hardly ever see, the set builders, painters and decorators, headed up by George Edward and Warren Johnson. As president, I would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors for this season: Valerie Lawlor, Isabel Mendenhall, Deb Tom, Cindy Dean, Scott MacDonald, Al Zylstra, and Samantha Alexandra. Vagabond Players is very lucky to have so many dedicated and talented volunteers who are always there to keep this club going. You are all very much appreciated.

Membership: Val Lawlor - 94 members. Season ends July 31, but many members renewed for next at the BBQ.

Publicity: Val Lawlor - Team continues to work well to promote our shows and I thank them all for the hard work. Doug Joel sends out our email newsletter to approximately 4500 patrons. This list continues to grow after a show as new patrons are added. Joanne Kyrski has her feet on the ground distributing the posters in Uptown, Quayside, and Sapperton, with the help of Anne Rhodes who covers the Burnaby/Edmonds area. This past year, Mike McCray created our posters and Cassidy Lynch did our programs. Valerie and Samantha do social media with Samantha really taking us to a new level by posting photos and creating Instagram posts, reels, stories, and Facebook posts, with Valerie posting information on other Facebook groups and websites including our own Vags website. We donated tickets for silent auctions to a few groups this year which heightens awareness and brings in new patrons and we cross promoted with Royal City musical again this year. We are participating in meetings to update the Arts Strategy. We will be updating our website and patrons with a season announcement during July/August. We will continue to look for opportunities to promote our shows and welcome any

suggestions from our members. We have received a booklet from the city for city approved signage and we will be putting a sign up on the northeast corner of the building advertising our season.

House Manager: Cindy Dean- Thank you for so many wonderful volunteers.

Box Office: Cindy Dean – The next play is set up and tickets will go on sale August 4th. We are in talks with Concord about extra shows for our Feb. slot, and will do a resubmission on Monday. Big clean out of the costume department this summer. No date yet.

Technical Director: Scott MacDonald – Wireless headsets were our big purchase this year. There are six units. The extras are in the booth. Stage replacement will start on Monday. Everything went well for *Birds and Bees*. Thank you to Manon for doing the sound and running the booth.

Stage Manager: Al Zylstra – Entire season has gone remarkably well. We mentored a couple of new stage managers and they both worked out perfectly. We had good crew and staff, and thank you to all of the volunteers that worked on the shows.

Old Business: Stephen O'Shea is our new contact with the city. Good for us, as we have worked with him when he was the Arts Council Administrator. We sent him our financials and annual report, and he was surprised at how much we were paying for special events permit, so he is going to help us push the liquor license through. Any capital projects must go through the city as this is their building. Stephen was able to cut through the red tape with our stage project by telling the city that we know what we are doing when it comes to the theatre and club. Deb will be stepping down as play reading chair, so anyone interested, please think about it for our Sept. meeting, or contact membership or any of the board members. Computer will be passed on the next chair.

New Business: Warren would like to do a purge of the dungeon. We don't have a date yet, but will announce it closer to the purge date. The bin for the stage project will be parked along side our building by the shop door.

Motion by Al Zylstra and seconded by Val Lawlor to adjourn and move on to our AGM elections at 2:25.

Passed. Ten-minute break.

AGM Elections Meeting called to order at 2:35 by Dwayne Campbell: Meeting handed over the Alice Woodbury, nominating chair. There were no nominations from the floor.

President: Dwayne Campbell

Vice President: Valerie Lawlor

Treasurer: Deborah Tom

Secretary: Karryn Ransom

Directors at Large: 1. Al Zylstra 2. Katherine Morris 3. Cindy Dean 4. Manon Ducos 5. Samantha Hussey

Congratulations and thank you so much!

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Members barbecue!