

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2014

I. Call to Order & Welcome – 5:33 pm by Keith.

II. Reports:

- a) Secretary: Vickie Szatkowski read the August 2013 minutes, Timothy Haskin made motion to approve Frank Brewer seconded. Unanimously passed.
- b) Treasurer: Pat Casey submitted the written summary and welcomed questions. Diane Brewer made motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, Kay Robson seconded. Unanimously passed.
- c) Correspondence: Debra DeBois reported miscellaneous mail, including cards for bereavement, get well and thank you.
- d) Membership: June Hudgins reported membership at the end of our 2013-14 season to be 181. We have 55 who signed up today for their 2014-15 membership.
- e) Summer Raffle: Deb D reported gross sales to date of \$11,893. Our costs for these prizes were \$3,419, up \$300 over last year. We have a \$3,004 profit to date with a few events yet to go.
- f) Singers: Pat C reported reported the singers brought in \$1,000 this year. She had a new member join the group and one had to drop out. We certainly appreciate all of the singers dedication to the time spent for practice and performance. Pat also mentioned they will be performing at the Veteran's Park dedication on August 23.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Ticket Program: Vickie S. and Judy Quarters are very pleased with our new program. Patrons being able to go on line and chose their own seats, purchase the tickets, and print out their own tickets has been a positive thing. One-half of our total sales this first year were done on line without folks coming to the ticket booth.
- b) Third Annual Park and Sell: Netted a profit of \$466.
- c) Refreshment Room Remodeling: Keith reported this has been completed.
- d) Quilt Raffle: This netted the group \$1,180; won by Dianne Coffman, a former member. Second place was won by Regina Kelly from Au Gres.
- e) Term Limit Survey Results: There were 106 returned out of the 139 surveys sent for a 76% return. Of this 106, 1 response had no opinion, 63 opposed, and 42 in favor. With the majority of the membership opposed, no further action was taken as was previously decided.
- f) Minutes and By Laws: These are now on our website: Tawasbayplayers.com.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) East Tawas Sesquicentennial Celebration: This was held last week and the Tawas Bay Players not only loaned costumes, but the singers performed and Michal Jacot's "Loggers Legacy" was revived and performed twice.
- b) New Updated Sound System: We received a \$1000 grant from the Quota Club to help defray the cost of our new sound system.
- c) CEC Conference: The city of East Tawas is hosting the CEC Conference this year, through MSU. We were asked to be the host facility and the Board has approved. We hope to show this group how a community can come together with the City for positive results. 130-150 people will attend on October 8 and 9.
- d) Sunrise Side LL: Will be attending the first Sunday matinee for our fall show, "Merry Christmas, Dear Grandpa." Sue Duncan would like approval to show them around the theatre following the show that day. Approved.
- e) New Theater Air Conditioning: The new air conditioning system has been installed, 2 in the theatre and one in the pit area. This has been working very well. This can also produce heat for the winter in the theatre.

- f) Fund Raising Basket Raffle: We sold raffle tickets during our winter show for basket prizes and made \$884. Thank you Janie Mundy for the idea and follow through.
- g) 2015 Annual Meeting: It has been suggested by Janie M that perhaps we hold a fancy dinner next year for the annual meeting. Janie thought that perhaps we could hold another basket raffle to help offset the members cost, however, some felt this would be misleading to our patrons. There are two places possible to have if we decided to, that would be Northwoods and Tawas Bay Beach Resort. Keith reminded all that we must hold the annual meeting prior to the end of August every year. Discussion ensued and with the motion made by Vince Weiler and seconded by Vickie S, we will continue to have our annual picnic next year. It will be Sunday, August 9, 2015 @ 3:00 pm.
- h) Scholarship Reminder: We do have a scholarship fund for members to use if attending CTAM or other educational sessions. Up to 50% of the registration fees can be reimbursed. Applications are available on line or from Board members. September 26-28 the CTAM meeting will be held at McGuires in Cadillac. Suzan Witt is running for CTAM Board. We wish her all the luck!
- i) Election of Board Members: Vickie, Penny Zacharias, and Chris Mundy's terms are up. Chris is going to be running again. Also running is Michal Jacot and Sharon Langley. Keith asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. Ballots were handed out, and members were asked to vote for three.
- j) Announcement of 2014-2015 Season:
 - a) "Merry Christmas Dear Grandpa": October 10-13, 16-19 directed by Michal Jacot
 - b) "Christmas Songs & Stories": December 16 by our TBP Singers
 - c) "Don't Hug Me": Musical Comedy: February 13-15, 19-22 directed by Brenda Chadwick and Alan Dalton
 - d) "Red Velvet Cake War": Comedy: May 8-10, 14-17, director to be determined
 - e) "Queen of Bingo": July 10-12, 16-19; directed by Deb DeBois
 - f) "Nunsensations" Musical Comedy: October 2015, directed by Chris Mundy.
- k) Announcement of Board Seats: Michal Jacot, Chris Mundy, and Sharon Langley.
- l) Presentation of Founders Award: Last year's winner, Mary Ann Michalski presented this year's award to Penny Zacharias.

V. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

- a) August 23 reminder: the Veteran's Park dedication ceremony.
- b) Blues by the Bay is the last weekend in August. Come on out!
- c) Artistic Committee and/or the Board are having a hard time getting directors. Please step up and volunteer. The Board will be having play presentation meetings again as well.
- d) Social Networking: Craig Sayer set up a Face book page. Please check it out. Thank you Craig!

VI. Merry Christmas Dear Grandpa: Tryouts will be August 12 and 13 at 6:30 at the theatre.

VII. Adjournment: 6:48 pm.

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. MEMBERSHIP IS INVITED TO ATTEND!

VIII. Next Meeting: September 30, 2014 @ 6:30 pm (Changed due to conflicts, membership notified)

Respectfully submitted:

Vickie J. Szatkowski