

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS
Annual General Membership Meeting
August 12, 2016

Board Members Present: Keith Frank, Pat Casey, Judy Quarters, Chris Mundy, Susan Duncan, Sharon Langley, Donna Thomas, Penny Zacharias

Board Members Absent: Michal Jacot

Guests: Approximately 65 members and some guests

I. Call to Order – 7:10 pm by President Keith Frank.

II. Reports:

- a. Secretary: Sue Duncan read aloud the minutes from August 9, 2015 annual meeting. Motion to accept by Jeff Chadwick, second by Pat Casey. Unanimously approved.
- b. Treasurer: Pat Casey submitted a written summary of profit and loss from August 2015 to July 2016. She also provided a summary of individual shows profit and loss dating back to 2002. Questions were encouraged and answered. Motion by George Robson, second by Jeff Chadwick to approve the treasurer's reports. Unanimously accepted. Pat reminded all of us that memberships are not the only way to support TBP. There is also sponsorships and advertising in the programs available as avenues of support.
- c. Correspondence: Judy Quarters reported miscellaneous mail including thank you letters, get well, condolences, and Community Theatre Association of Michigan info, both sent and received. There is now a locking mailbox on site at 401 Newman St. for mail. She informed all of us that compliments, and other mail of interest is posted on the kitchen bulletin board and that forms of all sorts are on-line at the web site as well as in hard copy on the kitchen table at the theatre.
- d. Membership: June Hudgins reports we had 158 members for 2015-16. Renewal reminders to past members will be mailed out soon.
- e. Summer Raffle: Deb DeBois reports ticket sales are going well. People are liking the return to a John Deere riding mower. Our profit last year with the snow blower was \$5,469.00. This year, \$3,076.00 profit is already earned and there are a few more big events to cover. Tickets are priced at one for \$5 or five for \$20. Bob O'Meara sold 88 before the meeting. He turned in more at the meeting... totally 147 sold! Wow! A great BIG THANKS to Deb, Bob and ALL who help transport the mower and who sell tickets!

f. Singers: Pat Casey reported that the Tawas Bay Players Singers brought in \$2,103.00 in 2016. The bowling leagues in Ohio love them, so they've traveled a lot to perform. Since 1992 over thirty-seven thousand dollars have come to the Players from this talented and dedicated group.

g. The Artistic Advisory Committee report was given by Tara Western. She summarized the committee's goal was to encourage quality productions and growth in theatre experiences. Mostly though, they read plays and recommend plays to the Board. She stated there are 24 directors in the group. Please read the newsletters for details.

III. Old Business

- a. CTAM Spring Conference – Sue Duncan and Donna Thomas chaired the conference planning committee. There was abundant support from TBP members as well as from the business community. Due to all that help, money was actually earned on the conference. About 40 attendees participated in workshops around town, culminating with a final dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall. One goal, in addition to showcasing the area was to bring folks back here. That strategy seems to have worked as Donna met one of the conference participants recently at the Uncork'd / Untapp'd Library Fund Raiser event. Blues by the Bay and Perchville tickets were also given out, so it is hoped we'll see more returnees.
- b. "Lost in the 60's" Dinner Murder Mystery at the K of C Hall in January of 2016 went well reported producer, Sue Duncan. A nice profit was garnered from two nights of shows based on an excellent cast of TBP members and a no cost, great script by Michal Jacot. Profit of \$2,133.11
- c. "A Dozen Legends": Musical production with Dennis Szatkowski directing and performing along with a number of excellent musicians one weekend in October was very well received and earned a profit of \$1,678.77.
- d. Scholarship Reminder – Keith reviewed the simple guidelines: 50% of registration/workshop fees for theater opportunities covered for TBP members of one year duration or longer who make application and attend said event. CTAM Scholarships are also available from that organization if you are also a CTAM member. The CTAM forms require the TBP president's signature. Forms available on-line.
- e. 2016 Re-cap of some significant events included information about the use of the theatre for other artistic/theatrical events such as a Witz End dance recital, Intermezzo Concert by Camp Cedar Ridge

- Performing Arts, TBP being featured on a blog about outstanding community theaters and our new motion sensor light at the kitchen door, and finally the planting of two Viking Cherry shrubs in joint collaboration with the CTAM Board to honor founding member Vincent Weiler was also of note.
- f. A producers and directors meeting was announced for September 6, 2016. This would involve all this year's shows folks. More details to follow.

IV. New Business

- a. Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, "Murder at Roswell" with the Knights of Columbus is planned for January 27 and 28, 2017. Another Michal Jacot show to enjoy.
- b. Refreshment Room: Moved by Deb DeBois to name our refreshment room after co-founder June Hudgins and it was suggested that we come up with a name appropriate for the room. Support from Charles Shuart. Unanimous.
- c. Newsletter compiler and organizer Pam Frank encouraged members to send information about happenings of the members, and their families; she especially welcomes happy news. Newsletters are usually sent out just before shows open.
- d. The Knights of Columbus will welcome us back next August for the annual meeting so a tentative date of Friday, August 11, 2017 was chosen. Vickie Szatkowski and Janie Mundy volunteered to organize the event.
- e. Election of Board Members – the slate contained incumbents Keith Frank, Pat Casey and Sue Duncan. Also, Craig Sayer and Eric Perrot. There were no nominations from the floor. A secret ballot showed the three incumbents re-elected for another three years.
- f. The 2016 – 17 Schedule:
 - i. " Love, Loss and What I Wore, "adult audience", by TBP After Hours on Sept. 9,10,15, 16, 17 with 8pm shows directed by Brenda Chadwick.
 - ii. "I'll Be Back Before Midnight", Thriller, October 14-16, 20-23, directed by Alan Dalton
 - iii. "A Dozen Legends II" Country Musical Revue: October 28-30 directed by Dennis Szatkowski, Sr.
 - iv. Christmas Songs & Stories – December 13, 7pm, open to the public without charge, TBP Singers Program
 - v. "Spitfire Grill", Musical drama, February 10-12, 16-19, 2017 directed by Carol Kushion
 - vi. " Second Samuel", Drama, May 12-14, 18-21 directed by Donna Thomas

- vii. “Greater Tuna” Comedy, July 14-16, 20-23 directed by Deb DeBois
- viii. “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs”, Musical Comedy, October 13-15, 19-22, 2017 directed by Pat Casey.

g. Founders Award Presentation was given by Sharon Langley, last year’s recipient to Bob O’Meara. Bob was chosen by past founders awards recipients, present at the meeting, for his twenty some years of patient and exacting labor making sets (and doing other things) as well as being an awesome raffle ticket seller. He has sold 147 raffle tickets this year!

VI. Business from the Floor

- a. A plaque honoring the founders of TBP was proposed with a unanimous decision to proceed, with the plaque to be hung over or near the Founders Award plaque.
- b. Bench -Janie Mundy made a motion to put a bench by the Vincent Weiler bushes planted on the south side of the theater. Discussion brought up a variety of concerns. Tara Western seconded the motion which did not pass. The board will investigate some of the issues discussed and report back.
- c. New Curtain System Jeff Chadwick is interested in the Board considering a modular curtain system. He will do some research on it and then report back to the Board.
- d. By Law Review -Tara Western asked the Board to look at the by-laws membership categories and that the labeling of shows be discussed. For examples: Recommended for Family Viewing, Adult Language and Topics, etcetera.

VI. Announcement of Try-outs by Brenda Chadwick for” Love, Loss” and by Alan Dalton for “I’ll Be Back” were made.

VIII. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm by Tim Haskin, second by Pat Casey. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Duncan
Recording Secretary

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF
EVERYMONTH. MEMBERSHIP IS INVITED TO ATTEND.