

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS
BOARD MEETING
October 22, 2013

Members Present: Keith Frank, June Hudgins, Pat Casey, Vickie Szatkowski, Judy Quarters, Chris Mundy, Deb Debois, Sue Duncan, Penny Zacharias

Members Absent:

Guests: Brenda Chadwick, Bob Zacharias

I. Call to Order – 6:35 pm by Keith.

II. Reports:

- a) Secretary: Pat motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by June. A couple errors were identified and will be updated by Vickie. Unanimously approved.
- b) Treasurer: Vickie motioned to approve the report (attached) with a second by Deb. Unanimously approved. Pat noted that the Charter phone will be hooked up very soon.
- c) Correspondence: Received a request from Shoreline Players to place an ad, 1/8 page for \$25. They have not announced their season yet. No motion to place this ad.
- d) Membership: June reports our membership at 155. We have had people become a member stating it was so “they could see all the dress rehearsals for free.” Need to put an article in the newsletter to remind members that they are expected to work in some capacity with shows.
- e) “Sleeping Beauty” report: Pat and June both reported the play was well attended. We had 638 seats sold for this show + season ticket sales = almost 74% capacity!
- f) Raffle: Deb reported we are made a profit of approximately \$8,474. Thanks to Deb for all her hard work, it certainly has paid off!
- g) Quilt Raffle: Have sold approximately \$833 in tickets, all of which will not be profit. We can't do the Tawas Band thing, they raffle off a quilt also, can understand that. Sue mentioned perhaps we could sell them at the Museum Christmas home tour.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Ticket Program Report: Judy summed it up with one word: Awesome. This isn't to say we didn't have some hurdles, but all in all it was wonderful. Of the 638 total ticket sales, 265 were done on line by our patrons. For the first time, this is just wonderful. They print out tickets or have on smart phone and all is good!
- b) Safety Cables for Stage Lights: Chris has all the supplies, just hasn't had the time to do the work. Maybe next week.
- c) Term Limits Survey: Tracee is not able to do the Survey Monkey and be able to give more than one member the opportunity to complete the survey. We will conduct the survey by snail mail, using post cards to respond on. Each member 18 and over will receive a post card with the following questions (not exact terms): 1) Are you in support of term limits? 2) Regardless of your answer to #1, how many terms should a member be allowed to serve? 3) How long would a former member have to be off before being eligible to run again. Judy offered to help Keith get this together. This is only a survey and the letter that will be enclosed with the post cards will reinforce this, it is a SURVEY only. If membership favors doing this, it would be decided at the next annual membership meeting next summer.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Concerns regarding artistic committee: Keith reported that Brenda C had received a call from one of the committee members and was confused by the direction she was

receiving. Brenda was told that she needed to meet with the committee prior to having try-outs to go over her vision of the show, along with other items. Brenda felt insulted by this and was totally unaware that this was a requirement. Tara W forwarded to Judy the Artistic Advisory Committee Guidelines, dated October 2012. However, these guidelines were never presented to the Board for approval. There were many items in this document that members of the Board questioned or disagreed with. Each Board member will take a copy of the document and make notes, etc and send to Keith prior to next month's meeting. More discussion will follow with the committee after the Board has had a chance to discuss and approve or disapprove.

- b) Lights: The lights are extremely hard to reach using the ladder we have. What can be done about this? More discussion to follow.
- c) Strobe Light: When the crew for Sleeping Beauty wanted to use the strobe light, it was discovered that it was broken. Had someone told the Board, we could have replaced and had available for the play when needed. Also, the back door dead bolt stopped working, not sure when, but again, no one reported it. Can't fix what we don't know is broken. Please remind everyone to let the Board know!

V. LAST MINUTE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) Posters for Sleeping Beauty: Penny and Bob remarked that they did not see any posters in downtown East Tawas. Both June and Nadeen had taken them to many business's. Can't ever be sure where they end up, but do note that it is important they be given to the business owners for display.
- b) Sold Out Plays: Sleeping Beauty was sold out the last Sunday and we found some members standing in the back of the theatre. This is against policy and fire marshal rules. Perhaps a reminder should be put in the next newsletter.
- c) "Men on Ice": Try outs will be November 5 and 6 at the theatre at 6:30 pm.
- d) Fabric Storage: Pam Frank and Lisa Denny have worked hard to sort out our loose material and have placed in rubber tubs. They would like to store these tubs out in the upstairs of the work shop/garage. Vickie made motion to allow, Chris seconded, passed.
- e) Bylaws Revision: Keith alerted the group that we will be looking at the bylaws over the next few months.

VI. Adjournment: 8:25 pm

VII. Next Meeting: November 26, 2013

Respectfully submitted:

Vickie J. Szatkowski