

# **Tawas Bay Players General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**August 13, 2021**

**Rushman Hall**

**I. Call to Order, Welcome and Volunteer Recognition:** President Keith Frank called the meeting to order at 6:52 PM. Board members present: Keith Frank, Pat Casey, Pam Koepke, Judy Quarters, Chris Mundy, Penny Zacharias, and Laurie Jacot. Board members absent: Stacy Perrot and Jolene Grusecki.

## **II. Reports:**

**A. Secretary's Report:** Laurie Jacot read the minutes from August 7, 2020 meeting. No changes were made. Barb Hunter made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Dennis Szatkowski. Motion carried.

**B. Treasurer's report:** Pat Casey presented the report to members and answered questions. Michal Jacot motioned to accept the report with a second by Kay Robson. Motion passed.

**C. Correspondence:** none

**D. Membership:** June Hudgins stated that 43 memberships were collected tonight. Our total for 2020-2021 was 91 members.

**E. Singer's Report:** Pat Casey stated that the Singers had a float in the Fourth of July parade. December 14, 2021 will be our annual Christmas songs and stories. She also welcomed new singer, Greg Jacot.

## **III. New Business**

### **A. 2020-2021 President's report:**

#### **1. Covid Driven Decisions**

a. Virtual meetings were held from January 2021. The Board meetings returned to in-person meetings in April 2021.

b. TBP/ High School Collaboration in 2020 and 2021: High school wanted to have their production of Virgil's Wedding at the playhouse in February 2021. It did not happen at playhouse due to recommendations from CTAM and the local Health Department. The play was held at the High School.

c. 2021 Visitor Guide Ad; The Board went with a member listing only as no season was selected...

d. There will be no season tickets or ad sales for 2021-2022.

e. Internet/ phone was put in “vacation” status to save money.

f. Founder’s award was not presented in 2020 or 2021 due to theater’s closure.

**2. Lawn Care:** A new lawn mower was purchased. Board members are taking turns mowing the lawn. Contact Laurie Jacot if you are interested in helping. Thank you to Pat Casey, Pam Koepke, Stacy Perrot and Laurie and Michal Jacot for mowing.

**3. Old Spotlights:** Two spotlights that we are no longer using were donated to the Huron Hockey Indoor Ice Arena.

**4. Work Bees:**

a. Outdoor: A clean-up of the grounds was done in the spring by Stacy Perrot and some National Honor Society Students. Thank you Stacy for organizing this work bee.

b. Indoor: Pat Casey, Laurie and Greg Jacot cleaned the office. Laurie also cleaned the refrigerator and the freezer. Thank you for volunteering.

**5. Play Submissions:**

a. **Canning Season** by local playwright, Michael Peach- This play has strong language, domestic violence and drug use as themes. Board members did not think it was appropriate for our group at this time.

b. **Panache** by Don Gordon- Mr. Gordon would like to see it done in Michigan. Anyone who would like to read it can contact the Board.

**6. Lighting upgrades:**

a. Board approved up to \$2500 to purchase and upgrade lighting system. Items purchased were \$25-\$35 each.

1. Little Giant 21’ Skyscraper ladder- \$1000

2. Two 4 channel Dimmer pack- \$150 each

3 Extension cords- six 15’, six 25’, two 50’ quality 50 amp 14 gauge cords.

4.2 bulbs for Fresnel fixtures \$16 each

5. replacement laptop battery- \$55-\$80

6. Gels to facilitate a base lighting set up- budget \$200

b. Light Bar issues: Ed Krebs explained the problem with shadowing at the front of stage due to original placement of light bar. Ed stated that it could be fixed with approximately 6 fixtures hanging 1 ½ to 2 ½ feet from the light bar. Members stated that this fix would be acceptable.

**B. Newsletter** – Michal Jacot Stated that the newsletter is bi-monthly. It is the Director’s producer’s job to get him information on their shows. He also asked membership to share about shows they have seen or other theater activities.

**C. Selection of Board members (3 positions open, 3 year terms)**

1. Incumbents: Judy Quarters, Penny Zacharias, and Pam Koepke
2. Nominations from the floor: Chris Mundy nominated Ray Skiver with a second by Pam Frank.

**D. 2021- 2022 Season**

1. no season tickets or ad sales this year
2. August 6-8, 2021 was A Perfectly Normal PowerPoint Presentation by Brady Jacot. This fundraiser brought in \$1109.90 for the players. Thank you, Brady Jacot and crew for all your hard work and generous donation of time and talent.
3. October 29-31, November 4-7 will be Messiah on the Frigidaire- Beth Borowski will be directing. Tryouts will be August 24 and 26 at the playhouse.
4. Winter show TBA
5. Spring show TBA
6. July 22-24, 28-31 I Love Lacy – Michal Jacot will be directing.
7. October 2022- TBA

**E. Play presentation meeting** – August 31 at 6:30 at the playhouse. Potential directors and shows can be submitted to the Board. We need shows for winter, spring and fall of 2022.

**F. Announcement of Board Seats:** New Board members are Penny Zacharias, Pam Koepke and Judy Quarters

**IV. Business from the Floor**

A. Keith stated a concern of our quorum numbers for our General membership meetings. He suggested a Bylaw change of the current quorum of 30% of membership. After a discussion, Barb Hunter motioned to change the quorum to 20% in the By-laws. Vicki Szatkowski seconded it. Motion Carried. The Board will rewrite the by-laws to reflect this change at the September meeting.

**V. Adjournment:** Pat Casey motioned to adjourn at 7:45 PM with a second from June Hudgins. Motion Passed.