

## Tawas Bay Players General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2022

Rushman Hall

**I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Volunteer recognition:** President Keith Frank called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. He welcomed all members and their guests to the meeting. Keith thanked all the members for their volunteer work throughout the past year. All Board members were present except for Judy Quarters.

### 11. Reports:

**A. Secretary's report:** Laurie Jacot read the minutes from the August 13, 2021 membership meeting. Michal Jacot motioned to accept the minutes as read with a second from Jolene Grusecki. Motion carried.

**B. Treasurer's Report:** Pat Casey presented the yearly reports as well as a break down by play. She pointed out that there were a lot of miscellaneous repairs around the theater this year as well as the royalties for all plays which have been paid until fall of 2023. Therefore our bottom line is lower at this time. Pam Frank motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented with a second by Anne Williams. Motion passed.

**C. Correspondence:** Stacy Perrot stated that we did not have any significant correspondence to share at this time.

**D. Membership:** Pat Casey and June Hudgins stated that we had 127 members during the 2021-2022 seasons. At the meeting we had 72 people sign up for membership for the 2022-2023 year. Thank you, June, for handling the membership cards yearly.

**E. Singers:** Pat Casey stated that the singers were in the Fourth of July parade, sang at Tawas Village, and will be doing the Christmas Songs and Stories on Dec. 13, 2022.

### II. New Business

#### A. 2021-2022 President's Report:

1. Michal Jacot was the third Tawas Bay Player to receive the Dorothy Arnett Volunteer award from CTAM.

2. The \$2500 lighting project was completed by Ed Krebs. Thanks to Ed for completing this project.

3. A new Marquee sign was installed at the theater. Thanks to Stacy Perrot for coordinating this project.

4. Theater use policy has been updated by the Board to allow non-profit groups to use our venue. The group will still need liability insurance. If they are not charging for the event, there will be no charge for the use of the theater.

5. Bathroom Ceiling repair: Roof leaked and drywall in the bathrooms was damaged. Mike Butzin repaired the roof and Mike Parnicky repaired the drywall. Laurie Jacot stripped wallpaper in ladies room. Jeff Chadwick and Ed Krebs painted both bathrooms. Thanks to all involved.

6. Director / Producer list – Michal Jacot created a list of people that are eligible to direct or produce a show. It is hanging in the kitchen at the theater.

7. Play budgets - The board agreed to increase the budget of a play from \$100 to \$500 for a production. After \$500 spent, the producer needs Board approval to spend more on the production.

8. New refrigerator - We bought a new one from Cole's Appliance. They gave us a deal of \$350 and then we were able to recycle the old one for \$50 from Consumer's Energy.

9. WKJC Advertising - The Board has approved a \$500 ad exchange and an extra \$100 purchase with WKJC. This extra purchase gets us extra ads before tryouts as well as in between the two shows.

10. CTAM Zoom meeting and May 7 workshop with Mary Jo Denolf on membership-

A. Collaboration with local groups to get new people into the theater -

1. TBP hosted *Orphan Train* presented by the WE players in August. From December – February we will be hosting WE players production of *Emma*. TBP will receive 40 % of ticket sales for *Emma* to cover building costs.

2. TBP also hosted the Friends of the East Tawas Library speaker Irene Miller (Holocaust Survivor). There were 135 people in attendance. In October, we will host the Iosco Arenac District Library's program with Peter Fletcher (Classical Guitarist).

3. TBP and WE players put together a float for the Fourth of July parade and won the Strength in Community award.

B. Volunteer Coordinator- Pam Frank volunteered to be our coordinator. She will reach out to our new volunteers. Thanks, Pam.

11. Business After Hours- The Board hosted a Business After Hours on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 '. The Singers performed in Hudgins Hall. Ray Skiver and Stacy Perrot performed a ten-minute play in the theater called Post - its. 8 people attended .

12. Scholarship fund - This fund is currently frozen at \$5000 until it starts to be used again. The scholarship fund is used to help our membership with costs of going to conferences through CTAM. Approximately \$3000 was moved from this fund to help pay general expenses.

13. 2022-2023 Ticket and membership fees - The Board increased membership dues to \$15 per adult member and \$5 for youth members under 18. Our ticket prices for our shows have increased to \$13.

14. Shining Stars - A parent Coalition for Iosco County will be presenting a show in November called the Shining Stars. They will hold the show in November at the playhouse.

15. Adjudications: Starting this year all adult shows in our regular season will be adjudicated. Teen shows will be adjudicated by director's discretion.

16. Production manual - Judy Quarters put together a production manual to help the future producers. They are in the playhouse. Thanks Judy for doing this project.

17. Google Calendar - Pam Koepke and Jolene Grusecki set up a Google Calendar for the Board of Directors to know what is happening daily in the playhouse.

**B. Ludas Ticket program** - The Board decided to switch to Ludas for our ticket sales. This program allows us to do more things and is better for our size theater. The cost will be less for us. Pam was able to purchase a new computer for \$399. People are also allowed to donate money on the site. Thanks Pam for all your work on this program.

**C. Newsletter** - Michal Jacot asked members to write articles about shows they have seen as well as information about our TBP family. Of course, directors and producers are encouraged to submit articles on the shows that are currently in production.

**D. CTAM Play writing recording** - Tara Western explained that CTAM wanted to record a reading of each submission to the playwriting contest. Members would basically do a readers theater version of each submission. Pat Casey volunteered to record them. Tara asked any interested member to let her know during the meeting. Thanks Tara and Pat for your work on this project.

**E. Election of Board Members** - There are 3 three-year term positions open.

1. Incumbent running: Keith Frank, Pat Casey, and Jolene Grusecki. Members running are Jeff Chadwick and Ed Krebs.

2. Nominations from the floor: Chris Mundy nominated Ray Skiver. Ray graciously declined the nomination.

**F. 2022 - 2023 Season-**

1. Disaster-October 14-16; 20-23 - This production will be directed by Suzan Nemeth. Suzan asked for anyone that is interested in Ass't directing to let her know. She also stated most of the casting was complete.

2. Christmas Songs and Stories- December 13, 2022 TBP Singers and Tim Haskins and Michal Jacot

3. Emma – February 17-19; 23-26, 2023- Emma is a WE Players production directed by Jeff Chadwick. It will be hosted by TBP at the playhouse.

4. Always a Bridesmaid- May5-7; 11-14. This production will be directed by Becky Archer.

5. Run For Your Wife- July21-23; 27-30, 2023. This production will be directed by Roger McElveen.

6. It's my Wedding, Dear Grandpa- October 13-15; 19-22, 2023. This production will be directed by Michal Jacot.

**G. Board Seats:** The newly elected Board members elected for a three year term are Keith Frank, Pat Casey, and Jolene Grusecki.

**H. Presentation of the Founder's Award:** For 2021- Ed Krebs and for 2022 Stacy Perrot. Thank you to both Ed and Stacy for all your service for our group.

**I. 2023 Annual Meeting Date and Location** - the Annual meeting for 2023 will be on August 11, 2023 at Rushman Hall.

#### **IV. Business from the floor**

A. We Players would like to thank TBP for hosting their production of Orphan Train. They are also excited to do their production of Emma on our stage in February. Try-outs will be in December.

B. Storage Garage Clean-up,- Tomorrow, August 13 at 10 Am will be our clean-up.

C. Needs for Disaster: Ed Krebs is looking for fog machines, strobe lights and track lights for this production.

**V. Adjournment:** Michal Jacot motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37PM with a second by Pat Casey.