

TAWAS BAY PLAYERS
AUGUST 25, 2023
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Board members present: Keith Frank, Pam Koepke, Pat Casey, Laurie Jacot, Chris Mundy, Penny Zacharias, Jolene Grusecki, Stacy Perrot

Absent: Judy Quarters

Called to order at 6:50

President, Keith Frank extended 'Thank Yous' to the many volunteers throughout the year and for the help to put on the meeting.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: Last year's minutes were read by Stacy Perrot. Ed Krebs made a motion to approve the minutes, Jolene Grusecki seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was submitted. It was pointed out how the year ended. Changing to Ludus helped tremendously because we keep all the proceeds and is able to accept donations. Karlene Falker questioned state laws regarding 50/50 drawings. There are laws we need to follow and it's an extensive process to apply to offer more than a \$99 prize. Motion to approve Treasurer's report was made by Michal Jacot, seconded by Michelle Crossley. Motion carried.

Membership: June Hudgins said 122 members. Tonight 42 members were present, 2 guests. June will contact members and remind them to renew memberships.

Singers Report: Pat Casey stated they were in the 4th of July parade. They gained three new members. Performances were scarce due to teaching new members.

OLD BUSINESS

Disaster Review: Performances made an \$11,000 profit, gained three new actors. Several donations were made during that production.

Shining Stars: Performers were five and under along with their parents. TBP made a \$76.50 profit. Will not be performing this year due to lack of parent support.

Adjudication: At the beginning of the 22-23 season, the board decided to have all adult plays adjudicated, with youth performances at the discretion of the director. After much discussion, the

board rewrote the policy to state that all plays will be at the discretion of the director.

NEW BUSINESS

President's Report

- **Scholarship Fund:** Name had been changed to Vince Weiler Education Fund
- **Shoreline Liaison:** Michal Jacot has volunteered to be the liaison between TBP and Shoreline Players.
- **Family Theater Ads:** Stacy Perrot has been working with J. D. Hock to create ads at the Tawas Family Theater. They will be used for auditions (two weeks prior) and performances (two weeks prior).
- **Theatre Advisors Project:** Sue Duncan put together a handbook/manual identifying those who are in charge of certain areas of the theatre. It is to be used as a guide for those who are willing to learn a new position.
- **Production Handbook:** Laurie Jacot and Judy Quarters updated the producers handbook. Included directions on usage of lights, AC units curtains, refreshments photo policy, etc. There will be a producers meeting on Tuesday, August 29 at 7:00 in Hudgins Hall.
- **Lighting Workshops / Inventory Project:** Ed Krebs hosted three lighting workshops this year ranging from teaching the basics to an advanced class. We have had new people step up and run the lighting program without issues since the classes were offered. The garage has been organized and thoroughly labeled, a notebook has been created listing the inventory. If special flats are required for a production, please request them, don't destroy the good flats that are in the garage.
- **2022-23 Fundraising Efforts:**
 - Received \$1105 from Giving Tuesday
 - Trivia night hosted by Jacot family brought in \$470
 - Murder Mysteries - Ali's up North - \$409, Perchville - \$1,115.45
 - In total, the Jacot family brought in \$1,524.45
 - Non-Profit Relief Fund - Judy Quarters is waiting for results, which were extended to August.
- **City Hall Meeting November 7, 2022:** Two of the three city representatives were aware of and/or been in our building. They would like to have a CIP list prepared annually. They were happy to hear that TBP is reaching out to other groups within the community. Since TBP started leasing the building, the city has paid approximately \$159,000; \$179,000 in grants; TBP has paid \$335,338.59. Keith asked the city if our lease payment would be increased like some of the other area organizations supported by the city. They said no because we maintain our facility. The city may step in to help if we have large expenses.
- **Community Hosted Events:** Iosco-Arenac Events - Guitarist Peter Fletcher, Holocaust speaker, Native American speaker, Shining Stars, WE Players.

- **WE Players Productions:** WE Players performed three plays this year on TBP stage. The performances generated a little more than \$2650 in revenue. TBP and WE have agreed to three shows this year, with WE Players paying \$1000 per show which cover ⅓ of our utility costs.
- **Consumers LED Lighting Project:** New lights cost \$624.13 which included parking lot, Hudgins Hall, hallway, stage backstage, and office.
- **Portable Sound System:** Pat Casey is working on purchasing a \$1500 portable sound system.
- **Accident Reporting form:** The forms are placed throughout the theatre. The forms are to be used if ANYONE inside the theatre has an accident. Fill it out and submit it to President.
- **Take Down/Construction Policy:** Ed Krebs suggested a policy which gives the exiting performance seven days to reset the stage before the next show comes in. This policy was accepted by the board between the spring and summer performances.
- **Newsletter - Michal Jacot:** Michal begged for submissions for our *Curtain Call* newsletter.
- **Fall Show Change: Reader's Theatre:** Due to lack of actors, the fall show *It's My Wedding, Dear Grandpa* has been changed to a Readers' Theatre production. Tara Western explained that scripts do not have to be memorized, a set doesn't need to be created, there are no defined rules to what reader's theatre is. Jolene Grusecki is the producer, directors will be Suzan Nemeth and Tara Western. TBP should be able to get credit from the publisher of the cancelled play. There will be an introductory meeting September 6th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Election of Board Members:**
 - Incumbents Chris Mundy, Stacy Perrot, and Laurie Jacot
 - Nominations from the floor - none
 - Pam Frank made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Pat Casey, motion carried.
- **Sampling of Reader's Theatre:** *Post Its* read by Chris Mundy and Stacy Perrot
- **2023-24 TBP/WE Players Season:**
 - TBP - *Reader's Theatre*, Oct. 13-15, 19-22. Jolene Grusecki - Prod, Susan Nemeth - Co-Dir, Tara Western - Co-Dir
 - WE Players - *Sherlock Holmes*, December 1-3, 8-10. Melissa Street - Director
 - TBP - Christmas Songs & Stories, December 12
 - WE Players - *The Play that Goes Wrong*, Feb. 16-18, 23-25 & Mar. 1-3. Suzan Nemeth - Director
 - TBP - *The Subject was Roses*, Apr. 26-28, May 2-5. Chris Mundy - Director
 - TBP - *Leaving Iowa*, July 12-14, 18-21. Ed Krebs - Director
 - TBP - *The 39 Steps*, Oct. 11-13, 17-20. Suzan Nemeth - Director
- **Announcement of Board Members:** Chris Mundy, Stacy Perrot, Ed Krebs
- **Presentation of "Founders Award":** Stacy Perrot presented Alan and Tina Dalton as the 2023 recipients.

- **2024 Annual Meeting Date / Location:** Friday, August 9, 2024 at Rushman Hall

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

- Janie Mundy requested that we ensure that disclaimers are written for the audience. *Run for Your Wife* seemed to have offended some of the guests that were invited to dress rehearsal
- 50/50 Raffle was won by Janie Mundy
- Floral centerpieces were donated by Precious Petals and Eu Floria. They were raffled off to our members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn was made at 8:27 by Pat Casey, seconded by Alan Dalton