

Tawas Bay Players
May 26, 2026
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Ed Krebs, Chris Mundy, Jolene Gruseki, Tracee Lentz, Pat Casey, Alan Dalton, Suzan Nemeth and Judy Quarters.
Absent: Stacy Perrot

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Krebs, at 6:38pm

Approval of the Agenda. No audience members, but Michal Jacot did drop off some books regarding theater and Ed will add them to the collection in the office.

Reports:

Secretary report: Judy made a motion to approve April's minutes, Jolene seconded. Motion passed.

Ed reviewed the email votes, gift card for Jacots and donation tickets to NMCAC.
No correspondence

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve by Jolene, seconded by Chris. Motion passed. Judy mentioned that through Ludus since January 1st, we have received \$1,505.88 in donations!

Membership remains at 88.

President's Report: Commercial dehumidifier from Eric Parrot worked great in the basement. He would still like to get with the city engineer about a way to fix our basement water issues.

Old Business:

Moonglow-wrap up - it was a great show, expenses were low and the audiences enjoyed the show, even though the numbers weren't great.

Decades of Delight - Jolene reported that Tracee is doing a great job of juggling people's schedules within the two weeks. There will be entertainment from 1920 to 2010. Tawas Art Gallery will have a display in Hudgins Hall, and there will be a silent auction for the art, with part of the proceeds going to TBP. There will be a 50/50 raffle for each night and a wine pull on 2 nights.

Dueling Pianos - Jolene had nothing new to report. Judy made a suggestion to let the American Legion have the bar proceeds and just keep their bar open. It would cost \$300-\$500 for the liquor liability for the 2 nights, plus the supplies have to be purchased from a distributor. Chris will talk with the Legion.

Synergy meeting - Judy reported it went well and Betsy had a lot of good items to consider. She suggested forming a transition group and suggested 5 people who have open minds, and not one sided in their ideas of becoming partners. She said it was important to try to set a timeline to have a transition team by June and hopefully the agreement by August so that both groups can move forward with planning the future shows. Suzan made a motion to form a creative transition team to move forward with WE Players becoming an Arm of TBP, Chris seconded - motion passed. Keith Frank has volunteered to be on the Team, also Judy as the treasurer. Hannah Towne as WE treasurer, Melissa Street and Jeff Chadwick. The teams will report back to their boards as they proceed.

Scott Taylor -Pianist - nothing new to report, Judy will put on Facebook.

2026-2027 Season: Royalties have been purchased for the spring and summer show of 2027, there are no royalties for the 2026 fall show and *Mamma Mia* is still "pending".

Capital Campaign - it was discussed that we need to have someone lead who doesn't have 3 or 4 other jobs, and is an expert in the field. Shelly Buresh did a fine job back in 2000, but is just too busy now. Jolene will reach out to her to see if she has anyone who could fill those shoes. Ed will check with Betsy Willis to see if she would like to lead that charge for us.

New Business:

Annual Meeting is August 21, 2026. We need to start thinking about the plans for this. Potluck seemed to work last year, Jolene has a raffle planned. More to come.

Real Show Budgeting - this is something we have talked about before, but it really is an important piece of information as we move forward and to give new directors and producers an idea of the "usual" expenses.

Last Minute:

Judy suggested we hire a "House Mum" - which is what June Hudgins did 20 years ago. Just clean the theater on a monthly basis to keep up with the bathrooms, garbage, floors, etc.

Natalie Appler was contacted and is willing to do it for \$30 an hour. She is cleaning for WE before the 33 Little Pigs and will let Suzan know how long it took her. Also, Judy suggested we possibly get a Handy Man for our small items, as we can not do everything ourselves. As Ed suggested, it would only be to be an item discussed among the board, not just members calling him.

Jolene made a motion for Judy to purchase a new vacuum for up to \$200, Tracee seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: June 23, 2026