

The Shuswap Theatre Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tues, Sept 25, 2007

Present: Tracy Stacer, Julia Body, Marion Huysmans, Ellen Gonella, Hilary Wahlstrom, Mark Levey, Peter Blacklock, Evelyn Birch and Denise Reimer.

Outgoing Vice President and Chair, Evelyn Birch called meeting to order and asked for volunteers for the 4 positions.

- Marion agreed to continue as Treasurer.
- Ellen Gonella volunteered to be Secretary.

There was discussion as to the society's constitution and whether there was a limit to the number of years one person could hold a position. Although it has been the common practice to hold the same position for no more than 2 years there is no regulation within the constitution/bylaws of STS to restrict this.

- As all other board members declined the position Tracy agreed to be President but noted that she supported the practice of passing the reins after a reasonable length of time.
- Julia Body agreed to be Vice President.

All members supported those standings.

Artistic Committee: Hilary and Peter expressed interest in being involved along with the Artistic Committee for the 2008/09 season. The current committee members are Gayle Heinrich, James Bowlby and Julia Body. Julia stated she'd be willing to continue on committee if having an odd number was a better, but is willing to step down too. Committee will remain in its current state until further discussion at next meeting.

Gayle, as a current Committee member, was asked to voice her opinion on number of members on committee and expressed concern that 5 was potentially too many, that the Board had enough to deal with and that a certain level of autonomy from the Board might be good for the Committee, though inclusion of Board members wasn't necessarily a bad thing. She was later asked about how the Committee actually receives input from the Members and community at large and how it is broken down. Gayle explained that the present Artistic Committee is open to submissions of plays, requests to direct/workshop ideas and that the Committee's job is to take all of those submissions and work them into the season, including any workshops, which they present to the Board to approve. During the season they are to support and oversee those projects.

Concern was expressed by many parties that Members are uninformed as to how to approach the Theatre as a whole and more specifically the Artistic Committee and Board with their ideas/projects/questions/etc... This led to the offer by Julia to put together an informational write-up for the newsletter detailing to members how to approach the Artistic Committee, the Board, the perks and openings available to Members including directing, backstage, and onstage opportunities (including costume rentals). In tandem with this, Julia and Tracy volunteered to co-produce a press release for the newspapers.

The Board will readdress the issues of Member involvement/opportunities/education, and the role of the Board and the Committees in future meetings.

Future Meetings: will continue to be the 3rd Tues of every month unless otherwise scheduled and are open to all members. Please see the Prompter or website for calendar. Kim MacMillan has been asked to come to the Oct 16th meeting, however, as it will be the first full meeting of the new board, it was requested by Peter and generally agreed, that Tracy will try to reschedule Kim for a future date that he will be the focus of. Date TBA

Changing of signatories for bank accounts:

MSC Denise Reimer/Julia Body

The signing authority for the Shuswap Theatre Society's Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union General Account #154989 and the Gaming Account #1222900 will be changed from 2006/07 signatories Tracy Stacer (President), Marion Huysmans (Treasurer) and Arthur Channer (Secretary), to 2007/08 signatories Tracy Stacer (President), Marion Huysmans (Treasurer) and Ellen Gonella (Secretary).

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The signing authority for the Shuswap Theatre Society's Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union Production Account #10-0933994 will be changed from 2006/07 signatories Tracy Stacer (President), Tom Birch (Production Treasurer) and Arthur Channer (Secretary), to 2007/08 signatories Tracy Stacer (President), Marion Huysmans (Treasurer) and Ellen Gonella (Secretary).

MSC Mark/Evelyn that the minutes from the last meeting be adopted as presented. Julia offered to do min for next meeting as Ellen is away.

Theatre/School co-pro possibility: Peter put forward idea of a co-pro with the school board, to cast the leads from middle / high school kids in a kid-focused script (of which he has a few), rehearse them (in the theatre?) then take that core group to an elementary school that is lacking a drama program and cast and crew the rest of the show with kids from that elementary school and do the production in that elementary school – a kind of theatre (musical theatre?) intensive program that would be for school credits. Julia volunteered to research and make contacts with the school board and confer with Peter before the next meeting. They will make a report next meeting on where they're at and what the Theatre's involvement might be.

Email addresses linked to the Theatre can be created for Board members if they are interested – see Tracy

M/C Tracy to adjourn