

## SHUSWAP THEATRE

### Minutes for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Joyce Henderson.

The meeting started in the Green Room where Lois Higgins gave a brief history of Shuswap Theatre. Shuswap Theatre originally used a vacant hall in Tappen, which they were outgrowing when they heard about the old auto body shop coming on sale. The people, the City and the businesses of Salmon Arm came together to purchase and renovate the building Shuswap Theatre calls home today. She mentioned how hard everyone worked, that Newnes Machine donated the new steel beam for the load bearing wall and installed it and that the Salmar Theatre twice donated its used seats. Lois emphasized that without volunteers and the generosity of the City and its merchants none of it could have happened. Part of the funding was in the form of an interest free mortgage provided by the city and which was paid this past year. Everyone was called outside to watch Jean Angers explode the mortgage papers! Thanks Jean!

Joyce invited everyone to reconvene in the theatre to continue the meeting.

Patrick Benson reported there were 25 members in good standing present.

It was noted by Joyce Henderson that the agenda had been amended.

The President's Annual Report was presented. The members were advised that all the reports presented during the meeting were available on the website.

Kim MacMillan presented a special report from the board, in point form and projected onto a screen. Board members were invited to the stage in order to answer questions from the members.

Randy Brogden reported on the use of the budget allocated to the scene shop saying that a circular saw, a jig saw and some small tools had been purchased and that he is using the funds judiciously. He mentioned that with the capacity to store set pieces in the Big Steel Box it is easier for him to reuse flats and save money.

Joyce Henderson gave a summary of *Sansei: The Storyteller*, a show that will be presented by Mark Ikeda on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sherry Bowlby commented on the "Pay What You Can" nights, saying that the amount received per person has been greater than it would have been under the old half price night, and it offers an opportunity to people who have never attended live theatre before.

Marcus Smith reported on the improvements to sound equipment making our theatre more attractive to renters. He also spoke about the need for more sound technicians.

Lois Archer-Duell asked what we were doing to attract new directors. Julia Body replied saying that there had been a directors workshop but that the job of the Artistic Committee was onerous

and the committee was needing a couple more people to share the duties. The practice of having new directors present One Act plays has not resulted in more directors of full length plays.

Aidan Sparks questioned the Artistic Committee's workload and suggested a division of duties.

Cilla Budda asked if there were plans of installing a new stage floor. It is under consideration.

Sherry Bowlby presented a brief financial report and proposed budget.

**Motion:** That the financial report and proposed budget be accepted. Randy/Cilla. Carried.

Patrick Benson reported that membership has increased in all age categories.

Kim MacMillan reported on volunteer development saying there is an increase in people resources.

Nedine Scott reported on Laughing Gas, the Improv group saying there is a workshop with Mark Akeda on Saturday, October 1 at the theatre.

There was no verbal publicity report.

**Motion** to accept the 2015/2016 reports made by Judith Skelhorne/Patrick Benson Carried.

Julia Body conducted the election of the Board for 2016/2017. Hamilton McClymont was nominated before the nomination deadline on September 20, 2016. Our bylaws do not permit nominations from the floor. Althea Mongerson and John Coulson did not stand for re-election.

**Motion:** that the following members be declared elected to the Board by acclamation. John Henderson/Julia Body Carried. Joyce Henderson, Kathy Moore, Bea Kirkwood-Hackett, Sherry Bowlby, Glenda Marchand, Kim MacMillan, Hamilton McClymont, Marcus Smith make up the 2016/2017 Board of Directors, they will be elected to their positions at the October 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Joyce Henderson thanked Christine Nash for the tremendous job she did raising \$5,500 through RBC work parties and grants. Two season passes will be given to Christine in gratitude.

**Motion:** A vote of appreciation to Althea Mongerson and John Coulson for their service over the past few years. Kim MacMillan/Aiden Sparks. Carried

The meeting was adjourned by Cilla Budda at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Bea Kirkwood-Hackett

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Joyce Henderson