

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Shuswap Theatre Society

Shuswap Theatre, 41 Hudson Ave. NW, Salmon Arm, BC
September 24, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Copies of the 2012/2013 Annual Report were distributed at the door to all members.

Chairperson Monica Kriese welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

53 voting members were present (list attached to official minutes).

Agenda:

Motion: Joyce Henderson/Teresa McKerral – That the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

Minutes:

Motion: Kim MacMillan/Erin Leek – That the minutes of the September 25, 2012 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented. **Carried.**

President's Report:

Monica Kriese referred briefly to her report printed in the Annual Report highlighting the highs and lows experienced in the 2012/2013 season and thanking the outgoing board members for their dedication and efforts toward the growth of the theatre during the past year.

Financial Report:

In her report Treasurer/Accountant Sue Simmonds stated that revenue for the year came mostly from grants, that ticket sales were lower than anticipated, that the Investor Savings Account was looking good and that expenditures had been kept within range of what was expected.

In Sue's absence Monica explained the details of the line of credit, the mortgage to the City and the student grant for Kenthen Thomas. Kim MacMillan then voiced thanks to Sue for her excellent work as treasurer.

Motion: Cilla Budda/Julia Body – That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

Monica then outlined the proposed budget, answering questions put forth by attending members.

Motion: Teresa McKerral/Shannon Hecker – That the proposed budget for 2013/2014 be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

Annual Reports of Committees:

Artistic Committee – Julia Body – a question was raised about why ticket prices had not been increased this year. Short discussion.

Memberships: - Patrick Benson – no questions.

Building/Rentals/Costumes/O-Zone – Cilla Budda - in report.
Volunteer Development – Kim MacMillan. - plea for someone to work with him.
Glenda Marchand volunteered.

Publicity – Monica Kriese – no questions.

Improv – Julia Body – no questions.

Prompter – Susan MacMillan – when asked, it was determined that most read the paper on-line.

Scene Shop/Construction – Randy Brogden – no additional information/questions.

Building/Lighting/Sound – Jake Jacobson – no questions.

Building Committee – Jake Jacobson – outlines report, special meeting, member feedback (in report and in progress).

Motion: Kim MacMillan/Jim Sipes – That we adopt all written committee reports.**Carried.**

Proposed Increase in Size of Board:

James Bowlby asked that the word “Special” be removed from the following motion as it was presented. All agreed and the motion reads:

Motion: Kim MacMillan/Teresa McKarrel – WHEREAS the ongoing life of theatre and arts groups is growing more complex, and WHEREAS the complexity of Board work is increasing, and WHEREAS our Board members (directors) are expected to take on additional responsibilities apart from simply attending meetings, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Shuswap Theatre society increase the maximum number of director positions (i.e. Board members) from nine to 10 effective at the 2013 Annual General Meeting. **Carried.**

Election of Board:

Returning Officer: Kaylene Bourque and Scrutineer Susan MacMillan.

Nominees: Julia Body; Peter Budda; John Coulson; Shannon Hecker; Joyce Henderson; Monica Kriese; Kim MacMillan; Glenda Marchand; Althea Mongerson; Judith Skelhorne; Marcus Smith; Sherry Bowlby and Diana Wright (from the floor).

Special Speaker:

Monica introduced Michelle Ambrose of Michelle Ambrose Consulting whose theme was “Shaping the Future of Your Theatre”; a continuation of the member focus groups and feedback gathered in the previous months. Michelle spoke briefly her business and the exercise she wished to introduce this evening, inviting everyone present to take part. Small groups were then formed to answer two questions to do with the theatre, namely:

- 1.) *In order to achieve our vision, what is the Shuswap Theatre currently doing well and should KEEP doing?*
- 2.) *In order to achieve our vision, what should the Shuswap Theatre START doing?*

Participants were asked to keep in mind that Shuswap Theatre's vision is... *“To enrich the lives of community and theatre members through diverse and inspiring live entertainment.”* These questions initiated much lively discussion and produced a lengthy and diverse list of feedback for Michelle and the Board to summarize. The detailed findings will be made available on Shuswap Theatre's website for reading or downloading.

Election Results:

The new board for 2013/2014 will include: Julia Body; Sherry Bowlby; John Coulson; Shannon Hecker; Joyce Henderson; Kim MacMillan; Glenda Marchand; Althea Mongerson; Judith Skelhorne; Marcus Smith.

Motion: Evelyn Birch/ Tom Birch – That the ballots for this election be destroyed.
Carried.

Monica then thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.
Refreshments were available in the lobby for those who wished to stay and chat.

Judith Skelhorne, Acting Secretary

Monica Kriese, Chairperson