

Shuswap Theatre Board Minutes – August 17, 2020

Present: Nedine (in chair), Joyce, Sherry, Kim, Ann, Julia

Nedine called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm

Agenda was adopted

Moved Sherry/Joyce, acceptance of the Minutes of the Aug 5 special meeting by Zoom. Carried. The minutes for July 15th did not seem to be available.

Finance Report – Sherry

- Holding our own. So far income exceeds expenses.

Gaming Grants: Agreed to add this to our March agenda to apply for a gaming cultural grant for operations.

Action Item: thank you to Doug and Iwona for their efforts to make the building project for the front of our building happen. Joyce to contact.

SASCU Grants for \$500 to 10,000: We will attempt to develop an appropriate project for this grant. The application is due in November.

Action: Ann, in consultation with Julia and the AC, will explore the possibilities of sharing our art using audio and video and what funding sources we can tap to make this happen. The goal is to be less ad hoc and more ready to meet funding deadlines than we have been of late.

House Tech Director Report - Ann

Ann will likely move on purchasing the used syc lights as previously authorized. Will likely need only four of the 7 available units. There may be opportunities coming up to get better main speakers to replace the current ones.

Unused Ducting over the Stage: There has been a plan for some time to remove the unused furnace ductwork over the stage. There is some question whether Steve Genn of Proair will want to reroute any duct work as part of future HVAC improvement plans.

Action: Peter to talk to Steve Genn re: if he plans ducting changes in the house, with reference to the ducts over the stage. If not we can proceed with removing the unused ducting.

Theatre on the Edge: Our final grant report to BC Arts is coming due. Ann will work with Sherry to complete and submit.

Artistic Committee Report: Julia reported on the proposed plan for our upcoming season.

August	Walk-ABout Theatre, Aug 28-29
September	<i>Outside Mullingar</i> play reading for online streaming
October	Radio Play in the <i>film noir</i> tradition, live audience and recorded for broadcast Halloween Readers Theatre for teens
November	Theatre Trivia Night Nov 20 for members only - online only
December	Drive By Theatre (on flatbed truck), people or businesses book us to come to them. Carolling.
February	<i>Love Letters</i> with live audience and video recording for streaming
April	Radio Play with western theme. Apr 29-May1
June	Five Minute Play Festival - possibly outdoors

Motion: Sherry/Joyce approval of the plan for the season. Carried.

Sponsorships. Joyce will send out a list of sponsors for the past three years and people can suggest additions. Then Joyce will send out a general invitation to these potential sponsors to sponsor any of the season events at any of the three usual levels. Agreed.

Walkabout Theatre –Julia

Things progressing. We're hoping for more performers to come forward. Discussion of whether and how to use musicians.

Conversation re: Wendy Shellard : Julia, Nedine, Kim other AC members to set up conversation with Wendy with regard to her screenplay “The Last Trickster” and how we can begin to reflect the work of reconciliation more in our programming.

Costume Reorganization: Cilla and Donna have been hard at work at this massive task., making gradual progress.

AGM Planning

Date set for September 22nd at 7:00 pm by Zoom.

Action: Tracy to submit last year’s AGM bylaw changes to BC Government.

Action: Joyce will call Pauline and Susan to invite to be nominating committee, and will suggest some names to them.

Request from Downtown Salmon Arm to use our building for a socially distanced Meet Santa time. Dec 5th during the day. Agreed at no rental fee.

Outdoor cleanup this Saturday. **Nedine** to send out info.

COVID Policy planning. Agreed to have this as a standing item on agenda for the next while. Joyce, Pauline and Julia will develop a written COVID policy for inside events.3

Adjourned 7:16.



Chair

Acting Secretary