



ST. LUKE'S PLAYERS

COMMUNITY THEATRE SINCE 1948!

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on 16th July 2023

The AGM was held at the home of the Vice President, Janine Longy. A quorum was established.

Copies of the Agenda, the President's Report, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements, and the 2023-2024 Nomination Committee Report were sent to members before the meeting and a limited number of copies were available at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President, Bronwyn Taylor, at **3:45 p.m.**

Approval of the Agenda:

It was moved by Mitch Barnes and seconded by Colleen Letourneau "To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a message from Jon Scheer." Carried

Approval of the 2022 AGM minutes:

It was moved by Elaine Lewis and seconded by Deb Taylor "To approve the minutes of the 2022 AGM". Carried

President's Report:

The President's Report had been circulated before the meeting. Bronwyn summarized the report.

This year we will bid adieu to Janine Longy & Mitch Barnes, with thanks for their combined years of service to the Executive. I'm sure we will see them both, on stage & off, in various capacities in the years to come. Carmen Morgan is also leaving, with thanks for her contribution to the Play Selection Committee this past year. It is a big job.

Though not on the Exec, we are also saying good-bye to Jon Scheer who's moving back to Colorado. He has been a long-time supporter as an actor, director, stage manager & generous donor. Best of luck to you and Teva--we'll miss you!

The number of Season Ticket subscribers is increasing, approaching pre-covid numbers.

We sponsored various activities during the year including a Readers Theatre, Panto Table Read and an Acting Class Workshop series in addition to our regular productions and supported the church at its bazaars and yard sale.

SLPCT donates Season Tickets to fundraisers and individual tickets to other non-profit requests for donations as we did this year, and to our quiz or survey respondents.

Our participation in the Oak Bay Tea Party Parade brought in an additional \$250.

We won Silver in the Best of Victoria *Best Arts Company or Organization, Theatre Group*. Thank you to everyone who voted for us!

Alternate Venue/s: Mitch Barnes did a good deal of research on this, as per the request made at last year's AGM. Berwick Royal Oak tops the list so far but with many unknowns—Details are in my written report.



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As always, we are looking for people with or without experience to become members of the crews that make our shows possible. Go to the 'Get Involved' tab on the website and scroll down to the Production Guide to access your area/s of interest. We have mentors available to help familiarize newcomers with every position, and I would be happy to meet with anyone interested in exploring or taking on a responsibility.

At last year's AGM I announced I would not seek re-election, so I want to thank all of you for your support over the 2 3-year terms I have served as your president: dedicated crew who volunteer show after show, year after year; actors who turn out to auditions when they think there might be a part for them; more casual volunteers who repeatedly offer their time to Concession/FoH; members & Season Ticket Holders who renew annually to support us, and any others I may have unintentionally overlooked. This is what 'Community Theatre' is all about. Thank you so very much!!!

The President's Report was accepted as distributed.

Message from Jon Scheer:

Jon Scheer is leaving for Colorado in mid-August. He started working with St Luke's Players in 2007 playing Dandini in the Christmas panto. Over the years he has directed numerous plays, built sets, and helped in many other capacities. Jon said goodbye and presented a donation for St Luke's Players. Members spontaneously sang a few bars of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements were distributed prior to the meeting. The statements are to the end of June 2023 which is our usual year end.

The Financial Year ended with a Bank Balance of \$52,083.36. This is after allowing for the donation to St Luke's church of \$31,400.

Overall, it was a financially successful season. Although season tickets sales were down by about 10% compared to the last full season of 2018-2019 overall ticket revenues were up by about 17% partly due to an increase in ticket prices, and because our backstage team did great work in holding costs down to pre-Covid levels.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as distributed.

John Crickman was nominated to audit the Financial Statements for the 2022-2023 season.

Election of Officers for the 2023-2024 season:

The election was presided over by Bronwyn Taylor as she was not seeking reelection. The scrutineers were Daniel Fournier and Rob Rix.

Candidate for President: Heather Lee

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There being none, Heather Lee was declared President.



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Candidate for Vice President:

Malcolm Harvey
Beverly van Druten-Blais

There was a call for nominations from the floor. Malcolm Harvey gave a nominating speech. Beverly was not at the meeting, so Bronwyn Taylor said a few words on her behalf. Members voted for the office of Vice President. After the votes were tabulated, Malcolm Harvey was declared Vice President.

Candidate for Secretary:

Susan Nicholl

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There being none, Susan Nicholl was declared acclaimed as Secretary.

Candidate for Treasurer:

Mike Chadwick

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There being none, Mike Chadwick was declared acclaimed as Treasurer.

Candidates for Members at Large (five positions):

Unfortunately, there were only four candidates for Member at Large so a vote was not necessary. The following members are Members and Large for the 2023-2024 Season:

Sheila McKenzie
De Roger
Ron Rubin
Beverley van Druten-Blais.

Note: After the meeting, Geoff Davidson volunteered to be the fifth Member at Large.

It was moved by John Sease and seconded by Jonathon Stoppi, "To destroy the ballots".

Any Other Business:

A question was asked about the headsets referred to in the Treasurer's Report. The treasurer confirmed that new wired headsets have been purchased.

It was suggested that we purchase Qlab. It was explained that sound designers can request that Qlab software be leased for the duration of a show if the required features are not available in the free version. Members were reminded not to congregate in the church kitchen.

Announcements:

Games in the Park will be held at Willows Beach on 29th July 2023.

St Luke's Players will start the season with a Variety Show on 9th September 2023.

Adjournment:

It was moved by **Mitch Barnes**, "To adjourn the meeting." Carried.

The meeting adjourned at **4:21 p.m.** and was followed by a BBQ.