

Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting held on 28th November 2020

The AGM was held at via Zoom on the 28 November 2020. A quorum was established (28 people attended (27 members and 1 nonmember).

Printed copies of the Agenda, Minutes of the 2019 AGM, the President's Report, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements, and the 2020-2021 Nomination Committee Report were available at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President, Michael King, at 3:07 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

It was moved by Dave Hitchcock and seconded by Merry Hallsor "To approve the Agenda as presented". Carried

Approval of the 2019 AGM minutes:

It was moved by Bronwyn Taylor and seconded by Mitch Barnes "To approve the minutes of the 2019 AGM". Carried

President's Report:

The President's Report had been circulated before the meeting. Michael summarized the report. The year started off very well with two highly successful productions, "Play On" in October and "Treasure Island" at Christmas. The March show would also have been a successful run but, unfortunately, had to close after the first week because of Covid-19.

Ongoing projects such as the new sound and lighting booth were put on hold but, hopefully will be resurrected once the pandemic is over.

In the summer, some members and guests met for Theatre Games in the Park, panto read throughs and, once the weather got colder, a monthly, socially distanced get together in the hall.

Unfortunately, because of the abridged season, our donation to the church was reduced but the Rector of St Luke's Church, Daniel Fournier, was very pleased to receive a cheque for \$13,000 in appreciation for generously sharing the church facilities and resources with St Luke's Players.

The President thanked the members of the executive for their efforts and wished the new executive his best wishes.

The President's Report was accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements were distributed prior to the meeting. The



statements are to the end of June 2020 which is our usual year end.

To summarize: at the end of the year after paying a donation of \$13,000 to St. Luke's Church, the Players had \$39,054.94 in the bank. As a result of the pandemic and cancelled shows, total revenue was down by \$15,000; however, expenses were only down by \$5,000.

During the 2019-2020 season, we replaced the chairs in the hall at a cost of \$5,317 and the old chairs were donated to a children's summer camp. Other significant purchases included 2 more LED lights for backlighting (\$652), a TV for Lobby advertising (\$287), a new display board (\$587), and a hard drive for storing electronic archives (\$191).

A member asked if we received a rebate for the royalties for cancelled productions. We did not get money back but may be able to stage the May production, "The Unexpected Guest", at a later date without having to pay additional royalties.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as distributed.

Election of Officers for the 2019-2020 season:

The election was presided over by Michael King who was not running for office.

Candidate for President:

Bronwyn Taylor

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There being none, Bronwyn Taylor was declared acclaimed as President.

Candidate for Vice President:

Janine Longy

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There being none, Janine Longy was declared acclaimed as 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):



Those running are:

Beverly van Druten-Blais Colleen Davis Gloria Mossman Heather Lee Mitch Barnes Simon Skey

There was a call for nominations from the floor. Jonathan Stoppi was nominated.

The intricacies of confidential voting using the Zoom chat function was described and members voted for up to five candidates for the office of Members at Large. Nonmember Michael King was the scrutineer. During the voting candidate Gloria Mossman offered to step down but, as some people had already cast their vote, it was decided it was too late to remove her from the ballot. After the votes were tabulated, the following candidates were declared the Members at Large for the 2020-2021 season:

Beverly van Druten-Blais Colleen Davis Heather Lee Mitch Barnes Jonathan Stoppi

Any Other Business:

Mike Chadwick nominated John Crickman to audit the Financial Statements for the 2019-2020 season.

It was moved by Mike Chadwick and seconded by Sheila McKenzie "To accept John Crickman as Auditor for 2019-2020". Carried

Announcements:

Michael King was thanked for all his hard work during the past season while he was president.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Bronwyn Taylor and seconded by Mike Chadwick "To adjourn the meeting". Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.