

**The Gilbert and Sullivan Very Light Opera Company
Annual Company Meeting**

June 8, 2014

In Attendance: Stephen Hage, Richard Rames, Shawn Holt, Holly Windle, Barb Hovey, Malka Key, Mary Gregory, Jack Kravick, Wally Benbenek, Mary Mescher-Benbenek, Rhea Sullivan, Brianna Sullivan, Jacob Wellington, Jo Pasternack, Eric Pasternack, Holly MacDonald, John Orbison, Jim Brooks, Aaron Rolloff, Charlotte Morrison, Trina Morrison

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Stephen Hage opened with a welcome to everyone.

Treasurer's Report: Malka Key provided documentation of this year's income and expenses, pointing out the unusual expenses that occurred this year. Discussion was held as to looking into why it takes so long to get our videos and problems with some of them. Richard Rames was going to look into this issue.

Publicity Report: Summer Concert - *The Pirates of Penzance*. Wally Benbenek reported that the summer show has been cast. There are approximately six per chorus part. Wally will check the numbers. The concerts are scheduled for Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 5:30 pm.

Dates for *H.M.S. Pinafore*: Stephen Hage reported that auditions are scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2014 and Monday, November 10, 2014. Rehearsals for Pinafore begin on Monday, January 12, 2015 (8 week rehearsal schedule) from 7:30 to 10:00 pm. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday rehearsals are from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Schedule at Howard Conn: Load-in to theater on Sunday, February 22, 2015 or Monday, February 23, 2015. Sitzprobe on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Performance schedule:

Thursday, March 5 (Preview) at 7:30 pm.
Friday, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7:30 pm.
Saturday, March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7:30 pm.
Saturday matinees: March 14, and 21 at 2:00 pm.
Sunday, March 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 2:00 pm.

Election of the Board for 2014-2015 Season:

Positions:

Producer
Secretary
Treasurer
Publicity
Labour Pool Coordinator
Orchestra Representative
Female Chorus Representative
Male Chorus Representative

Declared Candidates:

Stephen Hage
Shawn Holt
Malka Key
Waldyn Benbenek
Eric Pasternack
Barb Hovey
Mary Gregory
John Orbison

A vote was taken for the election of the slate of candidates and all were re-elected for the 2014-2015 season.

Wally Benbenek brought up the concern about members of the company and / or members of the board regarding the longevity of the troupe. Malka Key brought up the possibility of doing a Fall show / event in order to draw more members. A decision was made to hold a short meeting at the end of this board meeting.

Selection of the 2016 show: Stephen Hage

A vote was taken on *Iolanthe* for the 2016 show and the motion was passed.

Announcements by members:

Eric Pasternack presented two lost and found items - a pair of glasses and a power cord.

Jacob Wellington is in *The Comedy of Errors* with Cromulent Shakespeare performed in various parks throughout the month of June in Minneapolis. He also announced that he is engaged to his long time girlfriend.

Lara Trujillo is in Mu Performing Arts' production of *A Little Night Music* as Madame Armfeldt.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Holt