

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

June 12, 2017

In attendance: Stephen Hage, Mary Mescher Benbenek, Wally Benbenek, Malka Key, Holly Windle, Richard Rames, Barb Hovey, Rhea Sullivan, Briana Sullivan, John Orbison, Holly MacDonald, Charlotte Morrison, Tom Berg, Maureen Berg, Eric Pasternack, Jo Pasternack, Shawn Holt

The meeting began at 6:30 pm.

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with Stephen Hage welcoming everyone to the proceedings.

John Orbison presented the Treasurer's Report for *The Gondoliers*, showing that the company broke even this year. Holly MacDonald moved that the budget be accepted and Stephen Hage seconded and the company approved the budget.

Wally Benbenek presented the report for the Company Survey. There were 41 responses. Generally, most people loved being in the show, but there were mixed reviews as to the Thursday performance. Some liked it, some did not. There was discussion about the reviews of the Stage Director's lack of positivity toward the actors, with the new comers being the most vocal here. A discussion was had as to appointing a chorus rep for *Orpheus* to handle any questions and concerns of this matter.

The Pirates of Penzance Lake Harriet show has a full chorus with lots of sopranos and 8 tenors. Rehearsals begin on Monday, June 19 and the performances are Saturday, July 15th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, July 16th at 5:30 pm.

Auditions for *Orpheus in the Underworld* drew 95 people. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 5th. Performances will run from Thursday, October 26th through Sunday, November 19th.

Auditions for *Princess Ida* will need to be determined for sometime this fall, probably during the run of *Orpheus*. Rehearsals will begin Monday, January 15th and the performances will run from Thursday, March 1st to Sunday, March 25th.

The election of the board was introduced by Shawn Holt.

Producer:	Stephen Hage
Secretary:	Shawn Holt
Treasurer:	John Orbison
Publicity:	Waldyn Benbenek
Labour Pool Coordinator:	Malka Key
Orchestra Rep:	Barb Hovey
Female Chorus Rep:	Mary Gregory

Male Chorus Rep:

Alex Gerchak

The positions for the 2017-2018 season were approved with a motion from Eric Pasternack, and a second from Mary Mescher Benbenek.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wally Benbenek and seconded by Stephen Hage. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Holt