

**GSVLOC  
Draft Minutes  
Annual Meeting**

**September 13, 2010**

Present: Waldyn Benbenek, L. Peter Erickson, Stephen Hage, Barb Hovey, Eric Pasternack, Rhea Sullivan

**MTN Update**

Stephen reported that *The Sorcerer* DVDs and the "old" *Iolanthe* DVDs have been completed. Art will make copies. We hope they will be ready in a month.

**Pirates Staffing Update**

Stephen interviewed a potential costumer, Tom Lydeen, who has worked for Rochester Civic Theater, Bloomington Civic Theater and Chanhassen. Lesley Hendrickson will talk to him.

Deb Clapp asked for orchestra members who would be interested in replacing her as the Orchestra Manager. Annemarie McIntire is interested. She played in the last show. Marina will talk to her. The position has a \$500 stipend.

**Production Meeting**

Stephen reported that the first production meeting for *The Pirates of Penzance* was held on August 3. The show will be set in 1910 with a standard seaside setting for Act I and the ruined chapel for Act II. Lesley would like niches for the pirates to hide in to pretend to be statues. Larry will coordinate with Jackie Knight. Lesley won't be cutting much, except some "lame jokes." She will add the original finale. The next meeting will be in October.

**Poster Update**

Stephen recently spoke to the designer. He hopes to have something so show us in a couple of weeks. We would like the finished poster by auditions, if possible.

Eric suggested we consider a business card as an alternative for show publicity this year instead of the bookmark format we used last year. Stephen said that he prefers a postcard. It would be good to have a general company business card.

We discussed the need for a new logo. Give MN/Razoo requires a square logo for their donation widget. Wally thinks he can put something together. Wally will add the Razoo donation widget to the website.

**Audition Preparations**

Auditions are in mid-November. Wally has been working on the sign-up form for the new website. The Board feels that the audition notices should go out 3 weeks prior to auditions on October 24. This will include a general e-mail, posting on Minnesota Playlist (we will refresh the post each week) and Callboard. The *Star Tribune* ad will go in a week before. Wally will prepare all of the PR materials.

## **Website Issues**

We discussed scanning past show posters. Wally said that he should have pdfs of Princess Ida and The Gondoliers. Stephen will try scanning posters at Kinkos. We also will need to scan photos. We don't have digital photos prior to *Iolanthe* 2004. We are especially looking for *The Grand Duke* 2003, *Patience* 2002 and *H.M.S. Pinafore* 2001. Wally, Peter and Eric are willing to scan photos. Photos should be sized to 600 x 400 pixels for horizontal format photos and 400 x 600 for vertical format photos.

The Board was in favor of adding a "Dues Status" page to the Company Members area of the website. The page would have a list of Company Members and their dues renewal date. It should also include a reminder that dues are only \$5/year. Rhea will also add the 2010 Board minutes.

We discussed the reason for having a second password to access the Company rosters. This encrypts the rosters so that bots cannot pick up information off the list. The current password is "teapot."

We also discussed whether we want a username and password to enter the site. We only used to have a password. Username is currently "CompanyMembers" or "Member." The password is "Dean."

## ***Thespis***

We are hoping to schedule a viewing of the *Thespis* DVD on Sunday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Holly and Richard's house. We will watch the DVD. If we like it enough to pursue producing it, we will schedule another date to listen to Jim Brooks's *Thespis* CD.

## **Subcommittees**

Wally suggested having more subcommittees of the Board, like the Publicity Committee, to get more people involved.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

The next meeting will be **Monday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Rhea Sullivan's home, 4037 Beard Ave. S.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Sullivan  
GSVLOC Secretary