

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

May 15, 2011

In Attendance: Jim Ahrens, Waldyn Benbenek, Stephen Hage, Shawn Holt, Barb Hovey, Malka Key, Jack Kravik, Holly MacDonald, John Orbison, Richard Rames, Rhea Sullivan, Brianna Sullivan, Holly Windle

Pirates Surveys – Waldyn reported that there were 14 surveys returned. They were mostly positive. The orchestra liked working with Marina. There was a concern about ASMs “shushing” people in the hallways. It might make sense to move the green room down the hall to keep the sound level down. Opinions vary about whether the orchestra members want to be seen. Someone commented that they like it when cast members come to listen to them. Some are lukewarm about the idea of having the orchestra on camera. One suggestion to make the audience aware of the orchestra is to have the orchestra tune before the show. Also the maestro could cross the stage to go to the pit like Courtney did in *The Sorcerer*.

Treasurer’s Report: Ticket income was \$52,054, up \$11,000. We were sold out. Richard commented that there may still be some outstanding bills. Current holdings: \$102,321.96. Was the added security included in the bill? The performance space was billed at \$3,450. Waldyn noted that publicity was more last year (under “Other”) because we bought ads. Budget for the website – is now up to \$1,000/year. Domain name was switched from Kris Lysne’s company to 1and1. Holly Windle reported that there has been a change in insurance. Volunteers are covered and it should cover contractors.

Summer Show: July 16 and 17, 2011. Rehearsals will begin in June. Auditions are Sunday, May 22, 2011. Richard wasn’t sure of the status of the conductor’s score and orchestra parts for *Pirates*. He will follow up with Marina.

Patience: Bob Neu will be directing. Rehearsal start date has not yet been set.

Dues paid at the meeting: Jim Ahrens, Shawn Holt, Malka Key, Jack Kravik, Holly MacDonald, Chris Michela, John Orbison.

Officer Elections

Producer	Stephen Hage
Secretary	Rhea Sullivan
Treasurer	Richard Rames
Publicity	Waldyn Benbenek
Labour Pool Coordinator	Eric Pasternack
Orchestra Rep	Barb Hovey
Female Chorus Rep	Mary Gregory
Male Chorus Rep	Mark Alt

John Orbison moved to accept the slate of officers. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Sullivan