

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

**May 17, 2012**

In Attendance: Holly Windle, Stephen Hage, Wally Benbenek, Richard Rames, Barb Hovey, Charlotte Morrison, Malka Key, Shawn Holt, John Orbison, L. Peter Erickson, Clyde Gerber, Brianna Sullivan, Jo Pasternack, Rhea Sullivan, Jack Kravik, Eric Mellum

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm with a general welcome by Stephen Hage.

Survey Report: Wally Benbenek presented a report about the surveys. Almost all were positive-lots of love for Marina, lots of people liked Bob and his use of time during rehearsals. Most responders liked the organization and how welcoming and friendly everyone was. Some responders were surprised as to the competent vocal ability of the group. There were a lot of complaints about the costumes, privacy standards for the men's dressing room and the lack of understudies used for the production. There was discussion as to employing the use of a dramaturg to explain the background of each play to the director.

Treasurer's Report - Richard Rames: The company is in good standing financially. There were some explanations around amounts for extra publicity, postage, and other categories. Richard hasn't received Plymouth's bill yet.

Lake Harriet Summer Show - Wally Benbenek: We will be doing *H.M.S. Pinafore* on Saturday, July 14, 2012 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, July 15, 2012 at 5:30 pm. Rehearsals begin June 18, 2012.

Principal cast members include: Eric Mellum, Wally Benbenek, Jim Ahrens, Matt Dolph, John Orbison, Carmelita Guse, Ruth Ann Heyward, Mary Gregory, Jonathon Flory

Dates for the 2013 show *The Yeoman of the Guard* are tentative: Auditions are set for Sunday, November 11, 2012 and Monday, November 12, 2012. Rehearsals are scheduled to begin on January 7, 2013. Move in date for Howard Conn is February 18, 2013, Sitzprobe is February 21, 2013 and the performance schedule is as follows:

Preview: Thursday, February 28

Fridays: March 1, 8, 15 and 22

Saturdays: March 2, 9, 16 (double show day) and 23

Sundays: March 3, 10, 17, and 24(closing) all Sunday shows are at 1:00 pm.

Election of the GSVLOC Board for the 2012-2013 Season - Shawn Holt:

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

All officers on the slate were elected.

Selection of the 2014 show - Stephen Hage

The board recommended for consideration:

*H.M.S. Pinafore* - the last GSVLOC production in 2001 and next in rotation.

*The Grand Duke* – the last production was in 2003

*Iolanthe* - the last production was in 2004

The Grand Duke as selected as the 2014 show.

Announcements by members:

Larry Rostad is having an art show with Art a Whirl 2012

There are two Facebook pages to look at for GSVLOC. The more hits, the better the URL. There is a Linked in page for GSVLOC as well

Jo Pasternack's mother is doing better since her ear infection has cleared up, so Jo is hoping to do more with GSVLOC this next season.

Jo's daughter will be singing with us this summer and is teaching for at least one year in Middleburg Vermont.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Holt