

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

July 18, 2012

In Attendance: Stephen Hage, Shawn Holt, Mary Gregory, Malka Key, Wally Benbenek, Eric Pasternak-(via Skype), Barb Hovey

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Hage at 7:45 pm.

Summer Concert Review:

Wally Benbenek: The concerts went fine. The attendance for Saturday's concert was larger than for Sunday. A couple of mistakes were noted in the program-Becky Taurog's first name was omitted and Hebe was misspelled.

All first tenors were new to the organization and women from Patience and Pirates returned to sing with us, raising the concern that the men often don't return.

Old Business:

Website: Jack is updating the website with the spring show-Patience. Stephen hasn't seen anything yet but will e-mail us with the changes.

Production Staff for Yeoman of the Guard 2013 season:

Marina Liadova-music director
Laura Bidgood-stage manager
Larry Rostad-set designer
Andy Kedl-lighting designer
Bob Johanneck-audio-visual engineer
Ann Marie McIntire-orchestra manager
Malka Key-assistant stage manager
Brianna Sullivan-assistant stage manager
Mary Olson-poster designer
Daniels Studio-company photographers

Production Staff News:

Stephen will drop off the contract to Lesley Hendrickson for Stage Director on July 19, 2012.

Andy Kedl and Ann Marie McIntire have requested a raise in their stipend. The board is considering their requests.

Stephen has been unable to reach the Morrisons to determine their commitment to the show. He has sent an e-mail to Charlotte and awaits her response.

Irene Duong has offered to do substitute house management for the shows on a limited basis.

Stephen has asked Mary Olson to have a digital image poster of Yeoman of the Guard ready for auditions in November.

Stephen has called Art Roy from MTM to set up the annual recording of the performance as well as for information on the window burn. He has yet to hear back from Roy.

Stephen will e-mail the board with confirmations of the contracts.

There was a discussion as to when the company photo should take place due to Sunday time constraints. Eric has confirmed that the company can arrive at the church by 11:30 on Sundays. Stephen will ask Daniel's Studio about taking the photo on a Saturday as well.

Marina wants to set up a meeting with Lesley in August 2012 to discuss the show. A production staff meeting will be scheduled for in September 2012.

Publicity: Wally Benbenek: will write a letter to Graydon Royce of the Star Tribune regarding reviewing GSVLOC shows.

Project Success: Only 16 tickets were requested-7 came and 9 went unused. Wally will ask if they have any interest in receiving tickets again this year.

Treasurer:

Malka Key: has installed Microsoft Word Pro on her lap top, but can't get it to work. Wally Benbenek will look at the problem.

Malka has received the debit and credit cards and mailbox key from Richard.

Malka also asked which ads should be sent on to Wally for consideration.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Holt