

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

April 19, 2020

In attendance were: Anna Maher, Shawn Holt Barb Hovey, Stephen Hage, Malka Key, John Orbison, Alexander Gerchak, Wally Benbenek

This Board Meeting was conducted via Skype and was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Ruddigore Remount:

Cast: The entire cast is available with the exception of Lydia Wildes and Adam Lowe. Mary Gregory, Eric Pasternack, Wendy Matsutani, and Sarah Shervev may have conflicts in the fall which may cause them to miss rehearsals. Joe Andrews and Randy Buikema will need to make decisions as to whether these absences will be allowed. Kaitlin Klemencic and Ryan Johnson will get right of first refusal if any alto or bass need to be replaced with Alexander Gerchak as Chorus Rep and Board member as next in line.

Production Staff: Everyone is on board except Julia Ockuly, House Manager, Katie McLean, Stage Manager and the Follow Spot Operator. These three will need to be replaced. Barb Portinga has yet to respond to Stephen's emailed inquiries, but did say during the strike that she'd be back for the remount.

Remount Rehearsals: At Lake Harriet United Methodist Church. Monday, September 28th through Friday, October 23rd, 2020, rehearsing on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays with probably no Saturday rehearsals. Sitzprobe: Friday, October 23rd, 2020 at LHUMC.

Move into the theater on Sunday, October 25th, 2020. GSVLOC will send a crew to help YPC remove their set as well as begin setup of our own. Official access to the theater will begin on Monday, October 26th 2020, with set construction and rehearsals every night that week.

Remount Performances: Friday, October 30th through Sunday, November 22nd, 2020. There will be only a matinee performance on Saturday, October 31st, 2020, due to Halloween.

Virtual Annual Meeting Through 4 Separate Communications:

1. Initial email communication to all current members, plus all participants in The Mikado 2019 and Ruddigore 2020, inviting them to become company members by paying \$5.00 for the purpose of voting in the Annual Meeting. This can be done by mailing John Orbison a check for \$5.00 or paying on our website at <https://gsvloc.org/company-members/pay-your-dues/>.

Those who have recently paid dues should have them count toward the new season, including:

Maggie Benham
Clyde Gerber
Deb Haas
Gabe Heffernan
Kevin McBeth
Kali McMillan
Blanka Melbostad
Lowell Rice
Cassie Utt

Plus three who paid their dues early:

Shawn Holt
Barb Hovey
Malka Key

A week will be provided for participant response.

2. Second email communication to all company members:

Treasurer's Report-opportunity will be afforded to comment and ask questions.

Board Election-a current slate of candidates will be provided and an invitation to submit other candidates as well.

Discussion of "Contingency Vote" if we cannot stage Ruddigore in the fall of 2020- The vote would be whether we would do the show in the Spring of 2021 or cancel any remount of Ruddigore to do The Sorcerer.

Selection of 2022 (2023) show-Provide company members with information and descriptions of La Belle Helene and Utopia, Limited. Invite comments and questions.

A week will be provided for participant response.

3. Third email communication to all company members would include a ballot, including:

Acceptance or Non-Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report

Board Election-acceptance of slate, or vote for positions in contention

Contingency vote-if no Fall 2020 Ruddigore, do we stage Ruddigore or The Sorcerer in Spring 2021

Selection of the 2022 Spring show: La Belle Helene or Utopia, Limited

A week will be provided for participant response.

4. Fourth email communication to all company members detailing the results of votes.

Dates set for the Annual Meeting are:

May 8, 2020-solicit membership through paying dues

May 15, 2020-send out report and election slate, etc.

May 22, 2020-send out ballot inviting members to vote

May 29, 2020-report on voting results

Other Business:

Director for Sorcerer: Stephen needs to follow up with the person he has in mind to direct.

MPLS Pops: Wally needs to ask what they intend for Lake Harriet this summer and how will that affect GSVLOC for next summer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Shawn Holt