

PEACE RIVER ZONE, B.C. DRAMA ASSOCIATION

June 24, 1972.

The Annual General Meeting of the Peace River Zone, B.C.D.A., was held on June 24th, 1972, in the Dressing Room of Unchagah Hall. Mrs. Anne Exner, chaired the meeting. Present: Mr. Bob Charon, (Portage Players), Mr. Tony Atkins and Mrs. Barbara Russell (Fort St. John Workshop Players), and Mr. Bruce Cousins. Mrs. Russell acted as secretary of the meeting.

No previous minutes and no business arising therefrom.

TREASURER Mr Bruce Cousins presented the Treasurer's report. (Copy enclosed)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Exner's report of her two years as Zone Chairman has already gone out to the clubs. Since she was elected First Vice-President of the B.C. Drama Association at the A.G.M., the Zone Chairmanship was now vacant. Appointment of a new Zone Chairman was the most pressing business for this meeting, so that Zone organization could begin as rapidly as possible for the coming season.

B.C. Theatre News will be published in Dawson Creek, by the Peace River Block News, with Mrs. Lynn Whitehouse as Editor.

The Zone is responsible for the payment, this year, for the services of the Stage Manager, Mr. Jack Trueman. Next year, this fee will be paid by B.C.D.A.

Workshops are available on all phases of Theatre from B.C.D.A.
WRITE: Mr. Derek McCooey, B.C.D.A. Workshop Chairman,
#102--33780 Laurel St., Abbotsford, B.C.

B.C.D.A. pays travelling expenses, and \$15.00 per session--
Clubs pay \$10.00 per session and accommodation costs.
Locally, Nigel and Lynn Whitehouse are available for make-up workshops.

Provincially, Mr. Jack Trueman is available for lighting workshops, and clubs in the Zone might like to combine for a workshop.

Outlining further benefits to member organizations, Mrs. Exner reported that B.C.D.A. pays 60% of airfare to companies presenting productions at provincial Festivals, will this year, begin a new edition of Theatre News, and has available to members, at a very low rental, excellent lighting equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

Fort Nelson, which has indicated interest in formation of a drama club, has not been heard from.

Discussing a Zone Play Centre, Fort St. John Workshop Players indicated that a Script Librarian had been elected in their club, and that these scripts were available for play readings, which alternated with workshops after the club's short business meetings. These allowed the club to decide on plays they wished to produce, or to produce for the club, plays which were felt to be limited in their appeal.

The B.C.D.A. Festival will be held in Prince George in 1973, and the President, Mr. Keith Shadforth, has appointed Mrs. Exner as Festival Organizer. It was hoped that there would be a Peace River Showcase prior to the Festival. Mrs. Russell was asked to synchronize dates with Zone clubs so that members might see each others' work, exchange productions, and work together more closely.

MOTION Russell/Charon

That the Chairman of each club in the Zone, together with the Zone chairman, be automatically a member of the Zone Festival Committee for 1973.

CARRIED

That the Zone Festival in 1973 be held at Unchagah Hall. Carried.

ELECTIONS:

Zone Chairman: Mrs. Lynn Whitehouse

Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Barbara Russell

Treasurer: Mr. Bruce Cousins.

Mrs. Exner will ask Mrs. Dorothy MacCullum to head a Play Reading Committee.

Constitution Mr. Tony Atkins of Fort St. John will convene a constitution committee to study, and bring in recommendations on a constitution for the Zone, modelled on the constitution of the Vancouver Island Zone.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.45 p.m.