

**Minutes for the 2016 Annual General Meeting  
Stage North Theatre Society  
Saturday, August 20th, 2016  
@ The Space, 11520 East Bypass Road, Fort St John, BC**

**Present:** Kevin Smith, Suzanne Lawson, Matt Prepost, Rob Brown, Jesse McCallum, Kelsey Dawley, Stevi Eby, Bronwyn Hall, Teela Gould, Dennis Szalai, Blair Scott, Chalene Scott, Paul Schwartz, Emry Mika, Twyla Jordan, Randolph Smythe

**Call to Order:** 2:06pm

Voting members at the meeting 16.. Rob Brown present 8 proxy votes.

**Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes** - Motion to Approve - Kelsey Dawley, 2nd - Rob Brown, passes unanimously

**Guest Speaker / Vice President's Report - Paul Schwartz**

- Lots of changes, keep in mind going forward. 40 years have done outstanding. This last year some struggle with Sue being gone as ED. Had to replace the ED positions and the board has done the ED jobs. Paul's full report attached to AGM agenda.

**Director of Facilities Report** - Kevin Smith

- See attached

**Secretary Report** - Emry Mika

- Out ill with pregnancy since January, appreciates all the help when she had to step back

**Director of Admin and Membership** - Matt Prepost

- Memberships are still coming in
- Try to encourage more members
- More opportunities for Stage North to become involved in the community
- Membership may need to go up
- Friend of Stage North - \$100.00 membership
- Need to raise some more funds for Stage North
- See attached Report
- Get cast/friends/family to get memberships

**Financials** - Paul went through the financial statements and reports

**Society Act Changes** - Coming up in November and a committee will be formed to work out the transition period

## **Election of Officers**

### **Youth Delegate Director**

- 1st Twyla nominated Annie Peachey, Seconded Emry - Appointed by acclamation

### **President**

- 1st Twyla nominated Kevin Smith - Accept
- 2nd Paul nominated Dennis Szalai - Decline
- 2nd Paul nominated Blair Scott - Decline
- 3rd Final - Nominations closed - Kevin appointed by acclamation

### **Vice President**

- 1st Paul nominated Blair Scott - Accept
- 2nd Jesse nominated Matt Prepost - Declined
- 3rd Final - Nominations closed - Blair appointed by acclamation

### **Secretary**

- 1st Blair nominated Emry Mika - Accept
- 2nd Paul nominated Suzanne - Declined
- 3rd Final - Nominations closed - Emry appointed by acclamation

### **Treasurer**

- 1st Stevi nominated Sue - Accept
- 2nd Paul nominated Stevi - Declined
- 3rd Jesse nominated Kelsey Dawley - Accept
- 3rd Matt nominated Paul Schwartz - Declined
- Vote - Kelsey spoke, Paul spoke for Sue
- By hidden ballot vote, Kelsey is the new Treasurer

### **Admin and Membership Director**

- 1st Emry nominated Matt Prepost - Accept
- 2nd Bronwyn nominated Jesse McCullum - Declined
- 3rd Final - Nominations closed - Matt appointed by acclamation

### **Production Director**

- 1st Emry nominated Twyla Jordan - Accepted

- 2nd Jesse nominated Rob Brown - Accepted
- 2nd Suzanne nominated Teela - Declined
- 2nd Bronwyn nominated Sue - Declined
- 2nd Suzanne nominated Bronwyn - Declined
- 3rd Blair nominated Suzanne - Declined
- By hidden ballot vote, Rob Brown is the new Production Director

**Director at Large Positions (4)**

- 1st Bronwyn nominated Suzanne, Stevi 2nd - Accepted
- 2nd Blair nominated Teela - Declined
- 3rd Kelsey nominated Jesse McCallum, Stevi 2nd - Accepted
- 3rd Bronwyn nominated Sue Popesku, Paul 2nd - Accepted
- 3rd Matt nominated Twyla Jordan, Paul 2nd - Accepted

**Motion** by Paul to destroy ballots, 2nd Blair

**Motion** by Paul that Blair Scott and Kelsey Dawley be added to the signing authority at the Credit Union.

**New Business**

- Discussed pros/cons of members at board meetings
- Next Board Meeting Sept 14 - Location to be determined

**Motion to adjourn 3:15pm** - Dennis Szalai, 2nd Suzanne

**NOTE:** After the meeting, it was discovered that proxy were not allowed at the Annual General Meeting. After consulting with experts in the field of non-profit organizational governance, Stage North held an addition to the Annual General Meeting on Sept 25, 2016. See next Minutes.

**Stage North Theatre Society Minutes**  
**SPecial Meeting- AGM Additional Meeting**

**Date: Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Call to Order: 12:05**

**Present:**

Emry Mika, Suzanne Lawson, Dana Pederson, Jesse McCallum, Alyssa Pedersen, Kelsey Dawley, Avalon Reier, Steven McLean, Nina Fallows, Adrian Fallows, Sean Cullen, Stevi Eby, Courtney Sebastiano, Aaron Eady, Jared (Chase) Koop, Hannah Larnder, Lisa Sturt, Ty Nielson, Lisa MacLean, Twyla Jordan, Paul Swartz, Kevin Merrett, Bronwyn Hall, Mike Sowers, Teela Gould, Dennis Szawai, Chantelle Bower, Jenn Merrett, Skyler Rowsell, Rhonda Brown, Blair Scott, Mike Odowichuk, Melissa Paakkonnen, Matt Preprost, Oliver Hachmeister

Absent: Annie Peachey

Regrets: N/A

Voting members 35

**Approval of Agenda:** Blair Scott moved to approve agenda, Jenn Merrett seconded.  
All in favour

**Board Resignations:**

Twyla Jordan stepping down as Member at Large

Sue Popesku stepping down as Member at Large

**Election of Officers for 2 positions**

**Treasurer**

Nominations:

Jenn Merrett nominated Sue Popesku - Agreed to Stand

Chase Coop nominated Kelsey Dawley – Agreed to Stand

Matt Preprost nominated Paul Swartz – Declined

Ballots counted by Oliver Hachmeister, Alyssa Pederson, Jenn Merrett

23 for Sue, 13 for Kelsey, Sue is elected as Treasurer of Stage North

**Production Director:**

## Nominations

Jenn Merrett nominated Twyla Jordan, Seconded by Kelsey – Agreed to Stand

Matt Preprost nominated Paul Swartz – Declined

Paul nominated Dennis Szalai – Declined

Jesse McCallum nominated Kelsey Dawley – Declined

Twyla Jordan appointed by acclamation

**Member at Large:**

Jesse McCallum nominated Kelsey Dawley, seconded by Rob Brown - Agreed to Stand

Twyla Jordan nominated Bronwyn Hall, seconded by Mike Sowers – Agreed to Stand

Kelsey Dawley nominated Alyssa Pederson, seconded by Steve McLean - Agreed to Stand

Jenn Merrett nominated Teela Gould, seconded by Twyla Jordan – Agreed to Stand

Chase Koop nominated Jenn Merrett – Declined

Emry Mika nominated Stevi Eby, seconded Kelsey Dawley – Agreed to Stand

Ballots counted by Jenn Merrett, Melissa Paakkonen, Oliver Hachmeister

Teela Gould and Bronwyn Hall voted in as Members at Large.

**Business**

Vote to approve a financial review and not a full audit for 2016-2017. A lengthy discussion about a full audit verses Notice to Reader or external review took place. Stage North has never had a full audit since neither the budget nor funding sources required it.

**MOTION:**

Blair moved/Jenn Merrett seconded

To have an external review of the books 2016-2017 year.

Vote in approval of the motion by show of hands - 25

Vote opposed to the motion by show of hands – 4 – Rob Brown, Matt Preprost, Kelsey Dawley, Adrian Fallows

Abstaining – by show of hands – 4 – Paul Swartz, Alyssa Pederson, Shawn Cullan , Kevin Smith

### **MOTION**

Matt motions to keep ballots until Oct 25,, seconded by Alyssa Pederson.

Paul amending the motion for the ballots to be kept until the AGM, seconded by Kelsey Dawley. Vote in favour – by show of hands – 27, Vote against – 1 – Paul Swartz, Abstain – Kevin Smith, Sue Popesku

**Motion** to not destroy the ballots until the next AGM

Vote in Favour – By Show of hands – 14

Vote opposed – By Show of hands – 11

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Melissa Paakonnen motions to adjourn, Skyler Roswell seconded

Adjourned at 1:37 PM