

Belleville Theatre Guild

Annual General Meeting (via Zoom)

July 15, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being 35 members in attendance, the meeting was called to order by Alyssa Ross at 7:34 p.m.

2. WELCOME

Alex Bell shared instructions for Zoom with BTG members.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved : Alyssa Ross 2nd : Warren Christiani CARRIED

4. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR THE 2019 AGM

Motion : to approve the Minutes of the 2019 AGM as circulated

Moved : Alyssa Ross 2nd : Moira Forrester CARRIED

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Amy-Lyn Van Londersele

Amy-Lyn expressed her thanks to the BTG membership and Board for their support in these challenging times.

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

TECHNICAL - Alex Bell

Alex expressed her thanks to the Technical Committee and volunteers who assist with BTG productions. She also announced that the BTG You Tube site will be launched soon.

MEMBERSHIP - Warren Christiani

Warren reported that there are 130 BTG members and that all present members will remain as members for next season.

PROGRAMME - Marvin Tucker

Marvin reviewed highlights of his report. He also stated that BTG has contracts for all future plays and if we don't perform them due to the pandemic restrictions the royalties will be refunded to BTG.

PUBLICITY - Dave Allen

Dave expressed his thanks to Alyssa Ross, Jamie Hosking and Jana Busse for their assistance with social media and publicity this year.

TREASURER - Cindy Lucas

Cindy expressed appreciation to ticket holders who donated or are holding on to their tickets for future shows. She also reported that she will encourage our Annex landlord to apply for government assistance to help cover BTG's rental cost.

PRODUCTION / EODL REP - Barb Grenier

Barb reported that EODL Festivals were suspended this spring due to the pandemic. She also expressed her thanks to production teams who were able to bring their plays to the stage this year.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - Moira Forrester

Moira referenced her report and stated that there was no fundraising activity this year due to the pandemic.

DIGITAL COMMITTEE - Alex Bell

Alex shared details on ongoing projects of this committee. The one-act plays and the Gilbert & Sullivan production will be presented on the BTG YouTube site. Alex invited BTG members to submit ideas for digital programming to this committee.

8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Moira Forrester

Election of 2020-2021 Board Members

Moira Forrester shared the proposed slate of officers :

President - Amy-Lyn Van Londersele
Past President - Moira Forrester
Vice President - Alyssa Ross
Secretary - Nancy Garrod
Treasurer - Cindy Lucas
Membership - Warren Christiani
Production - Barb Grenier
Box Office / Subscriptions - Amber Lucas
House - Jim Love
Publicity - Dave Allen
Programme - Marvin Tucker
Technical - Alex Bell

Motion : to approve to proposed slate of officers for the BTG Board for 2020-2021

Moved : Enno Busse 2nd : Wendy Roy CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

Lise Lindenberg questioned if the Publicity position on the board was divided this year. Dave Allen reported that this position was not divided and that he will focus on sponsorship this year.

Lise Lindenebrg questioned if the theatre marquee is going forward. Marin Tucker confirmed that BTG has the required funds to proceed with Stage 1, the digital display sign with changeable letters to go on the front of the theatre.. However BTG must raise \$25,000 for Phase 2 of this project.

Liz Marshall suggested that we should share up to date information about BTG with all subscribers at this time. Board members will address this issue.

Lise Lindenberg suggested that theatre seat lighting be improved for our audience members. Alex Bell agreed to investigate how this issue could be resolved and the costs involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.