

Wabeno Area Players
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, July 31, 2016
Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jameson at 12:08 at the Wabeno Town Hall. Kim absent, Carol took minutes. Present Josh, Daniel, Carol, Kathy M, Bob, and Linda H. on speaker phone
2. Minutes for previous meeting were approved – Daniel B, Bob seconded.
3. Treasurer’s report \$693.51 with addition of one new member’s dues. Outstanding payment from Tim and Connie for ads (?) and programs = \$78.60. Approved Bob, second Kathy.
4. There was a Bylaw review – The question was, is there a format to show consensus? Thumbs up and give reasons for both.
5. The signatures for the Articles of Corporation were obtained. There were no questions nor objections to the format. Carol, Daniel second to approve. Unanimous vote.
6. Discussion on 501 c.3
 - Bob will meet with Linda to submit.
 - There was question from Daniel as to whether we need to be on a registered list for our organization to be eligible for grants. We need to answer this question.
 - It was noted and the information needs to be passed on that RIGHT NOW we qualify for donations as TAX WRITE-OFFS. As an organization, we are awaiting the letter that makes it official from the IRS.
 - Our filing of taxes will establish a fiscal year. We need to do so. Bob suggests calendar year.
7. The tabled motion from the last meeting concerning a scholarship for Jim Hammond’s grandson was brought back for discussion and a vote. Motion was defeated to give him a scholarship. The discussion indicated that we have protocol for scholarship, that being the Erna Rousseau Scholarship. There was a motion by Carol, seconded by Kathy, “The Erna Rousseau Scholarships are the scholarships WAP supports and WAP must have a member on that scholarship committee.” Motion carried
Josh indicated there should be a meeting of that scholarship committee soon. (With Jackie Enders, Laura Bobbe, and Carol Bartlein)
8. There was a discussion about the standing committees and assignments. The members were encouraged to get other WAP members on their committees.
9. The WAP/Big Easel Relationship was discussed. Venue was important part of discussion. Daniel discussed carriage house. He estimated the cost to upgrade for performances. Tim and Connie are eager to continue the relationship, but may not be enthusiastic about making alterations to the carriage house. These other points were made:
 - We can alter our season to do some shows at the Easel, but they would have limited casts.
 - In the future we will need to have contracts that include a percentage of the gate.

- We are still interested in the relationship we have of running and producing a show, with them providing services of meal and wait staff.
- It was felt that WAP needs to establish more independence and control. We have to find other venues for musicals and large cast plays. We may also have to take a larger part in reservations and prepayment.
- Above all, it was felt that we need to include Tim and Connie in on this discussion and work to maintain our very treasured friendship and working relationship with them.

10. Discussion on the 2017 Season

- Venues need to be arranged once season line-up is determined.
- Do we include Three Lakes?
- We need to have budgets developed for each show.

11. Other

- Discussion as to how often we need meetings of general membership. It was felt that semi-annual was sufficient because everyone can attend the Board meetings.
- It was decided that we should have monthly Board meetings at this time.
- There was discussion of an annual fundraiser show and all donations go to WAP

Meeting was adjourned at 1:42.

Minutes submitted by Carol Bartlein