

# MINUTES of Scarborough Players Annual General Meeting <sup>Pg.1</sup>

August 21, 2019 7:30pm

<b>Present</b>	Emma Wakelin, Carolyn Williamson, Katherine Turner, Linda Brent, Lynette Hines, Darlene Thomas, Erin Jones, Joseph van Veen, Jennifer Bakker, Pierre Rivard, Judy Porter, Ken Styles, Chris Warmerdam, Nikki Warmerdam, Bodene Corbitt, Dave Corbitt, Danelle Abbott, Andra Bradish, Norma Baptista, Wendy Miller, Diane Henson, Chip Thompson, Daniel Wyse, Janice Hansen, Hedy Baker-Graf, Jeremy Henson. Greg Nowlan, Teresa Bakker, Barton Graff, Ian Fox, Mary Nowlan, Heather Hyslop, Sean Ballantyne, June Watkins, Anthony Jones, Pat Wilson, David Rudat, Laura Wilde, Chris Hardess, Uju Umenyi, Tom Bakker, Janice Peters Gibson, Malorie Mandolidis, Holm Bradwell, Alex Saul, Ciara Crozier
<b>Regrets</b>	-
<b>Guests</b>	Sid Aulier

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1.	<b>WELCOME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emma Wakelin, president, welcomed the attendees to the 60<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at 7:36 pm.</li> </ul>	
2.	<b>ROBERT'S RULES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emma Wakelin drew attention to the rules printed on the back of the agenda.</li> </ul>	
3.	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diane Henson moved to approve; seconded by Heather Hyslop. No additions. Passed unanimously.</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – AGM, AUGUST 15, 2018 (HANDOUT)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrected names John Pirker and Norma Baptista</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>ACCEPT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daniel Wyse moved to approve; seconded by Norma Baptista. Passed unanimously.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Done N/A</li> </ul>	
7.	<b>THE 2018-2019 SEASON - REPORT – THE ACTIONS OF YOUR BOARD (HANDOUT)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emma Wakelin summarized – see handout for full information.</li> <li>Board members presented their personal reports (Linda Brent presented but her formal treasurer's report was a separate handout)</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT – (HANDOUT AND PRESENTATION)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linda Brent presented from her printed handout</li> <li>Questions arose with regard City of Toronto Tax Rebate</li> <li>Some calculation errors found so this report was to be taken off-line to correct and clarify. Lynette Hines offered her assistance to manage TS numbers to SP</li> </ul>	
9.	<b>BRIEF UPDATE FROM THEATRE SCARBOROUGH – AGM ON AUG. 28, 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katherine Turner presented: all members of the Players are automatically also members of Theatre Scarborough. The Theatre Scarborough board supports the three companies and it's important that everyone consider attending the AGM on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be at 6:45 p.m. and meeting at 7:30. The three presidents of Scarborough Players, Scarborough Theatre Guild and Scarborough Music Theatre are automatically members of that board, and there are six members at large and a president who are elected by the membership. The members of the Theatre Scarborough board are responsible to Theatre Scarborough, not to their individual member groups. We are still awaiting a new agreement with the city, which</li> </ul>	

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	<p>is years overdue. Theatre Scarborough is responsible for the theatre – its maintenance and upkeep, and also managing the donations (over \$47K in the past few years) that are for the upgrades to the equipment in the theatre. Those decisions are made at the Theatre Scarborough level. The meetings are the second Saturday of every month at the theatre building, 10:00 am-noon. The Trillium grant hearing assist system is in. We are one of the few community theatres who have that sort of system – and appreciated by our audiences. The box office is also a shared resource and we are grateful to Rhoda Silzer. She could really use some extra help this year so if anyone is available and interested please volunteer. The three groups share a brochure. Please consider coming forward as a nominee for the Theatre Scarborough board – you only need 5 people to support your nomination. In honour of Elspeth Simpson please bring your own plate and cutlery to the dinner to cut down on environmental waste.</p>	
10	<p><b>HEARING FROM YOU, THE MEMBERSHIP – ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Wilde expressed interest in assisting with updates to SP policies and constitution – noted by Greg Nowlan who is the lead of this work</li> <li>• Wendy Miller inquired about signing up members online</li> <li>• Uju Umenyi asked about increasing membership and if we had considered contacting schools and going into schools. It was noted that Colin Harris is a technical director at U of T Scarborough Theatre and would be a resource there.</li> <li>• General discussion about reaching out into the greater community – K. Turner introduced the new venture with the Greenwood Retirement Home at McCowan and Eglinton – Seniors and family coming to closing Saturday matinees for 3 shows in the fall.</li> </ul>	•
11	<p><b>AWARDS – PACE, BEN GANS NEW STAR AND MAGGIE CALDWELL</b></p> <p><b>John Caldwell Pace Award</b>  <b>The John Caldwell Pace Award</b> is given to an individual or individuals who have made a significant contribution to the group – sometimes over a number of years or for a specific body of work in a season. The Pace is about those folks who get the job done.            Past Recipients include: The Bakkers, Bodene Corbitt, Angelique Marius, Carolyn Williamson, Darlene Thomas            This year’s recipient of the Pace Award has ventured into the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Alabama, created an army uniform without much ado and been nominated for Costume design several times. Throughout this past season alone costumed <i>Noises Off</i>, <i>Doubt</i> and <i>The Ladies Foursome</i> (and now <i>Rabbit Hole</i>) – decided to learn producing and so co-produced <i>Doubt</i> and <i>The Ladies Foursome</i>. She has also done set painting and set construction and served on the board. And always going above and beyond, due to an emergency, she donned a costume and stepped onstage, book in hand as Sister James in the closing performance of <i>Doubt</i>.            As one of her nominators noted, “She has persevered despite obstacles, stuck to her guns and done great jobs for more than one play in more than one capacity”            This year’s Pace Award goes to  <b>Mary Nowlan</b></p> <p><b>The Ben Gans New Star Award</b>  <b>The Ben Gans New Star Award</b> was created to acknowledge the work of new and/or junior members of the company for their contribution to the season.            Past Recipients include: Jackie Mahoney, Emma Hyslop, Pat Perdue, Joseph van Veen</p>	•

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	<p>The Recipient of the Ben Gans award has been nothing but helpful all year. She has done it all, from set building/construction, to helping with hair (though she had no experience, but was willing to learn, and did for Noises Off), and even wanting to learn to Produce shadowing the co-producers for <i>The Ladies Foursome</i>. She is also involved in the Play reading committee. She started the season by working backstage on <i>Noises Off</i> and continued by working on every set for the rest of the season. For <i>The Ladies Foursome</i>, the producers think she attended more rehearsals than they did! She is always willing to help out and has a positive attitude. This year's Ben Gans New Star Award goes to <b>Danelle Abbott</b>.</p> <p><b>The Maggie Caldwell Award</b> <b>The Maggie Caldwell Award</b> was created to acknowledge long service to Scarborough Players. Past Recipients include: Nikki Warmerdam, Bill Simpson, Linda Brent, Ken Styles, Erin Jones x2, John Pirker For over 16 years, this year's recipient of the Maggie Caldwell Award has done so much – performing, directing, designing, building, truck driving, programs, rescue ranger, and in service to the Board.</p> <p>Though one of the nominators, David Rudat nominated our recipient for a Pace, his words match the Maggie</p> <p>I have had the pleasure of working with Greg in his capacity as president/past-president/musketeer/anything that involves "getting it done" with Scarborough Players since July 2017's production of "Deathtrap." Throughout this time, I have found him a delight to work with; both personable and fun, but still responsible and thoughtful, with regards to what's best for the group.</p> <p>As someone reasonably new to the group, I have found him both welcoming and a great teacher/mentor. He has been supportive throughout. I know that he always has the group's interests in mind first and foremost and is a terrific ambassador for Scarborough Players. His work and character have led to the developing of people new to the group into positive contributing members of Scarborough Players (myself, gratefully, included). This Year's Maggie Caldwell Award goes to <b>Greg Nowlan</b>.</p>	
12	<p><b>LIFE MEMBERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill Simpson, Ken Styles and Chris Warmerdam received their life memberships.</li> </ul>	
13	<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE ACTIONS OF YOUR 2018-2019 BOARD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Hyslop moved, seconded by Jennifer Bakker – motion carried</li> </ul>	
14	<p><b>ELECTIONS FOR THE 2019-2020 BOARD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NOMINATIONS:</b> Katherine Turner stood for president. No further nominations. Heather Hyslop moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Judy Porter. Unanimously approved, candidate acclaimed. <p>Greg Nowlan stood for vice president. No further nominations. Barton Graff moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Laura Wilde. Unanimously approved, candidate acclaimed.</p> <p>Carolyn Williamson stood for secretary. No further nominations. Pierre Rivard moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Lynette Hines. Unanimously approved, candidate acclaimed.</p> </li></ul>	•

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	<p>Linda Brent stood for treasurer. No further nominations. Norma Baptista moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Teresa Bakker. Unanimously approved, candidate acclaimed.</p> <p>Ian Fox stood for Front of House Coordinator. No further nominations. Lynette Hines moved that nominations be closed, seconded by David Rudat. Unanimously approved, candidate acclaimed.</p> <p>Jennifer Bakker stood for Membership Coordinator. No further nominations. Linda Brent moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Barton Graff. Unanimously approved, candidate acclaimed.</p> <p>Ciara Crozier stood for Publicity &amp; Marketing Coordinator. No further nominations. Uju Umenyi moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Diane Henson Unanimously approved, candidate acclaimed.</p> <p>Members at Large – there are 5 positions available and 7 nominees standing so an election was held.            Nominees were: Teresa Bakker, Bodene Corbitt, Anthony Jones, Erin Jones, Malorie Mandolidis, Darlene Thomas, Chip Thompson            Nominations were closed – moved by Joseph van Veen, seconded by Heather Hyslop            Ballots listing the 7 candidates were distributed – 46 voting members</p> <p>Emma Wakelin counted the ballots. Laura Wilde and Joseph van Veen destroyed the ballots</p> <p>5 Elected Members at Large            Bodene Corbitt, Anthony Jones, Malorie Mandolidis, Darlene Thomas, Chip Thompson</p> <p>Thanks to all who put their names forward to serve on the Board.</p>	
15	<p><b>REVIEW OF NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR THE THEATRE SCARBOROUGH BOARD</b>            Any Scarborough Players Member can put their name forward with the support of 5 members of Players. We need names and email addresses.            No nominations forwarded at this AGM.</p>	
16	<p><b>CLOSING REMARKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emma Wakelin offered her thanks to everyone who’s been involved this season – including all members. The large turnout for this meeting is evidence of our robust group. The back of the report shows the many ways in which you can volunteer – please consider coming out to build sets, write articles for the newsletter, contribute a story about the history of the company, social media skills, design skills, producing skills, cleaning skills, costuming, lighting, sound...everything we do, we can always use more help and we will teach people how to do things if they’d like to try something new.</li> <li>• Ken Styles asked for a moment to remind members to donate blood noting he had donated 264 times for about 33 gallons of blood. Canadian Blood services are in need.</li> </ul>	
17	<p><b>DRAW OF DOOR PRIZE – A FREE MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>winner-</b> John Pirker</li> </ul>	
18	<p><b>Joseph van Veen moved to adjourn at 10:20 pm.</b></p>	