



Kemptville Players Inc.

Annual General Meeting
June 17, 2021-7.00pm
via Zoom

Attendees: Shannon Lever, Darrell Nunn, Richard Pickard, Caroline Matheson, Mary-Anne Leang, Paul Rochon, Debbie MacGillvray, Steve & Sandy Wendt, Ron Hallman, Terry Watkiss, Phil Irving, Theresa McQuaig, Jorie Basque, Lee Gaw, and Cathie Raina.

Item 1. Approval of Agenda – Approved by all.

Item 2. Approval of minutes – July 15, 2020 – Moved by Darrell and seconded by Terry. Motion carried.

Item 3. Executive Reports

President – Shannon addressed everyone by thanking the executive and members for their help during the last two years.

The following are the items she spoke about:

Membership Fees – for all members paid up for 2020-2021 fees are waived for 2021-2022 with the exception of new members who will be required to pay a minimal fee of \$5.

Masks – 30 were purchased and 12 have been sold.

Canada Day – A \$100 basket with products from local merchants and 2 KPI masks will be presented to the winner of the Restaurant competition. North Grenville Times will report on this and the basket will be presented by Shannon and our new President. This will help with publicity for KPI in order to grow the membership.

Mother's Day video – Phil was thanked for putting the video together and its success.

Volunteer for publicity – a CIBC employee, Melissa Button, who Shannon said would be interested in joining KPI and be an asset for outreach and Facebook.

Name Change will be introduced by Paul later on in the agenda.

Past President – Shannon said she will stay on as past president and get more involved especially in productions i. e. acting.

Vice-President – Darrell has been corresponding back and forth with Meredith Motte, North Grenville District High School to try and form a partnership with them. There is no commitment as yet and will have to await what will happen in the schools. He has also been asked to come into the school to work with student auditions, etc. He mentioned that he has someone from the Ottawa Little Theatre a lot of history with theatre and wants to become involved with KPI. Workshops did not go forward as yet but will be in future. He wants to get in touch with St. Michael's High School, Youngsters of Yore and the retirement home in future.

Treasurer – Richard presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously forwarded to members with the agenda. Everyone accepted his financial reports. He mentioned that he was called to CIBC to combine some maturing GIC's into one for a a better rate of return. There is another GIC coming up soon. For future membership payments to the Treasurer, members can send an email to kpitreasurer@gmail.com to accept E-transfers. Banks will not accept direct E-transfers because the trust account needs two signatures.

Richard informed the group that the IOOF hall has been sold. All the regalia, costumes, etc. have been donated to Barb Lasalle (KYMTC). The hall was a place for play rehearsals.

Secretary – Caroline reviewed the two Get Togethers that took place in Feb. and May. These were great ways to connect with one another on Zoom. During these events there were readings, funny stories, a travel story with pictures and information on a bookclub from members. The future of Get Togethers will rest with the new executive.

Item 4. KPI Survey – Mary-Anne Leang & Shannon Lever

There were 26 responses and another survey will go out to the public for their input. This is a way to find out who is interested in KPI and what they would like to see happen in the future as well as how they might volunteer.

Item 5. Constitution & By-Law Changes – Mary-Anne Leang

Mary-Anne stated that although there was a proposal for changes last year and that there are often a lot of changes, it was decided by a committee that these be left for the new executive. The reason for this is that there are a lot of things that do not belong in the Constitution and By-laws and should be in a separate document i. e. policies or another description which would be requiring review and approval by the members. Work will continue on this as it takes some time. Mary-Anne is a paralegal and has a lot of experience in working on such documents. It was stated that the Constitution and By-Laws could remain the same. One of the reasons for doing this was to eliminate having to go to the members at AGM or holding a Special Meeting for an item such as a change in the name of the newsletter, etc.

Discussion took place regarding having the 5 executive/officers (Pres., VP, Treasurer, Secretary and Past President) as part of the board along with 5 directors at large from the membership. Debbie MacGillvary mentioned that the role of these positions should be well defined. The reason for having more numbers is because voting with a quorum of 3 can hold up the executive's decision-making i. e in regard to productions, etc. Steve Wendt suggested that we have 5 volunteers for the directors and six members put their names forward. They were Paul, Ron, Terry, Phil, Jorie and Mary-Anne. Paul removed himself from the list so that Mary-Anne could remain. All approved the 5 for directors to sit on the board.

For the future changes, the membership will be afforded a good length of time possibly 2 weeks to review prior to getting their approval. This can be at a Special Meeting or with the Special Meeting included within a General Meeting. Then we do not have to wait a year to get approval at an AGM.

Shannon mentioned having sub-committees to assist the executive in carrying out their responsibilities and Debbie offered to be on a sub-committee for the changes in relation to the Constitution & By-Laws.

The executive and the directors at large would have a vote at the executive meetings but sub-committees would not. They would provide reports.

At the meeting a vote was taken to amend the By-laws to have 5 directors at large and was accepted and approved by the majority.

Item 6. EODL – Paul Rochon

Paul is attending the AGM of EODL next Thurs., June 24th and will report back on it at that time. He also stated that there's been changes to the Board of Directors, i. e. a new president.

Item 7. Name Change unveiling –

Paul announced that only he and Caroline knows the new name. The new name is “North Grenville Community Theatre”. The result was just over 50% in favour of the name which will not replace Kemptville Players Inc. as that is our legal name.

Item 8. Voting in new executive

Paul was in charge of the voting process and it was conducted in this way:

1. The nominees for President (Steve Wendt), Vice President (Darrell Nunn), Treasurer (Richard Pickard), and Secretary (Caroline Matheson).

2. Each nominee had to state whether they still wanted to stand for the position. All four said “yes”.
3. After each nominee stated they still wanted to stand for the position, Paul asked the following: “Do I hear any other names for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
4. Since there were no other names put forward for the positions, a vote ensued and the nominees were voted in as the new executive for 2021-2022. The new executive are in place as of June 17th, 2021. After this Steve, our new President, mentioned that there are a lot of things to be done and the need for extra hands. Jorie mentioned that she has been involved with ITR in drafting policy and can help Mary-Anne with the changes.

To end the evening, Paul and Richard presented a beautiful award to Shannon for her two-year dedication to Kemptville Players.

Adjournment – 8.10