



MISSISSAUGA theatre ALLIANCE

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Mississauga Theatre Alliance Annual General Meeting Minutes:

Date: Wednesday Sept 27, 2023

Time: 730 pm

Location: Broadway Scenic Workshop (Tannery)
180 Broadway Street, Streetsville, Ontario

2022-2023 Board Members:

The Executive Officers:

President: Gloria Buchert

Vice President: Glenn Pringle

Treasurer: Donnie Morris

Secretary: Lori Smith

Officers/Trustees

Tannery General Manager: Rose Brown

#	Topic
1	<p>Call to Order: 730 pm Quorum present.</p> <p>Attendance:</p> <p>MTA Board: Gloria Buchert, Donnie Morris, Glenn Pringle, Lori Smith.</p> <p>Encore Group Board members: Michael Buchert, Rita Ferguson, Wendy Guest, Christine McMahon.</p> <p>Builders: Paul Berdusco, Walter Collodel; Lawrence Gryniewski; Rob Moore; Kevin Roose, Dennis Sunga.</p> <p>Regrets: Rosemary Brown</p> <p>Voting Representative for each Encore group:</p> <p>CCMP: Paul Berdusco, CMT: Christine McMahon; MMT: Wendy Guest, TUPA: Michael Buchert</p>
2	<p>Welcome: Gloria Buchert welcomes the attendees. Identified voting representatives.</p>
4	<p>Approval of the Minutes of September 28, 2022:</p> <p>Motion by Christine McMahon to accept minutes from AGM 2022 as is. 2nd: Michael Buchert- all in favour- motion carried</p>
5	<p>President's Report: Presented by Gloria Buchert</p>
7	<p>Financial Reports (June 1, 2022-May 31,2023): Donnie Morris presented the Balance sheet and Profit and Loss to attendees. As detailed in the attached financial statements the grant funds covered \$9,482 of operating expenses. Our organization also purchased a band saw for future use costing \$1,330.</p> <p>Therefore, all the operating grant funds were spent. The grant allowed the 4 theatre groups to use the facility to build sets for the 4 productions at a low cost in a difficult time coming out of Covid shutdowns at Meadowvale Theatre.</p> <p>Michael informed attendees that he and Rita Ferguson have been meeting with the city regarding moving out of the workshop and it being returned to City.</p>



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	<p>The formed Task force, Chair by Tom Hope, has informed the city and has been in communication with them. Moving forward Michael and Rita will be the liaison with the city in this regard. They will collaborate with the MTA Board until a decision has been made regarding the leasing agreement with the City Council.</p> <p>Michael states that we should still assume that there is a possibility that the workshop might be relocated. The lease has been extended to June 2024.</p> <p>MTA board will submit application to the Arts & Culture Grant program for year 2024. Deadline is October 13, 2023. Lori Smith and Gloria Buchert will be the leads for the task.</p>
8	<p>Bylaw Review: Lori Smith presented the revised Bylaw. Revisions and corrections were discussed by attendees.</p> <p>Article Six: Quorum. 6:01 change percentage of members for quorum from 5% to 55%.</p> <p>Article Eleven: Membership 11: 01 Active Members: Change to "Theatre groups that obtain rental agreements for the workshop are entitled to one vote at any member meeting. 11:02: Affiliated Members: remove not applicable to current MTA structure. 11:03; Supporting Members: remove not applicable to current MTA structure.</p> <p>Motion by Michael Buchert to accept revised Bylaws as discussed. 2nd: Christine McMahon – all in favour- motion carried.</p> <p>ACTION: MTA Board at December 2023 meeting will begin to revise Bylaws and policies to reflect ONCA new standards.</p>
9	<p>Safety Review: Presented by Lori Smith</p> <p>Demonstration of new bandsaw was postponed. Builders will ensure that they are familiar with the safety and rules of the equipment.</p> <p>Exit checklist: Lori informed attendees to please adhere to the checklist upon leaving the workshop. Ensure the area is clean, dispose of garbage in the bins that are present on exit of workshop. Each group is responsible for renting a bin on exit day. Extra checklists are on the bulletin board by the paint room.</p> <p>Clean up: Lori Smith has restocked and cleaned the bathroom. The paint room has been reorganized. There are now 2 shelves of empty cans that need to be disposed of in garbage. The tub room was cleaned up. Lori purchase a new sink.</p> <p>Paper towel supplies located in bathroom are for bathroom use only. Each group shall bring supplies for use in other areas.</p>



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	<p>Since there was no summer clean up session, the MTA will rent bin for cleanup of wood storage area. ACTION: Gloria will order a bin from AAA disposal bins for the week after Thanksgiving (Oct 10th). This bin will be for the front of workshop area items. The builders will dispose of material.</p> <p>Query by Michael Buchert: Regarding bin rental by groups. This previous year there was a time that on a group's move out a bin was not rented, and material was left behind. If not having enough waste to fill bin would a possible suggestion that 2 groups go together to rent bin after second group be feasible. Example CMT and MMT rent bin together at end of MMT time. CCMP and TUPA rent bin together at end of TUPA time. Discussion was held regarding if this is feasible or if it was one occurrence. Since last season most sets were built already waste was at minimum. This upcoming season all sets will need to be built and waste might increase. The consensus was that will assess this season to see if the above recommendation is feasible. MTA encourages the groups to collaborate with each other to assess the need for bins and perhaps merge the rental together. The MTA Board will assess plans throughout the season.</p>
10	<p>Nominations and Elections of Officers: Motion by Christine McMahon to nominate Kevin Roose to be director at large of the MTA Board. Kevin Roose accepts nomination. All in favour- motion carried. Welcome Kevin to the team.</p>
11	<p>New Business-Questions</p> <p>Future Pathway for MTA and MTM boards. Michael Buchert updated the path that MTM has been working on to become incorporated. MTA is now operating the workshop only. End users are the Encore series. MTM End users are the Encore series as well. MTA has been incorporated since 1993. They do not have charitable status. MTM is trying to obtain incorporation and charitable status. There is discussion that a possible path would be to use MTA incorporation status and merge MTM to that board. Both boards will work under one title board. If we use MTA for incorporation status the name would have to remain the same to keep status. MTM would change their name to Mississauga Theatre Alliance. This new board will then function as MTM currently does in all aspects but now operating the workshop as well. This is in early discussion and Michael and Rita will inform and collaborate with MTA. MTA agrees with this path and will work with MTM for the future of Encore series and community theatre. MTA looks forward to future updates and working with MTM.</p>



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<p>Recognition and Thanks:</p> <p>Tom Hope and taskforce committee for their work, time, and efforts in working with the city to resolve the workshop lease.</p> <p>The new board members for taking on the challenges that were faced over the past year. Gloria Buchert, Glenn Pringle, and Donnie Morris.</p> <p>Thank you to Rose Brown and Lori Smith for supporting the new members as they transitioned to their new roles.</p> <p>Thank you to the whole Board for the consistent support for the Encore series and working collaboratively with all stakeholders and for transparency.</p>
<p>Extend positive thoughts and prayers to Rose and Bruce Brown at this difficult time.</p>
<p>Adjournment: 835 pm</p>