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Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 26, 2013 (2:03 to 2:48 p.m.)

54 Bridge Street East, Campbellford, Ontario

Chair: Russ Christianson, President, Aron Theatre Co-operative Inc.

Election Chair: Heidi Schaeffer, Board Member, Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation

Recording Secretary: Debbie Nightingale, Board Member, Aron Theatre Co-operative Inc.

Co-operative Members Registered: Mike Holmes, Russ Christianson, Heidi Schaefer, Joan Sheppard, Jim Orr, Earl St. Jean, Schelle Holmes, Shain Jaffe, Debbie Nightingale, Kirsten Ingram, Rosemary Milne-Woaden, Gary Hoag, Diane Jeffs, Bev Meyers, Pam Moran, Theresa Miller, Mary McBride, John Papanicolaou, Sandy Pinkerton, Tom Dafoe, Kathy Dafoe, Laura Forth, Anne Fone, Lorne Hagerman, Brenda Hagerman.

Note: The bylaws require a quorum of twenty (20) members at the AGM; attendees included twenty-five (25) co-op members.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Russ Christianson welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the proposed agenda (copies were provided at the member registration desk).

Motion: Kathy Dafoe moved to approve the 2013 proposed agenda and the minutes of the 2012 AGM. This motion seconded by Sandy Pinkerton and unanimously approved.

2. Board Member Introductions

Russ introduced the Board members present at the meeting: Jim Orr, Joan Sheppard, Debbie Nightingale, Kirsten Ingram, and Earl St. Jean. Mark White, Vice President, was unable to attend.

3. President's Report

Russ presented the President's Report (copies were provided at the member registration desk). In terms of moving towards the vision and achieving the goals set out, we are doing well. The balance sheet looks very good on the surface, but that is due to some substantial grants we received in 2012 (mostly for the digital projector). There is a need to get more "bums in seats" to make the theatre financially sustainable.

The *tiff* film series was a great success in terms of popularity and financial return. The Documentary series was not well attended and the last three (of six) shows were cancelled. One factor was the timing (during the NHL hockey play-offs), as well as having too many programs scheduled closely together.

Russ thanked the staff for their great work (Pam Moran, Bookkeeper and Theresa Aldcroft, Facilities Co-ordinator). He welcomed James Smith as the new General Manager and thanked David Lyon for his hard work over the last year.

Motion: Schelle Holmes moved that we accept the President's report. Jim Orr seconded and it was carried unanimously.

3. Election of Directors

Russ noted that we have two (of seven) positions open on the Board. Jim Orr is prepared to stand for another year, and Dawn Welch is prepared to stand for election.

Russ noted that we do have a youth board position, and the Ontario Co-operative Corporations Act requires a board member to be eighteen years of age. We have been fortunate to have two high school students of that age for the past two years, Dagmar Christianson and Kirsten Ingram, and this year we are welcoming Diane Jeffs (seventeen years of age) as a youth advisor to the board.

Russ explained the election process and noted that Heidi Schaefer will chair the election process.

Heidi accepted the Chair and noted that Jim Orr and Dawn Welch have agreed to fill the two board positions available. Heidi called three times for nominations from the floor, and there were none. Because there were no additional nominations, Jim Orr and Dawn Welch were acclaimed.

4. Financial Statements and Internal Audit Committee

Russ presented the financial statements (copies were provided at the member registration desk) for the years ending December 31, 2011 and 2012. Russ thanked Mark Higgins (our volunteer accountant) for reviewing and filing the financial statements and income tax return with Canada Revenue Agency. Mark's work, together with the Internal Audit Committee, saved an estimated three to four thousand dollars that a chartered accounting firm would cost.

Motion: Schelle Holmes moved that we accept the statements as well as having Mark Higgins continue with the Internal Audit Committee until the Aron has more financial resources to hire an Auditor. Joan Sheppard seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Other Business:

Joan Sheppard asked for any programming ideas to be sent to her to present to the Marketing Committee in the next week or so.

Randall Head said they need more volunteers on the Operations Committee, ideally with skills and tools.

Skye Morrison talked about the Doors Open event and that the Aron would be a destination on the route. This will give the Aron more profile and is intended to introduce people to the Aron who may not already know about it or think it's closed. She suggested we have a float in the Canada Day Parade in Hastings which gets 10,000 visitors.

Russ Christianson thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 2:48pm.