

Minutes Zone 5 meeting Sat Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 Held in Coronation Hall, Gordon Rd Mosgiel.

6 attended a lighting workshop for beginners in the morning. John Colliers notes and knowledge were well received.

Present:

Helen – zone 5 rep, Pat - Oamaru Operatic, Hillary -Showbiz Queenstown, Vicky – West Otago, Kerry, Megan, Mark – Fine Thyme Theatre Coy, Bruce M, Bruce C, - Taieri Musical, Rodd, Stephanie, Irene from South Otago, Peter – Gore Operatic

Apologies: Kathy Gray – Fiordland Players, Ranfurly, Roxburgh, Alan McLeod, Clyde Theatre Group, Barbara Hanna, Alex Derby

Matters Arising Previous meeting:

Bronwyn from Oamaru still to send through templates for risk management for Societies to modify to their individual needs.

Production management forum gave some valuable hints.

Shows Roundup:

South Otago Balclutha – had a successful production of ‘Dads Army’ They are doing ‘Stiff’ from the 19<sup>th</sup> Nov and ‘The Importance of Being Ernest’ in 2010

Queenstown – A hugely successful ‘Les Miserables’ with community support. They collaborated with Oamaru on the set, which they found had worked well. May 2010 ‘Oliver’ and will be talking to other societies doing it, to share the costs.

Oamaru: ‘Cats’ just finished, with a dynamic young cast which wowed the community and had an amazing successful season. Next year is ‘Les Mis’ probably in Sept.

Taieri Musical: ‘Buddy’ has just started its season and they are very pleased with director Doug Kamo as he has lifted them to another level. Bruce felt that staffing and skill level for future

shows was in jeopardy due to over commitment. They are building up assets, just adding to it a new waterfall curtain. 'Oliver' is planned for 2010

Fine Thyme Cromwell – Did their first major production "Grease" this year which was a sell out and exceeded expectations and making a healthy profit. They thanked Taieri for all their input and support. Next year no firm decision but leaning towards 'Curtains' a new show, doing the South Island premier. They have a group called The Fine Thyme Chorus meeting to sing and entertain for local groups.

West Otago Tapanui – 'Mikado' this year with Bruce Martin, had great feedback. Lots of new cast members and enjoyed an adult show. Due to Gore doing 'Les Mis' next year and the opportunity for some of their members to take part they are looking at a childrens production 'The Wizard of Oz'. Maybe a 60's style dinner show in May next year and 2011 'Oliver' Vicky reported the sad passing of a life member Jimmy Edgar and the exciting news that Barbara Hanna has been nominated for the Gore Civic Awards.

Gore – They opened their new revamped theatre which has been many years in the planning doing 'J C Superstar'. It was a big learning curve for all with a new cast and director. 2010 is 'Les Mis' in August. They have a theatre restaurant in Nov 'Duets n Divas'.

MTNZ report – Helen

Fedex courier when using Tams Whitmark shows- they want you to use them to transport scripts/scores back but there are cheaper options,

Public Liability Insurance – each society should get a certificate of currency each year and give a copy to theatre to show you are covered.

PPNZ – phonographic performances NZ – copyright holders for the recorded version of a song. Important for a society who

owns and performs in their own rooms. Any background music being played need to pay PPNZ. Can get a blanket cover for the year, and it is a cheaper tariff for community organisations over business. It is the responsibility of the venue owner and does not cost too much. Three societies have been hit recently.

Entertainment industry working towards a common goal-framework for a common base of training. Kate has been working hard on liaising and meeting with other organisations – EINZ, ETNZ, EVANS. Induction would be Health and Safety, Fire safety and First Aid.

Conference 2010

Rego's ASAP to Kate

Please tick the boxes for the seminars as rooms will be allotted to numbers attending

Let Kate know your schedules so that buses can be arranged

Poster and programme competition 31<sup>st</sup> Dec a reminder and any merit award nominations.

Exec meeting was held at the Rydges last weekend to check on progress of hotel upgrade and meet with zone 1 societies who are jointly hosting conference for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

Conference 2011

To be hosted by Nelson and held at an English village accomodation, and wearable Arts is the theme for Sat night.

Hire lists from each society – get info to Helen so we can have an updated version of what is available around the zone. Ross to collate zone 4 so we have the South Island covered.

2011 planning – World cup Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – the country will stop for it so not a good time to expect bums on our seats.

South Island meeting Report:

Directors workshop- Invercargill still intend to host this with a no fee, live in supported by the licensing trust.

Saving for conference; ideas from other societies who sent a number each year. Saving each week. Selling chocolates. Raffles at shows. Applying for grants. General consensus is it takes one person to organise.

Free advertising ideas:

Facebook – chatty, but give all details of bookings etc remember not photos without peoples permission. Give Kate your details for MTNZ page.

Posters put into JPG form and send out to your data base, asking them to send on to their database etc.

North and South – what's on page

Cast dressed handing out flyers

Graeme Phillips spoke from Herbers and thanked people for their continued support and stressed that if you were contemplating an upgrade on your building/theatre, that you get the right advise to start with.

Bruce McDowell reported to the meeting that they had just bought a waterfall curtain from them and they were so accommodating , you could not get better service anywhere else.

John McGibbon - ML Consultants has light bulb special for par64, \$59.60+GST

Also ask if anyone has some old lighting equipment, could you let him know for a register with a view to opening a museum in the future.

Kate and John had met with John McDavitt from Creative NZ- with a view to get some ongoing funding for MTNZ which would help to keep costs down. It is really important that we have the stats from societies so that we have a story to tell, how many patrons, how many are employed etc, so if you haven't already please send those in.

Next Years South Island meeting, Oamaru have offered to host this and will confirm dates as soon as they have set them in Sept, a change from June.

General Business:

Fair Go Story : It was the consensus that 'no comment' is the right option if you are ever asked about something that occurs in another society.

Next zone meeting will be held between Tapanui and Gore ( Hosting and show) at a time to be advised next year.

The meeting was passed over to Irene Mosley who gave us some very valuable notes about applying for funding, the right words to use , keeping a paper trail, service groups, helpful web sites etc. If anyone needs a copy of her notes please let me know and I will send them on.

The meeting was closed with thanks to Taieri for hosting.