

**Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre
Board of Directors' Minutes
December 4, 2005 – Verona, Wisconsin**

Board Members Present: President Bob Kafka, Vice President Frank Peot, Treasurer Dee Baldock, Secretary Lynn Ruhl, Member at Large Carla Gallun, Member at Large Marie Peterson, Member at Large Mark Holten, Member at Large Elaine Jellings, Member at Large Dick Jellings

Board Members Absent: Member at Large Russ Stetler, Member at Large Jeannie Pitsch

Guests Present: None

I. Call to Order

President Bob Kafka called the meeting to order at 3:25pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October 9th Board Meeting were presented.

Motion – To approve the minutes with corrections.

(Dee Baldock/Mark Holten – Passed)

III. Financial Report

Presented the year-to-date Report for FY05 in a new format. Some adjustments to the reports were suggested.

Motion – To approve the financial report.

(Frank Peot/Marie Peterson – Passed)

IV. Administrative

A. Software was purchased for the group. Two licenses for Front Page, two licenses for Visio, and one license for Office Professional for \$50.00 the total worth of these licenses is \$1,070.00.

B. Bob Kafka is working on a way to back-up all of the group's various files in a central location. This will be done via Yahoo Groups.

V. Committees Reporting to the President

A. Off Year Festival – 2006 – Morrie Enders has backed out of the festival but we now have two Adjudicators who are willing to present workshops. (Allen Ebert and Jo Scheder) Beaver Dam is still looking for a second group; Sun Prairie is still a maybe. There will be events in three different buildings. Silent auction items can be brought to the next meeting or the

festival.

B. History – Nothing New.

C. Website – Sandi is having trouble updating the site and the site was down for a time during the month. A new domain name should be reserved. The cost is around \$10 per month and we need a website that is under our control.

VI. Committees Reporting to the Vice President

A. AACTFest 2005 – Bob and Dee are still trying to reconcile the financials.

B. AACTFest 2007 – We are still looking for a host, although Verona is a possibility, they have not gotten an answer yet from their theatre facility. If the theatre facility is available the VACT Board is definitely interested. Proof of music rights will no longer be required by the National AACTFest. Should WACT continue to require proof of music rights to avoid liability problems?

Motion – To continue to require proof of rights for all copyright protected materials at the Wisconsin festivals.

(Dee Baldock/Frank Peot – Passed)

C. Bylaws/Operations Manual – Nothing new.

D. Awards –The past awards were distributed. WACT will start a new State award in 2007.

E. Nominating Committee – One person has come forward to run for the board, Heidi-Rose Crueziger. Allen Ebert and Kurt Majkowski were suggested, they will be contacted before the cut off.

VII. Committees Reporting to the Treasurer

A. Finance – Funding sources are being pursued.

B. Membership – The membership report and a listing of non-renewals (15 individuals and 7 organizations) were distributed. Reminders have also been sent out to the non-renewals.

VIII. Committees Reporting to the Secretary

A. Newsletter –The December newsletter will be going out in the next week.

B. Publicity – Nothing New.

IX. Other Reports

A. Letter from Arts Wisconsin – Arts Wisconsin is asking WACT to be a sponsor for Arts Day 2006 which is March 2nd 2006. This was discussed; it could be good for publicity

and membership.

Motion – That WACT become a sponsor for Arts Day 2006 for \$50.00

(Dick Jellings/Carla Gallun – Passed)

- B.** The ‘Future of Community Theatre Forum’ was attended last month by Dee Baldock. The topic was Money Making Shows vs. Art. Unfortunately the discussion was more about Stoughton and what they have done rather than the future. Bob Kafka stated that WACT could do a similar forum in the future. It could possibly be done through Sun Prairie (as a resource guide)
- C.** There is a group that needs a youth theatre group to go to Italy. The deadline is December 30, 2005 and the performance date will be April 27th. This would be an application only.
- D.** A suggestion was made that the WACT bags be given to members who attend the festival.
- E.** ASCAP-There is a new license program for AACT members under development. under the proposal under discussion, license costs would be based on a group’s budget with a discount for AACT members.

Organization’s Budget	License Cost	After 10% Discount	After 60% discount
\$0 - \$24,999	\$145.00	\$130.50	\$58.00
\$25,000 - \$499,999	\$190.00	\$171.00	\$76.00
\$500,000 and over	\$275.00	\$247.50	\$110.00

X. Old Business – None

XI. New Business – None

XII. Other – None

XIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday January 22nd at 2:00pm in Beaver Dam.

XI. Adjournment

Motion – That the meeting be adjourned.

(Mark Holten/Elaine Jellings– Passed)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ruhl, Secretary, WACT