

Red Deer Players Society Annual General Meeting
September 24, 2024 | The Scott Block Theatre Main Stage, 7:00pm

Minutes

PRESENT: Randall Trites, Lynn Olson, Serge Belliveau, Sam Darby, Audrey Ladd, Spencer Ladd, Ashley Del Carmen, Ronen Eagles (legally Taylor Eagles), Audrey Shaw-Edwards, Michael Leek, Simone Ladd, Suzanne Hermary, Aaron Ladd

1. Call to Order at 7:48 pm by Chair, Aaron Ladd
2. Welcome & Introductions by Chair Aaron Ladd to Membership
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. No additions or edits required.
 - b. Approval moved by Suzanne Hermary / 2nd Randall Trites. CARRIED
4. Verification of Quorum (10 Members) - Verified by Aaron Ladd
5. Approval of Previous Minutes of Red Deer Players Society AGM, September 28, 2023
 - a. No Errors or Omissions.
 - b. Approval moved by Lynn Olson / 2nd Randall Trites. CARRIED
 - c. Year in Review - Aaron Ladd
6. Year in Review 2023-2024
 - a. Mixed Nuts co-production with Primestock Theatre was a success with 6 performances at The Scott Block Theatre.
 - b. The 2024 Carole Forhan Performing Arts Scholarship was awarded to JM Amurao for his continuing education in theatre.
 - c. Breaking Cover Series 4 included 5 shows; 150 people attended the series at RDPL's Snell Auditorium. The relationship with Red Deer Public Library remains strong. At this time, the series is on hiatus due to the maternity leave of the season producer, Erin VanderWeg.
7. Artistic Director's Report: none was presented as Carson Rafuse's term of service had already been completed and he was unavailable to present.
8. New Business
 - a. Aaron Ladd presented a plan to invest in the operations of the organization, setting aside \$10,000 towards the hiring of an Executive Director for Red Deer Players Society. Further to this, was another \$5,000 investment towards Artistic Direction and Production leadership for the Company, including the Breaking Cover Series.
 - b. Discussion ensued about this possibility.
10. Treasurer's Report & New Budget
 - a. Michael Leek presented Financial Reports for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.
 - b. Motion to receive and adopt financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2024 by Lynn Olson / 2nd Ashley Del Carmen. CARRIED
 - c. Presentation of 2024-2025 Budget and approval.

- i. Main change: budget for ED and AD positions as presented by Aaron Ladd in New Business.
- d. Approval of Budget as presented moved by Suzanne Hermary /Randall Trites.
DEFEATED.
- e. Discussion ensued about the un-balanced budget. Suzanne Hermary recommended that grant funding be sought by Red Deer Players Society to balance the deficit in the operating budget. She noted that The City of Red Deer and most grant funders require a balanced budget (\$0 net) to provide funding. Suzanne moved to accept the budget with amendments to seek grant funding to balance the budget. Randall seconded.
CARRIED.
- f. Auditors – Our thanks to the volunteers appointed from the Membership for the year 2023-2024 for auditing our financials: Jason Steele and Lori Lane.
 - i. Appointment of auditors for 2024-2025 Financials: Randall Trites and Lynn Olson. The appointees agreed to take on the responsibility.

11. Secretary's Report - Socials grown, 14 board meetings, 31 members.

12. Bylaw Changes - None presented.

13. Nominations and Voting for Board

Returning Officer: Randall Trites

The following Red Deer Players Society members were elected to the Board as a Slate by majority vote of the membership.

- o Aaron Ladd
- o Simone Ladd
- o Michael Leek
- o Suzanne Hermary
- o Lynn Oleson
- o Ash Del Carmen
- o Ronen Eagles

11. Adjournment

- a. Randall Trites moved to adjourn at 8:42 pm.