

**The Sudbury Savoyards Board of Trustees**  
**Thursday January 13, 2011 – Meeting Minutes**  
**7:30 P.M. @ SUMC (O'Reilly Room)**

**Attendees:** Trustees: Brad Amidon, Kathryn Denney, Bill Fisher, John Gorgone, Bill Johnson, Laurel Martin, Kate Meifert  
Board Staff: Ed Fell, School Liaison; Andrea Roessler, Archivist; Paul Sliney, Database Manager/Producer  
Guest: Peter Stark

Meeting Called to Order at 7:46 P.M. by K. Meifert, Chairman

- 1) Consideration of Agenda
- 2) 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary
  - a. Coordinator's report (A. Roessler) – The next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23. 220 invitations have been sent for the Reunion Brunch in February. 29 reservations have been received to date. 17 of those people will also be going to the Matinee performance following the Brunch. To allow more people to respond, the deadline for brunch reservations has been extended to February 1. On Sunday, February 6 at 2pm, Andrea will be offering a talk on the history of the Sudbury Savoyards to the Sudbury Historical Society in the lower level of the town hall. It will probably be a video presentation. Everyone is invited.
  - b. Video copyright permission (E. Fell) – We have now secured permission from all videographers to provide the historical productions of the Sudbury Savoyards on Sudbury cable and its internet site. However, since some of the videos have a copyright statement granting ownership to the Sudbury Savoyards, the board needs to approve the release of those videos. To this end, the following motion was made by L. Martin and seconded by B. Fisher:

For those video or audio recordings for which The Sudbury Savoyards have claimed copyright, permission is hereby granted to any member of The Sudbury Savoyards to (1) arrange for them to be aired on public access television channels, (2) make them available for streaming over the internet and (3) make copies for personal use or to offer for sale to other members or to the general public, as long as the net funds from such sale are for the benefit of The Sudbury Savoyards. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, the following existing recordings and any future recordings copyrighted by The Sudbury Savoyards:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Production</b>
1993	The Pirates of Penzance
1994	Patience
1995	The Mikado
1998	Trial by Jury
1998	HMS Pinafore
1999	Iolanthe
2000	Ruddigore
2001	The Gondoliers
2002	The Sorcerer

The motion was approved.

- 3) Staff Reports
  - (a) Costume Rentals - (J. Dallas) No report.
  - (b) Equipment/Scenery Rentals (L. Martin) – No reportable activity.
  - (c) Theater Liaison (E. Fell) – Progress is being made on permission to use the Genie lift at LSRHS. Our insurance agent is talking to the school's insurance agent to satisfy the waiver of liability issues. The application for our use of the school for *Trial by Pinafore* will be submitted on

Tuesday, January 18.

- (d) Church Liaison - (B. Johnson) – Proceeds from a donation check from a Vanguard Charitable Trust account has been delivered from SUMC to us. Unfortunately, all accompanying paperwork describing the donor and the purpose of the donation was lost along the way. Bill Johnson will try to get the church administrators to make copies of the original materials as they are received in the future. These copies should be sent to our treasurer as soon as the check arrives at the church. Our interactions with the Boy Scouts while sharing the long cellar has been good.
- 4) Secretary's Report (B. Fisher)
- General report – The phone line has been quiet, but the email volume has increased. Most of it involves questions concerning tickets for *Trial by Pinafore*.
  - December 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by L. Martin, seconded by K. Denney. Approved.
- 5) Treasurer's Report (J. Gorgone) – \$23,244.08 current balance as of 1/13/2011. \$6304.00 in Credits: *Trial by Pinafore* internal sales \$798.00. *Trial by Pinafore* Patrons \$324.00. *Trial by Pinafore* Patron-Nancy Burdine \$2500.00. *Trial by Pinafore* Ads \$840.00. *Trial by Pinafore* Tickets \$142.00. 50<sup>th</sup> Brunch Sales \$680.00. Lighting rental \$20.00. \$446.34 in Debits: *Trial by Pinafore* Costumes \$257.32. 50<sup>th</sup> Brunch Invitations \$100.00. Telephone Bill \$89.02. \$147.47 in Outstanding Debits: Parade Flyers (OGP/Craft Fair) \$147.47.
- 6) Main Show 2011 – *Trial by Pinafore*
- Producers' report (J. Gorgone and P. Sliney) Rehearsals have started. We had our first snow cancellation on January 12. An official snow cancellation policy is being developed. Tech workdays are progressing. For the Feb 27 matinee, Royston Nash will be doing a curtain warmer talk prior to the performance of *Trial By Jury*. Contact information for the production staff and the cast has been put together and will soon be posted on the website. Printed materials for the postcards, posters, and tickets have been sent to the printer, but we are still negotiating costs with the printer. The playbill deadline is Friday, January 14.
  - Discounted ad for G&S Festival (A. Roessler) – Rich Wiley of the International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival has requested a discounted price of \$50 for a full page playbill ad to be in line with fees paid to other Gilbert and Sullivan Groups. The board approved the discount.
- 7) Bylaws amendment finalization (B. Johnson) – Motion to approve the current wording of the bylaws amendment for presentation at the annual meeting by L. Martin. Seconded by K. Denney. Approved.
- 8) New Business
- Summer show play reading proposal (P. Stark) – In lieu of a summer show, Peter has offered to stage a reading of *Mary Rose* written by J. M. Barrie (author of Peter Pan). The advantage of this proposal would be to provide continuity with our other summer show efforts. Peter is intending a non-staged, non-costumed production using actors reading from scripts at SUMC. Minimal rehearsals will be needed. The board discussed the proposal and decided to continue discussions with Peter on this topic.
  - Selection of 2012 G&S show – J. Gorgone moved that the winter show for 2012 should be *Ruddigore*. Seconded by B. Fisher. Approved.

Future Meetings Scheduled for: Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 7:30 PM. Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 7:30 PM. Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn by L. Martin, Seconded by J. Gorgone.

**Adjourned at 9:56 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted – Bill Fisher, Secretary

Proposed By-Law Change  
**Sudbury Savoyard's Bylaws Update \***  
**(for receiving/disbursing donations)**

**Old VIII.4 Section Disbursement of Proceeds**  
**(replaced by updated VIII.4 Section)**

**Other articles/sections of bylaws remain unchanged**

**VIII Article: FINANCES**

***VIII.1 Section: Fiscal Year***

The fiscal year of the Organization shall be May 1 to April 30.

***VIII.2 Section: Income***

Income is primarily from, but not limited to, the sale of tickets to the productions, playbill advertisements, patron / sponsor contributions, and whatever grants the Organization may receive.

***VIII.3 Section: Dues***

The Organization shall not assess dues.

~~***VIII.4 Section: Disbursement of Proceeds***~~

~~The proceeds of each production, minus a specific amount reserved for startup expenses for the next production, shall be donated to the SUMC for its Outreach Program.~~

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The net proceeds (income less expenses) of each production or event, minus a specific amount reserved for startup expenses for the next production or event, shall be donated to the SUMC for its Outreach Program. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Trustees shall have discretion, in the event of the receipt of large donations to the Organization, to set aside and invest funds to assure sufficient income to carry out the Organization's purposes in the future. These purposes include future startup productions/events and purchases of capital items.

**XI Article: DISSOLUTION**

Dissolution of the Organization shall be effective upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the general membership present at a Special Meetings called for such purpose. Upon dissolution, all assets shall be distributed to the SUMC.

***\* Presentation of this bylaw update to the Sudbury Savoyards annual meeting, for the membership's consideration, was approved at the Sudbury Savoyard's Board meeting on January 13, 2011***