

SATS Meeting – 18th June 2007

Opened: 7:05pm

Present: J. Doughty, A. Doughty, C. Godschalk, V. Brennan, N. Bintley, M. Guillon, D. Taylor, K. Smith and M. Smith

Apologies: A. Almond, J. Sandford, J. Sandford, M. Godschalk and N. Taylor

Minutes of April meeting were read and moved by Miranda Guillon and seconded by Jon Doughty.

Business Arising:

- SATS are yet to receive the expected letter from the Hospital regarding the use of our PA for their 100 year anniversary fair.
- A backdrop seam cloth was purchased and used in *Annie*.
- A 2.4GHz monitoring system was purchased and used in *Annie*.
- Three microphones and a multi-core were purchased from *Singleton Hi-Fi* and used in *Annie*.
- Jon Doughty made initial enquiries with Jennifer Bligh from Singleton Council regarding grants to build a SATS shed. Jon estimated \$250,000 worth of grants would be required to go ahead with the project. It was suggested that the developer for Maison Dieu (Hilton Grugeon) might be a useful contact as he is involved with the Maitland Arts Society. Bob Moore has drawn up some designs for a shed.
- Nine SATS members participated in the Sydney Philharmonia “Chorus Oz” weekend where they performed Verdi’s ‘Requiem’. All involved agreed the performance itself was amazing and well worth the experience for all and a few who came to watch.
- Deb Walker was unable to attend the “Chorus Oz” weekend but since SATS had already paid the fee for the event on her behalf this amount will need to be recovered as soon as practicable.
- Mark Smith met with the Principal of Singleton Heights Primary School. Whilst she indicated that she was disappointed we hadn’t contacted her regarding use of the hall she is happy to leave things as they are. Mark gave her some contact phone numbers. They discussed payment of the hall hire and the Principal will send a letter to SATS as her predecessor has done in the past.
- Regarding the tiered system of sponsorship it was suggested we reduce the levels and cost in order to get a wider coverage.
 - Vanessa indicated that during *Annie* numerous tickets were wasted as sponsors failed to turn up.
 - SATS needs to reconsider this system which was originally designed as an incentive to get bums on seats for Opening Night.
 - Some suggestions included free tickets to Opening Night only, or a half price Tuesday.
 - Miranda suggested that if we are reducing the cost of sponsorship maybe we can then charge the sponsors for tickets but at a reduced cost. This would eliminate the issue of wasted tickets as only sponsors who wished to attend the performance would purchase the tickets.
 - It was agreed the free cast tickets worked well, with people coming to see the show twice.
 - It was decided that further discussion was required and a society decision needs to be made.

Treasurer’s Report:

The current cashbook balance is \$30358.61.

For the month of May income of \$21,860.50 comprised of sponsorships, ticket, programme and T-shirt sales for *Annie* whilst expenses included the purchase of sound equipment and sets for *Annie*.

There is approximately \$1,200 in bills yet to pay, but Mark feels that we should make a profit on the show. A total of 2,070 tickets were sold raising \$23,885.50. Programme sales and sponsorship should cover the cost of their printing.

Mark anticipates owing another \$1,000 in Royalties, taking the total to \$5,500. The hall hire of around \$7,000 is also yet to be paid.

Macquarie Generation is in the process of writing up a cheque for \$840 for additional tickets purchased.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mark, moved by Daryl Taylor and seconded by Vanessa Brennan.

Correspondence:

For the months of April, May and June to present, incoming correspondence comprised of:

- Gould Bros invoice for \$101.56
- NIDA Winter Short Courses brochure
- AON Insurance Certificate of Currency
- Pegasus Group request to change sponsor tickets for *Annie*
- Association of Community Theatre "What's On!" brochures
- Liddell Coal payment of Sole Performance Sponsorship for *Annie*
- Singleton Council request to complete Community Information Database form
- Singleton Hi-Fi payment of Sole Performance Sponsorship and statement for \$2,911 for sound equipment purchased
- Singleton RSC payment of Sole Performance Sponsorship for *Annie*
- Safety Plus Training payment of Shared Performance Sponsorship for *Annie*
- HVE payment of Shared Performance Sponsorship for *Annie*
- Gwen Downing payment of Programme Sponsorship for *Annie*
- Regional Publishers account for *Annie* advertising \$117.92
- The TESA Group payment of Sole Performance Sponsorship for *Annie*
- Gould Bros statement \$212.08
- Gould Bros invoice for *Annie* sets approx \$240
- Donation from Video Ezy of \$50
- Incite Graphics invoice \$475 for *Annie* posters, tickets and seating plans
- Lioness Club of Singleton acceptance of request to operate kiosk during *Annie*
- SAMS Newsletter Volume 75 and annual report
- Incite Graphics statement \$1,900 for *Annie* programs, posters, tickets and seating plans
- Fuji statement \$297 for cast photos *Annie*
- Gould Bros statement \$206.30
- Invoice/statement Radio Hunter Valley \$330 for on-air *Annie* advertising
- Singleton Ink Spot statement \$14.30
- Singleton Hi-Fi invoice \$69.95 for AV sender
- Regional Publishers invoice \$261.51 for advertising *Annie*

The correspondence report was presented by Miranda Guillon, moved by Alison Doughty and seconded by Colleen Godschalk.

General Business:

- Daryl thanked everyone involved in the process of his Life Membership to the club.

- Kaylene has been approached by Helen Dawson to see if four SATS members are willing to sing at their Christmas in July event at the Mitchell's Flat hall. It is being held on the last weekend in July and they would receive a free meal valued at \$35. Kaylene will ring Tony Fletcher and Monique Chalker to see if they are interested.
- Kaylene is going to do wardrobes on Fridays and needs volunteers. Miranda and Alison agreed to meet Kaylene at 9:30am this Friday.
- Alison would like to direct '*Guys and Dolls*' the year after *CATS*. She is happy to let other people go ahead of her if they want to do a show in 2009, in which case she will bump hers back a year.
- Mark Smith stated that someone else will have to be club Treasurer when the new committee is voted in.
- Theatre Sports has been bumped back two weeks to the 3rd August. Lisa Hall will hold rehearsals at 74 George St from the first week in July.
- Mark will hold auditions for *CATS* in November/December and is considering lowering the age limit for performers in the show from 16 down to 15. He doesn't want a huge cast with an ensemble preferred. It was suggested that people should know up front that they will be required to wear Lycra suits.
- Some of the *Annie* cast have indicated they would like to be ushers in cat suits. There will be a total of ten shows from June 13-28.

Meeting closed: 8:10 pm.