**DESERT THEATRE LEAGUE MINUTES Monday, August 20, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Berman at 3:59 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Frank Berman President

Susan Berman Vice President

Shawn Abramowitz Secretary

Derik Shopinski Treasurer

June August Director

Gina Bikales Director

Tony Bogard Director

Charles Harvey Director

Karen Schmitt Director

John Toogood Director

**ABSENT**

Irwin Rubinsky Director

**MINUTES**

The revised minutes from the August Board Meeting were approved. Gina motioned to approve the minutes, June second.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Derik reported that, for the fiscal year, revenue has exceeded expenses by $3,145, largely the result of selling 5 ads in the Star Awards program. End of month bank balance was $26,183. Shawn motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report for audit. Gina seconded. Shawn will look into DNO insurance. The 2018-2019 budget was accepted. Derik Motioned to approve, Shawn second.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Susan stated that 1 producing member and several schools are delinquent. October 31st is the deadline for payment. After that date, productions of delinquent members will not be judged. Susan will email tardy members.

**JUDGING COORDINATOR REPORT**

John will meet and counsel judges individually as needed. There are over 120 shows to be judged during the 2018-2019 season. John reminded the Board that requests for judges must be received 30 days prior to production. John is actively seeking additional candidates.

**WEBSITE REPORT**

The website has not migrated from Network Solutions to GoDaddy. Frank asked Charles to remove the “nomination” button from the home page and transfer the nominee list to the archives. Winners will be posted online October 15th, after the Desert Star Awards.

**SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

Karen reported touching base with award recipients on their performances. The 2019 scholarship application will be announced at the Desert Star Awards. Karen will also continue to be the Scholarship chair for the 2018-2019 season.

**DESERT STAR AWARDS**

We are still waiting on the table layout chart, Karen is obtaining volunteers to assist with the event. Karen is presenting the scholarship winners. Other presenters were assigned. Morgana Corelli developed the cover for the program. The Board agreed to increase the gift amount. Each Emcee is also receiving a gift. Pre event tasks were assigned during the meeting. The Eventbrite survey will be emailed to members after the awards ceremony.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Frank received a response from the Desert Sun, the response was posted on the website and our Facebook page. Several Producing members thanked Frank for his advocacy. Julie Mackinen, incoming executive editor of The Desert Sun offered to meet with Frank in mid-October to discuss increased coverage of local theatrical productions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing new to report on publicity from June, Shawn, and Charles.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Board Meeting will be held on October 22, 2018, at 4 pm., at:

31276 Dunham Way

Thousand Palms, California 92276

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Abramowitz

Secretary