



# callboard

2015-2016 Season is Announced!

## Highlights

- Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Caught in the Net*, which received many compliments from audience members who enjoyed the show's high energy and zany humor. The Milton Player's 2014-2015 season has been a rousing success so far!
- After having to postpone auditions until Wednesday and Thursday due to snow, we are pleased to announce that *The Dixie Swim Club* has been cast!
- Sheree Hollinger - Maureen Truax
- Dinah Grayson- Juliana Dennis
- Lexie Richards- Phyllis Delaricheliese
- Jeri Neal McFeeley- Catherine McLaughlin
- Vernadette Simms- Erin Stulb
- We are also pleased to announce our directors for next season:
  - *The Addams Family Musical* : Don Capen
  - *Becky's New Car*: Dan Delaporta
  - *On Golden Pond*: Frank Moffett

## Minutes of Milton Players Board Meeting Tuesday, February 3, 2015

1) In attendance: Erin, Frank, Glenn, Kevin, Dawn and Maureen. Minutes of January meeting approved.

2) Corresponding Secretary Report: Maureen continues to pursue correct email addresses for members and patrons whose address comes back as undeliverable. A lovely letter of thanks was sent to the club from The Massachusetts Hospital School for our sponsorship of their Holiday Variety Show.

3) Treasurer Report: Dawn reports season subscriptions have gone very well this year. *Inherit The Wind* was a rousing success, exceeding expectations. She will give an in depth itemized budget to our business manager, Frank, and show him the spread sheets for each of the shows. She will also be calling about mysterious bank fees that have shown up on our account.

4) Publicity Report: Erin will be sending a last email blast out for *Caught In The Net*. We were unable to get an ad in *Suburban Shopper* for this show but hope to do so for the next. Ads were placed in *Milton Times*, *Suburbanite* and *Globe South* with a nice blurb featuring Jen Walsh in

*The Times*. It was decided Sundays are generally best for publicity photo shoots and the director must know these photos are a priority at this rehearsal. This should be discussed at first production staff meeting. Stephen Hamilton already has posters and post cards ready for *Dixie Swim Club*.

5) Business Manager Report: Frank was very successful with his campaign to let patrons know for a few more dollars their ticket price could become a subscription. We have 40 new subscribers bringing us to 111! The shows continue to bring in new audience members with many people buying tickets the night of the show. We'd like to thank Maxine Frukhoff for distributing posters and post cards in the area and helping promote our shows. We will be investigating the possibility of joining the Milton Non-Profit organization and the Milton Business Group.

6) Front of House: Glenn reports we have many helpful friends who join us to usher and pour for each of our shows; we are very grateful to all of you! Everything has been running smoothly so far this season.

7) *Caught In The Net* Report: Kevin also reports *Caught In The Net* had a lot of help from a lot of people , everything is up and working! On Wednesday, February 4 the Players will perform the first act for the residents of Fuller Village as a thank-you for allowing us to rehearse in their lovely space. Hopefully this will inspire many of them to come see the whole show.

8) Clarification of Responsibilities: Photos in the lobby are the responsibility of Publicity. They need to make sure there are enough supplies to mount photos and that someone is assigned to have them up on the Thursday before opening Friday. Front of House is responsible for assigning someone to the signage, inside and out, both putting it up and removing it. Front of house is also responsible for trash in the auditorium; the stage manager is responsible for trash backstage. We also need to be extra vigilant in the locking of all doors and general clean-up of MHS; we are grateful for the use of this wonderful space and want to remain welcome here!

9) *The Dixie Swim Club* Report: We are watching a major storm ,decision to move auditions to Tuesday , February 10 and Wednesday, February 11 will be made on Saturday evening and posted online on Facebook and our website. Dawn, Producer for this production, has a team of Stephen Hamilton, Ken Carberry and Brian Delaney lined up to help run auditions. She has gathered a production team: Assistant Director Jen Fenlon, Stage Manager Bruce Houston, Properties Meghan O'Connor and Jackie Kemp, Make-up and Hair Jane Tempesta, Set Design Katie Fetrow. Costumes, Set Dresser and Lighting Tech have yet to be chosen. Also, on Sunday, May 3 Glenn will be unavailable to run front of house.

10) Interview Committee Report: Erin, Glenn, Laura and non-board member, Jane Cartier will be interviewing 8 prospective directors for our upcoming season Saturday, February 7 from 12:30pm - 4:00pm at MHS. We hope to make offers right away and be ready to start work on next season this summer. We are still looking for Musical Directors for *The Addams Family*.

11) Nominating Committee Report: Frank, Laura and Harriet Ryan are our team this year. Dawn recommended a bylaw change making positions on the board 2 year terms. Frank requested anyone no longer wishing to be on the board let the committee know ASAP. A new board is expected to be announced to the membership in April and voted on at our end of the year party.

12) Wireless Mics Report: Frank says no decision has been made by The Milton Woman's Club about our grant money to be used to buy wireless mics; he recommends we rent them for our upcoming musical. Kevin suggested we may be able to get some from The Dragonfly Theater as a loan or for rent. We will investigate this option further.

13) A new snow cancelation policy was drafted by Erin and ratified by the board. It included posting both cancelations and announcements that a show would take place on our website , ShowPhone and Facebook. The Producer and the President will decide on cancelations. Patrons who purchased their tickets by mail or phone who we know do not have internet access will be notified of cancelations by phone. Change of dates for auditions and set-ups will also be on website and Facebook.

14) Dates for our 2015-2016 Season were chosen: *The Addams Family* October 30, 31, November 1, 6, 7 & 8; *Becky's New Car* January 29 & 30, February 5,6 & 7 and *On Golden Pond* April 22,23, 29, 30 & May 1.

15) New Business Report: Dawn is preparing scholarship applications to be sent to Milton High School by February 27.

16) Resolution in Honor of Ronnie Crowell read by Erin.

17) Next Meeting: Monday, March 2 at Milton Yacht Club

Meeting ended at 9:00pm.