

## **Brampton Film Club Annual General Meeting**

Brampton Community Centre  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **Present**

Committee members: Jane Sedgwick (Chair), Peter Sedgwick (Treasurer), Sally Hodgson (Secretary), David Bamford, Michael France, Wendy Gregory.  
Club members: Cath Towle, Gillian Bamford, Eileen Norman, J Davies, Rob Davies, Paul Skeates, Aileen Lee, Wendy Lawson, Patricia O' Hara, Geoffrey Roberts, Bob Lee, Andrew McComas, Mary Hallaway, Val Doughty, Charmi McCutcheon

### **Apologies**

Colin & Joan Partington, Clare Collinson, Tim & Hilary Booth, Elizabeth Marshall, Sheila & Wick Wilson, Daphne Roberts, Bob Jones, Conn Elphinstone, Harold Hodgson, Myrna Reay, Alison Crossley, Denis Inch, Reuben Hare, David & Jan Kemp, Julia Devonald, Anita Laird, Heather Tipler

### **Minutes of last AGM 16.2.19 and matters arising**

The Minutes were approved.

Proposed by Mary Hallaway and seconded by Bob Lee.

No matters arising.

### **Chair's Report on 2019**

This was sent out to all members before the AGM.

#### **Key Points**

- Various tasks have been delegated to members of the committee over the year taking some of the work from Jane. It has been a pleasure to work with the committee and thanks to them all. Sally is standing down from the committee. Thanks again to her.
- Thanks also to all the helpers but we always need more especially people who are able to help with the more physical tasks of setting up and taking down, as some of the equipment is heavy. Those that have helped on 3 or more occasions will receive a voucher for Bistro 34.
- There is currently a job share of Rob Davies and Charmi who manage the helpers' rota and they are happy to continue. Thanks to them both for their work over the past year.
- There are currently 202 members an increase of 1 on last year. Only 6 are annual members. Benefits for Perpetual members are a loyalty card where every 7<sup>th</sup> film is free and also 10% discount on food at Bistro 34 on film nights.
- Publicity for the club continues through local shops, libraries and Tourist Offices. Jane organises the Twitter and Facebook accounts while Michael France runs the website, thanks to him for this.
- Other information can be found in the Chair's report.

The film club has now been in existence for more than 12 years and has shown just over 215 films. Our plan of reducing the number of films screened across the year has had a positive impact with average attendances up. The

club is in a strong position and Jane thanked all the members for their continued support.

Looking ahead to 2020 films will continue to be shown every 3 weeks with a gap in June/July. Another summer social event may be planned.

Jane encouraged members to continue to support the club, by coming to watch films and by offering to help.

The club is looking for a new secretary to take minutes at committee meetings and it was emphasised that this is not an onerous task as there are only meetings 5 or 6 times a year. If anyone is interested please contact Jane. There were no questions following this report.

### **Treasurers Report**

This has been sent out to members prior to the AGM.

There has been no external audit but records will be made available to any member who would like to review them.

- The reduction in ticket sales, raffle takings and refreshment contributions is due to a reduction in films shown. The average attendance per film was higher in 2019.
- The reduction in Film Licence/DVD purchase is due to an increase in cheaper distributors used and a reduction in films shown.
- The decrease in insurance costs is because we paid 2 years contributions to the Community Centre's insurance in 2018.
- The depreciation charge is in respect of the DVD player, projector and the speaker stands.
- There is again a surplus despite the higher depreciation charge last year. The committee is pleased to announce that, given the club's current healthy financial position, all membership and ticket prices will remain unchanged in 2020.

### Questions

It was asked if the cost of hiring the hall has increased?

It has as we are now paying per film in arrears for hire of the hall. It was decided to pay this way because the finances of the Community Centre were uncertain and we did not want to be owed money in the event of any problems in the future. We also have to pay for the new equipment storage area and use of the stage.

Paul Skeates congratulated the committee on their management of the club and the fact it was in good financial health.

Acceptance of the financial report was proposed by David Bamford and seconded by Paul Skeates.

### **Returning Officer called on 2019 committee to stand down.**

Bob Lee on behalf of the members echoed the sentiments expressed by Paul Skeates and asked the committee to stand down.

### **Returning Officer calls for nominations for the 2020 committee.**

Paul Skeates proposed the new committee and Eileen Norman seconded this.

New committee members for 2020 are: Jane Sedgwick (Chair), Peter Sedgwick (Treasurer), David Bamford, Michael France, Myrna Reay and Wendy Gregory.