

BRAMPTON FILM CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Brampton Community Centre
6.30pm Saturday 5 March 2016

Present:

Committee Members: Jane Sedgwick (Chair), David Bamford, Charmi McCutcheon, Peter Sedgwick (Treasurer), Heather Tipler

Club Members: Tim Booth (Returning Officer), Catherine Towle, Jane Purdy, Daphne Roberts, Valerie Bowen, Janet Langley, John Langley, Clare Collinson, Brenda Swinn, Reuben Hares, Eileen Norman, David Kershaw, Mary Hallaway, Christina Niekerk, Eeke van Gulik, Bob van Gulik, Joan Cartwright, Michael Brockway, Barbara Sanderson, Bob Jones, Mary Harris, Christina Tierney, Helen Horne, Joan Gilman, David Hurd, Angela Stockdale, Geoff Stockdale, Anita Laird, Joan Partington, Kate Boyle, Pauline Bourne.

Welcome and Introductions

Jane Sedgwick welcomed the members and introduced the committee. She extended her thanks to the committee for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Health and Safety

Jane said that these would be announced prior to the film starting

Apologies

Myrna Reay, Michael France, Sheila Mainwaring, Elizabeth Marshall, Tom Parkinson, Eileen Parkinson, Ann Button, Ruth Kershaw, Gillian Bamford and Wendy Lawson.

Minutes of Last AGM (31.01.15)

Jane requested that the Minute should be amended from

“The AGM timing be amended from within 1 month of year end to within 6 months “

To

“The AGM timing be amended from within 1 month of year end to within **3** months “

There were no other Matters Arising

Daphne Roberts moved that the minutes were approved, Bob Jones seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Chair's Report on 2015 and Questions

Jane presented her report that had been previously circulated to members, with specific reference to the following points

- Particular thanks go to the Helpers, especially Wendy Lawson, who took over the organising of the Helpers when Jane became Chair of the Club. The club would welcome any member offering to become a helper, as it is sometimes difficult finding enough people to fulfil all the helper roles. Anyone wishing to become a helper should contact Wendy or make themselves known to a Committee member. Helpers who have assisted at 4 or more film showings in 2015 will receive a free entrance ticket, this is a thank you for the contribution that they have made to the running of the club.
- Finances for 2015 are healthy and the club is self-supporting.
- Membership, There are still a few Annual members but the Perpetual Membership offering has proven to be a success. At the end of 2015 the club had 143 members as opposed to 136 at the end of 2014.
- The club ceased showing Friday films during 2015, for reasons given at the last AGM. The visit to Tyneside cinema was a successful day out and the club hope to run another trip in 2016.
- Brambles continue to offer pre film meals at a 15% discount. This discount is available on film nights only and to avoid confusion, the bistro has details of film nights. The Community Centre café is offering pre film meals but only for certain films, these are detailed on the club leaflet. Pre-booking for Brambles and the Community Centre is advised
The Film Discussion Group has continued to meet on the Tuesday after a film showing in the Community Centre café. The Discussion Group have also promoted a DVD library and it is involved in the film selection process.
- Attendance –The average attendance for 2015 was down slightly from the previous year however, the first 3 films of 2016 have been well attended, it is hoped that this trend will be continued
- Film Data - The club shows a mix of foreign and English language films, in 2015 we showed 12 English language films and 7 foreign films. The button survey still provides useful information as to audience appreciation. The top scoring film in 2015 was The Sea Inside with a score of 9.8, the lowest was Kumiko with a score of 5.6.
- Publicity and Communication - the club advertises the forthcoming films in several ways, in order to reach as wide an audience as possible. HF Holidays in Penrith generously provide the facilities for printing the posters. The club website has had the link to Amazon removed, this has been replaced by a link to Easyfundraising. This allows any member to raise funds for the club when doing online shopping. There are very many retailers who may be accessed through this site, including Amazon. The current total raised is £131.49p, if the club can raise £200 by the end of the year, then the money will be used to show a free film in December.
- Community Centre Refurbishment – once the Centre start to receive rent from the flats, they will be in a position to start applying for funding.
- Conclusion – The Club has been in existence for nearly eight years and has shown 145 films, there are plans for celebrating the tenth year of the Club. In 2015, the Club saw an increase in membership, the introduction of a DVD library and the introduction of pre-film meals in the Community Centre café. Jane expressed her thanks to David Bamford for organising the DVD library. The current committee have advised that they intend to stand again for the coming year.
- David Bamford confirmed the arrangements for the Discussion Group and stated that new members would be welcome. He spoke about the DVD library and said it consisted of films shown at the club and DVDs that have been donated. There is a list of available films with

the library, which is available each film night. Films that are borrowed, should be returned by the next film night.

Questions

Q Have sub-titles and audio descriptive proved beneficial, as they can be distracting.

A Sub-titles were introduced to make the club more inclusive, new members have joined because of this offering.

Treasurer's Report on 2015 and Questions

Peter highlighted key points in the Treasurer's Report that had been previously circulated to members.

Income

- Film ticket sales are down on the previous year, due to a decline in attendance, the offering of free attendance to Perpetual Members and having to offer half price tickets on the night that the DVD player broke.
- Membership subscriptions are up from 2014.
- Easyfundraising commission does not reflect the amount of money actually raised, as it may take 3 months for donations to be made.

Expenditure

- The club received a full refund from Cinema for All for an affiliation fee that had been paid.
- **Film Night Expenditure**
Film Licences, DVD Purchases and Venue Hire continue to be the clubs major source of outlay, with license fees and venue hire at £174 per showing. Costs have risen by £542.65, compared with 2014, mainly due to an increase in the Film Licence fees.
- **Charitable Donations**
Two donations were made in 2015:
 1. £100 to MIND in January
 2. £51.21 to the Cumbria Flood Appeal in December
- A deficit is shown because of depreciation. The depreciation figure had to be adjusted from the 2014 accounts because of a minor error. The equipment is in a good condition and the assets include 2 screens. The club is in a healthy position in terms of breaking even.

There being no questions for the Treasurer's report, Geoff Stockdale proposed that the Chair and Treasurer reports should be approved. David Kershaw seconded the proposal, the proposal was carried unanimously.

Returning Officer calls on 2015 committee to stand down

Tim Booth, on behalf of the members, thanked the current committee for their achievements in the past year. He then asked them to stand down.

Returning Officer calls for nominations/seconding for 2016 committee

The 2015 committee had already expressed a willingness to continue for another year and Tim requested further nominations.

Election of 2016 Committee

There being no further nominations, Bob Jones nominated Jane Sedgwick, David Bamford, Michael France, Charmi McCutcheon, Myrna Reay, Peter Sedgwick and Heather Tipler to stand for the 2016 committee, Daphne Roberts seconded the nomination. The 2015 committee were re-elected for 2016.

Constitution Amendment

1. Minimum Quorum size for AGM - amend the Constitution to read '*10% of the membership or 20 members, whichever is the lower.*' Bob Jones proposed that this amendment should be accepted, Kate Boyle seconded the proposal, the motion was carried.

2. Annual membership no longer to be offered to new members, it will be retained for current Annual members.

Q Why is this being proposed.

A There are several reasons for this suggestion

- The scheme causes administrative problems for the Treasurer, as members who have not renewed their annual fee have to be identified and contacted. There are currently 19 Annual members.
- The number of Annual memberships is declining and some existing members have transferred from Annual to Perpetual. Take up of Annual membership is minimal.
- The scheme is also problematic for helpers manning the box office and membership desks.

Q Why did people select to become Annual members rather than Perpetual Members?

A Some members do not like using Standing Orders.

Q Does this mean that anyone not wanting to use the Standing Order option will be unable to become a member?

A Yes but they can still pay as a guest.

Q Do we know how many guests attend the films?

A Yes, the number is recorded at each film night and guests are asked how they heard about the club.

Angela Stockdale moved that Annual Membership is no longer offered to new members but retained for current Annual members, Eeke van Gulik seconded the proposal, the motion was carried.

Pre-paid Tickets

This suggestion had been made by a member to save having to buy a ticket for each film showing. Jane was unsure how the scheme could be administered, it was also likely to cause further administration for the Treasurer. It was decided to have a vote on whether the Committee should consider ways of administering the scheme and refer their suggestions back to the members.

Those in favour of further discussions – 2

Number abstained – 3

Those against further discussions – 31

It was agreed there would be no further action on this item.

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm

