

BRAMPTON FILM CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Brampton Community Centre
6.00pm Saturday 11 February 2017

Present:

Committee Members: Jane Sedgwick (Chair), Charmi McCutcheon, Peter Sedgwick (Treasurer), Heather Tipler, Michael France, Myrna Reay

Club Members: Jane Purdy, Mary Hallaway, Bob Jones (Returning Officer), Christina Tierney, Valerie Bowen, Eileen Norman, Heather Perrin, Elizabeth Marshall, Clare Collinson, Claire Skeates, Paul Skeates, Malcolm Riches, Barbara Riches, Bob Lee, David Hurd, Philip Higham, Alison Hobson, Joan Partington, Colin Partington.

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

David and Gillian Bamford, Tim and Hilary Booth, Alan and Beverley Dawson, Anita Laird, Daphne Roberts, Geoff and Angela Stockdale, Sandra Bradley, Ann Button, Mary Harris, Denis Inch, Aileen Lee, Billy Watson.

Minutes of Last AGM (5.03.16)

- Jane apologised for the fact that there had been no trip or excursion in 2016 but the Committee had concentrated on organising a free film night in December 2016, also arrangements had been made to 'twin' with Keswick Film Club, allowing members from both clubs access to films with membership benefits.
- Jane confirmed that the amendments had been made to the Constitution.
- Annual membership now only applies to existing Annual Members.

There were no other matters arising from the Minutes.

Mary Hallway proposed the approval of the Minutes, Bob Jones seconded the motion, the motion was carried.

Chair's Report on 2016 and Questions

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

- Jane thanked the Committee for their support in 2016 and stated that a huge thanks should go to the Helpers, without whom, the film evenings could not happen; as a thank you, the Committee had decided that those Helpers who had helped on 3 or more film nights will be given a voucher for a pre-film meal in the Community Centre. Jane extended thanks to Wendy Lawson, a non-committee member for the sterling work that she has done as Helper Co-ordinator. Jane extended her thanks to Julie Owens for taking over the job. Jane also thanked Pete for his work as Treasurer.
- **Membership** – at the end of 2016, the Club had 158 members and after the last film night in January 2017, this figure rose to 168. A free film will continue to be offered for every seventh film attended by perpetual members. Bistro 34 continues to offer a 10% discount on meals booked on film nights, this is for food items only, not drinks and members should produce their membership card in order to obtain the discount.
- **Keswick Film Club** - Towards the end of 2016 a reciprocal arrangement was put in place with Keswick Film Club, members will receive discounted ticket prices at any Sunday film at Keswick Film Club, along with a discounted ticket price for the Keswick Film Festival. Keswick Film Club members will also receive discounted ticket prices here at Brampton Film Club. Keswick Film Club Night is on Sunday at 5pm, the Club breaks during the summer.
- **Events** – the Club has shown a total of 19 films in 2016 with one free of charge as money was raised through Easyfundraising to pay for the evening. There have been increased numbers attending pre-film meals at the Community Centre, most of which had 10 or more people attend. Approximately 23 people attended the festive meal prior to Muppets Christmas Carol at the final film night in December 2016.
 - The Film Discussion Group has continued meeting throughout the year at the Community Centre Cafe here at the Community Centre. Meetings are on a Tuesday morning at 11am following a film night and all Film Club Members are welcome. Members of the Film Discussion Group have played an important role in the selection of films for this current 2017 season of film. The Discussion Group has 14 people on the list. The Group has had lunch twice at the Golf Club. Jane thanked David Bamford for his efforts during this past year to keep this going.
 - DVD library – this library was started by David Bamford and has been taken over by Bob Jones. There are currently 60 films available for members to take out. Testament of Youth and Paddington being the most popular titles. The Committee will review those titles not being used.
 - Bramflicks - Towards the end of 2016, a team of 6 Film Club members, including the Chair and the Treasurer, formed 'Bramflicks' a quiz team that was being considered for a slot on Eggheads, the BBC quiz programme. Filming has now happened, and the team are waiting to find out when the programme will be screened.
- **Attendance levels** – The club welcomed 990 attendances at 19 films during 2016. This compares to 890 attendances at 19 films during 2015, 898 attendances in 2014 and 1180 attendances in 2013. This has reversed the downward trend. Average attendance finished at 52 at the end of 2016, helped by some strong audience numbers in the early part of 2016. This represents an increase of 5 extra people at each screening compared to our 2015 levels.
- **Film Data** - Of the 19 films screened in the year, 13 were in the English language and 6 were in a foreign language. In the button survey, 12 of the films screened scored 8 or more (out of 10). Of these 12 films, 4 were in a foreign language and 8 were in the English language. This continues a trend identified in 2011, in which good films are appreciated, whatever their language. Three films exceeded a score of 9.5, and these were Suffragette, Dark Horse

and the Imitation Game, this last film being our top scoring film of the year at 9.9. Interestingly, the Imdb rating for this film is 8.1. The film club selection committee produced another year of interesting and diverse films. Our lowest rated film in 2016 was Sicario, at only 6.2. Imdb rated this at 7.6.

- **Publicity and Communication** The club remained an associate member of Cinema For All. The Club posts on the Brampton UK Events page on Facebook and it is a member of the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema, which has resulted in the Club having 2 write ups in the Guardian magazine. Posters are printed courtesy of HF and the Club advertises on its own accounts with Facebook and Twitter.
- **Community Centre Refurbishment** – The Community Centre has submitted a Prospectus for refurbishing the Hall. Users have until 24 February to make comments and suggestions. There are 2 options, one to keep the hall configuration as it is and the other to move the stage to the screen end of the hall. In both options, better seating will be provided. The Community Centre is also looking at installing a plug and play AV system, this will include replacing all of the equipment, except possibly the screen. Work is not expected to start until the end of 2017. Members were invited to give feedback on their view to the committee.
- **Conclusion** – the Club will complete its tenth year in November 2017. 164 films have been shown up to the end of 2016. 2016 has been a positive year for the Club and it is hoped that 2017 will continue in the same way. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and there is capacity to take on more committee members. The committee would welcome any suggestions as to how to celebrate the tenth anniversary.

Questions on Chair's Report

Q. As the button survey does not reflect why people did not attend a particular film, would it be possible to send out an email after the film to find out why people do not attend?

A. Theoretically an email could be sent but it would be extra work for an already over stretched chair.

Q, Does the Committee take attendance numbers into consideration when selecting films?

A Yes it was recognised a few years ago that mainstream films were popular but the Film Club is constituted to show a variety of films.

Treasurer's Report on 2016

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

- For the first time, the Club has made a surplus after depreciation. The year end balance being £673.84
- Easyfundraising commission does not reflect the amount of money actually raised, as it may take 3 months for donations to be received from retailers.
- Employer and Public liability insurance is paid to protect the Committee and the Club members
- The bank balances are mainly reserves to replace the kit, if needs be.

Conclusion

Once equipment depreciation (£1,046.64) is charged to the year-end accounts the Film Club has made a profit of £673.84 for the financial year 2016.

The main contributory factors to the return to profit were the increase in ticket and subscription revenues, coupled with the decrease in Film Licence and DVD purchase costs.

The committee are please to confirm the membership and ticket prices can remain unchanged in 2017. The ticket prices of £4 for members and £6 for visitors compare favourably against local cinemas and film clubs in the area.

The club's reserves continue to provide financial security and independence from grant funding.

Questions and Comments on Treasurers Report.

It was pointed out that if the Community Centre provided new equipment and became responsible for the maintenance and replacement of the equipment, then the Club's reserves may not be needed. Peter said the Committee would review how the money would be spent.

Q. Will there be an extra cost to the Club for using the new equipment?

A. The Committee has been assured that there will be no extra cost to the Club and this has been minuted in meetings held with Nick Kennon.

Q. Will the speakers be replaced, if so will they be of the same standard as the existing ones.

Considerable work was done initially on ensuring that speakers would be suitable for purpose.

A. It is planned to replace the speakers but the committee will work with the Community Centre to ensure that the new equipment is at least the same standard as the current equipment.

Returning Officer calls on 2016 committee to stand down

Bob Jones, 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 2017 committee

The 2016 committee had already expressed a willingness to continue for another year and Bob requested further nominations.

Election of 2017 Committee

There being no further nominations, Eileen Norman nominated Jane Sedgwick, David Bamford, Michael France, Charmi McCutcheon, Myrna Reay, Peter Sedgwick and Heather Tipler to stand for the 2017 committee, Philip Higham seconded the nomination. The 2016 committee were re-elected for 2017.

AOB

- Charmi indicated that she will be standing down at the AGM in 2018
- Jane indicated that she will be standing down at the AGM in 2018
- Peter will stay on as Treasurer in 2018

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.50pm