



SWINDON FILM SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT THE ARTS CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2015

The meeting started at 9:20 pm. 2 new Committee co-opted members were introduced to the meeting: Richard Turpin (new webmaster, was not present at the meeting) and Charlotte Laizet (Assistant secretary).

- 1. Apologies:** none
- 2. Minutes** of the previous AGM held on Wednesday 19th November 2014 were read and accepted proposed Liam Griffin. Seconded Roger Maisey.
- 3. Financial report.** This year SFS made a profit (£1.246) so we can consider that the previous season 2014-2015 was a financial success due to, among others things:
 - a. Substantial number of screenings in Swindon and in the others cinemas (e.g. Cricklade, Royal Wootton Bassett)
 - b. A deposit refund from Filmbank
 - c. Sales of DVD
 - d. No cost spend for the Film Festival since it has been cancelled

Nothing new had been organized at the moment but the committee is open to new ideas: Also the committee thinks SFS should continue DVD sales. Accepted by Lewis. Seconded by Martin S. Mini film shows at Commonweal suggested by Roger Maisey.

4. Membership Report

We have 92 full and committee members and 179 general/student members. 6 people took the "Half year" membership introduced after Christmas. In conclusion, SFS membership dropped a little: in total we have 277 members when last year we had 295 members.

We have 67 new memberships (24%). 47 % of our members have been with us for 5 years or more. 23% have been with us for 10 years or more.

Film Audience and Reactions

Average Audience reaction	71 %	
Highest Audience	85 %	Nebraska
Lowest Audience	43 %	The Great Beauty

Commonweal School audiences averaged 89. The Arts Centre produces higher audiences and there is a new screen.

5. Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

Last February a local school brought children to one of our screenings. In order to welcome young people between 16 and 18 years old we had to create a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and to check with the Arts Centre its status regarding this matter. Now we are legally covered. The pdf policy can be found on SFS's website.

6. Election of Committee Members

Chairperson	Robert Elrick, re-elected member
Secretary	Shelagh Gough, re-elected member
Treasurer	Jane Farr, re-elected member
Front of house management	Roger Griffin, re-elected member
Membership Secretary	Lyndy Griffin, re-elected member
Contracts	Diane Miles, re-elected member
Publicity and co-ord. Films	Chantal Raymond, re-elected member
Technical Support	Ben Szuk, re-elected member
Continuity	Anne Wang, re-elected member
Webmaster	Richard Turpin, new co-opted member
Assistant Secretary	Charlotte Laizet, new co-opted member

(All voting in a block unanimous)

7. Any other Business

- a. We are still happy with the quality of the projection at the Arts Centre.
- b. It is on the agenda for next meeting to discuss about replacing audience reactions with a system with stars (e.g. 6 stars, from 1 star for those who did not like the film to 6 stars for those who loved it) or numbers.
- c. A suggestions book had been requested. It is now ready to be used and can be found at the Arts Centre before every screening. All the suggestions are welcomed before the end of the year so the Committee can take them into account for next season. SFS is already working on the new programming. It has been proposed to collect the suggestions via the website but it would be a lot of work for Richard. Another solution would have been to collect the suggestions via Facebook but not everyone has a Facebook account.

Meeting closed at 9:50 pm.