

Lymington Film Society AGM

Minutes of AGM held 7.00 pm - 14th of April 2019

Fuller McLellan Hall – The Lymington Centre.

1. ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: Annabel Foot, Nigel Seth-Smith, Sally Johnston, Stephen Akester, Yvonne Mackenzie. Apologies from Nick Korbey.

LFS Members: 25 present. Apologies from Hugh and Delma Evans.

3 Lymington Centre Representatives

TOTAL ATTENDING: 33

2. MINUTES OF AGM 2018 AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minutes of AGM held on 8th April 2018 were circulated. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Don Mackenzie and seconded by Tom McEwen.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT - 2018-2019

LFS Chair Annabel Foot reported the following:

- Mike Pruss, Executive Vice President of Scott Free Productions, gave a talk at the showing of the film "The Equals" in July 2018, which was very well attended.
- This was the 10th Season with monthly showings October-May. This season the AGM was once again combined with a film showing.
- Films were being promoted by the Lymington Centre, inclusion in social media (Rumour Control), inclusion in on-line calendar (Lymington.com), adverts in the local publication Lymington Directory and by word of mouth.
- Membership was slightly down on last season, but overall attendance was steady.
- On average ratings were slightly down - probably due to two more challenging films.
- The Committee have taken over caretaking duties for Sunday showings and this was going well.
- Thanks, were given to the Lymington Centre volunteers who run the bar.
- The Lymington Centre will be helping with administration next season.

4. ACCOUNTS 2018-2019

- Provisional accounts after 6 films showed a positive balance of £50.69;
- The costs of 2 more films are still to be deducted.
- The income from the raffle and 2 films is to be added.
- The accounts were proposed by David Bennett and seconded by Robin Taunt.

5. DISCUSSION ARISING FROM REPORT

- Members were invited to suggest films for the next season.
- Don Mackenzie asked if the ratings really reflected Members' opinions because some did not attend if they thought that the film might not be suitable for them.
- Annabel responded that the Committee kept an eye on attendance numbers.
- Sally Johnston commented that it was increasingly difficult to find cheerful arthouse films.
- A Member asked why we rank films A-E, but figures were reported as a percentage.
- Annabel responded that we have always used A-E which is quicker for people to choose.

- Rachel Smart suggested it would be possible to conduct a survey to find out if Members would prefer percentage or A-E ratings.
- A Member asked how films were selected. Annabel explained the process:
 - Films are suggested by Members and Committee.
 - We wait for release on DVD.
 - We check with distributors if the film can be shown to a public audience.
 - We check costs and ratings.

6. The Lymington Centre suggested that the cost of Membership should rise from £20 to £25.

- One Member responded that it was the Members who should decide the subscription level, not the Lymington Centre.
- Rachel the Manager from the Lymington Centre explained that they would be doing more admin as Annabel was reducing her input.
- A vote was taken by show of hands and a clear majority voted in favour of the raise.

7. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

- The present Members of the Committee volunteered to continue.
- Re-election was proposed by Teresa Francis and seconded by Don Mackenzie.
- Tony Pruss agreed to join the committee, and this was proposed by Tom McEwen and seconded by Don Mackenzie.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Nigel Seth-Smith stated that Mike Pruss has agreed to show another film "The American Woman". This will be in the Malt Theatre and Members will be advised when the date has been arranged. A microphone will be made available on the night.
- Annabel thanked the Committee and their partners for their efforts, the Members for their continuing support and the Lymington Centre for their backing.
- Raffle of the films of the season followed and raised £44.

9. MEETING CLOSED

The Meeting was closed, and Members enjoyed a glass of Prosecco, kindly provided by the Lymington Centre and chocolate cake to celebrate the society's 10th birthday.

24th April 2019