

# LAUNCESTON FILM SOCIETY

**MINUTES OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Village Cinemas on 26th February, 2018.**

**The meeting opened at 6pm.**

## **WELCOME BY PRESIDENT**

Peter Gillard opened the meeting and welcomed 206 members present.

He reminded members present that the committee had resolved to continue the practice of conducting AGMs in the cinema, prior to the screening of a movie, as the other option of holding a separate meeting had previously struggled to achieve a quorum. He also advised that if any members required more information, or to ask any questions, they can do so via email.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2017 AGM**

Copies of the minutes from the meeting held on 27th February 2017 had been available on the website for a month preceding the meeting.

**Moved** Gail Bendall, **seconded** David Girling, *that the Minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting.*

**Carried on the hands.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Peter Gillard referred to his written report contained in the latest Newsreel and confirmed that Launceston Film Society had a smooth year in 2017, and remain in a good financial position. Our membership for 2017 was 1617 of whom 211 did not renew. At the end of 2017 we had a waiting list of 385 all of whom received offers of membership for 2018. 208 new members took up the offer and the waiting list was cleared. 2018 membership is 1614.

Voting nights are held after the last evening screenings for each term. These offer members a social element to LFS membership and gives Committee members a chance to meet members and to receive member feedback.

Peter confirmed that LFS show non-mainstream movies with an edge. 55% of our 2017 movies were foreign language films. Members sometimes request comedies, but mostly comedies are mainstream. Few of our arthouse movies are comedies, but many have a warmth which is well received.

Peter thanked the committee for their work during the year.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Kim Pridham presented the audited financial report, which had been available on the website for approximately a week prior to the meeting. Hard copies were available at the meeting. Kim reported that the financial activity was amazingly consistent, this year resulting in a small surplus. This was due to additional memberships being taken up during the year, and the fact that sponsorship to BOFA was not paid due to BOFA not being held in 2017.

Kim advised that if any member had questions regarding the Financials they should contact the Society by email.

**Moved** Kim Pridham, **seconded**, Coralie Verrels, *that the Financial report be adopted.*

**Carried on the hands.**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

**It was resolved** *that Crowe Horwath be reappointed as auditor for 2018.*

**Carried on the hands.**

#### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.**

Peter reminded members that nominations for the committee had been invited from all members and closed prior to the AGM. He said all positions had been declared vacant and that Treasurer Kim Pridham was not renominating.

President: Peter Gillard elected unopposed.  
Vice-President: Mark Horner elected unopposed  
Secretary: Gail Bendall elected unopposed  
Treasurer: Edward Beswick elected unopposed  
Membership Secretary: Gill Ireland elected unopposed

There were four nominees for the three Ordinary Committee Members and all four nominees spoke to the meeting.

Committee: Elected from a secret ballot: Anne Green  
Janez Zagoda  
Ian Miekle

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was raised.

#### **CLOSE**

The President thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 6.25pm.