

LAUNCESTON FILM SOCIETY

MINUTES OF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Village Cinemas on 22nd February, 2021.

The meeting opened at 6pm.

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

Peter Gillard opened the meeting and welcomed 185 members present.

He proceeded to introduce Vice President Mark Horner to table a special resolution regarding an amendment to our Constitution.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The amendment is proposed to remove the requirement for the Annual General Meeting or any other General meeting to be advertised in a newspaper. As only members of the Association are able to attend such meetings, and in line with the updated Model Rules, it is deemed appropriate that members be advised as follows:

Special Amendment, **Moved** Gail Bendall, **seconded** Mark Horner "*that by way of special resolution, Rule 15 be amended by the removal of words "is to cause to be inserted in at least one newspaper published in this State an advertisement" and replaced with "is to advise members by post, print or electronic means"*.

MOTION CARRIED BY SHOW OF HANDS

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2020 AGM

Copies of the minutes from the meeting held on 24th February 2020 had been available on the website preceding the meeting.

Moved Gail Bendall, **seconded** Alvaro Ascui, *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 reiterated that the outbreak of the worldwide pandemic of Covid 19 had been challenging for Village Cinemas, and consequently our members. We were fortunate that only thirteen screenings had to be cancelled, and that Michelle Turner at Village Cinemas was prepared to allow us the use of three theatres per screening in which our members could safely social-distance and enjoy our continuing programme. He confirmed that Voting events had not been conducted and that voting on our website had been introduced, although without the wine or ice-cream accompaniment, member numbers participating were very low.

Peter mentioned that Life Member Edward Broomhall had died after a long illness. Edward had been very involved with the Society for many years, serving on the Committee for 20 years from 1977 to 1997.

Peter advised the meeting that he had decided not to stand for re-election this year as he felt it was time to move on after serving on the Committee since 1994 and as President since 2010. He thanked the Committee members for their continuing work, and thanked Leigh Thompson who is contracted to work on the door of our screenings, and Michelle Turner and her team at Village Cinemas.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Ed Beswick 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. Ed reported that the financials reflected a surplus of \$58,000 for 2020 due to not screening 13 movies and not conducting voting events. He confirmed that renewing members were allowed a discount of \$40 for 2021 membership in recognition of the 2020 reduction of movies screened. This has resulted in 2021 membership fees which appear in the financials as Subscriptions prepaid are \$73,000 less than the previous year due in part to the discount, and in part to slightly reduced numbers overall.

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

Ed thanked retiring Committee member Ian Meikle for his service and contribution, and in particular for his oversight and management of the website, keeping costs in this area lower than they could have been. He also thanked Ian for his friendship and service on door duty.

Moved Ed Beswick, **seconded**, Debbie Lockhart, *that the Financial report be adopted.*

Carried on the hands.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was moved Ed Beswick, **seconded** Pat Chilvers, *that Crowe Horwath be reappointed as auditor for 2021.*

Carried on the hands.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

Peter advised that he was not standing for re-election, and that fellow Committee member Ian Meikle was also not restanding.

There were seven nominations for Committee and all seven were elected unopposed.

President:	Janez Zagoda
Vice President:	Mark Horner
Treasurer:	Ed Beswick
Secretary:	Gail Bendall
Membership Secretary:	Gill Ireland

Ordinary Members: Anne Green
Allison Edwards

There remains a casual vacancy which will be advertised by the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Janez Zagoda thanked Peter for his many years of service to the Film Society and in particular for his eleven years as President, and advised he would look forward to seeing him and Maureen attend screenings as usual.

Janez also thanked Ian for his service to the Committee.

CLOSE

The meeting closed at 6.13pm