



Rusthall Community Cinema

Minutes of the AGM held at 7.30pm on 14th July 2017

at Sunnyside Hall

Attending: Anna Astin
Amanda-Jane Doran
Benedict Doran-Burke
Chris Ducklin
Eugene Gardner (chair & scribe)
Hazel Duncombe
Irene Heskett
Jessica Pointon
Judith Offord
Karen Gardner
Lauren-Jane Birkett
Maggie Fraser
Michael Lawrence
Peter Kemp
Rachel Bain
Rosie Ridsdale Smith
Sonia Lawrence
Terry Coulthard

1. Eugene presented independently certified accounts for the year to 31st May showing an excess of income over expenditure totalling £2,787.44. He reported that subscription payments for the current year had been received from 50 people bringing the current bank balance to £4,447.61. The Trustees Annual Report was also distributed summarising the key events of the first year of operation.
2. Having drawn lots in accordance with the Constitution Charlie Brown and Jessica Pointon retired as Trustees and offered themselves for re-election. Rosemary Romano and Rachel Bain also stood and all four were unanimously elected to the board of Trustees.
3. A discussion on the role of volunteers concluded that the current method of matching individuals to tasks for each film undertaken by Rosemary Romano and recorded on the /rota.html page of our website should continue. Anyone not able to undertake their agreed assignment should (ask Rosemary to) identify a substitute at the earliest opportunity. Printing and distribution of the posters would be coordinated by Anna; Irene, Rosie, Terry, Jessica, & Judith offered their services to join those already helping: Kay Clark, Joe Mendell, & Carole Mellors. Eugene will give Anna contact details for them. Volunteers were sought to progress our wish for advertising and sponsorship but no one came forward except Amanda who will approach the Town & Country Housing Group.

4. Eugene announced the potential grant of £4,000 towards a new projector (the currently used one being borrowed for each film) offered by James McInroy our KCC councillor. A suitable projector had been identified and together with fittings the cost would be roughly £6,000. It was agreed to pursue this.

Irene offered to nominate us for a OneFamily award which would materialise if we collected more votes than other grant seekers. It was agreed that a replacement for our sound system be costed as this was likely to be close to the £5,000 category. Eugene and Kevin Mullery will follow up before the 19th July deadline.

The newly bought padded seating was warmly welcomed and Eugene was asked to investigate the purchase of 25 more chairs some of which should have arm rests.

5. A discussion of the long list of 93 suggested films followed. All were asked to give Eugene their votes within 24 hours so that the selected top 24 could be made into a shortlist for all Rusthall residents to have the opportunity to vote on in an online survey. This was important to help gain new audiences and grow our email distribution list. A question should be included in the survey to determine those who were only able to attend on Fridays or Saturdays and the ratio of those days chosen for screening films in the following 6 month season.
6. Michael suggested that Tee shirts bearing our logo would be helpful to our roving ambassadors in attracting potential new audiences. Eugene will investigate this.

Michael also wondered if the empty board 3m to the right of the OneStop ATM could be used for an RCC permanent display. It would require us to identify and ask permission of the property owner, get quotes for a display board, and arrange installation. No one volunteered to take on this projectette.

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm.