



**CHILTERN
FILM
SOCIETY**
at The Elgiva, Chesham

CFS AGM report, May 2017

Annual General Meeting, 10th May 2017

The AGM took place at the Elgiva immediately before the showing of "*The General*". It was attended by 28 members and 12 committee members.

A summary of the meeting is given below:

Chairman's Introduction - Jon Wallis

- Jon welcomed members to our 48th AGM. He ran through the programme for the AGM and noted that this season had been a very successful one. We had a record membership of 202, exceeding 200 members for the first time in our history. Last year there had been 192.
- This improvement was due to several factors:
 - continued growth of the mailing list, so that recipients could keep up to date with our programme and progress
 - distribution of more leaflets and new format flyers
 - continuing and increased media presence
 - enhanced visibility within the Elgiva itself.
- The Chair thanked the committee for their efforts and support and said that the society planned to maintain this increased visibility and media presence next year, hoping to retain members' interest and further reduce member churn. He also mentioned that the film introductions had continued, as they had attracted more appreciation than criticism, and that three after film discussion sessions had been held in the bar and that there would be another that evening.

Review of the Season – Paul Vates

- Paul also noted that this had been a very successful year. Since 2008 we had usually received on average a 70% approval rating for the year but this year (not including that night's film '*The General*') it was almost 80% with 6 films scoring over 80% and two over 90%.
- Looking at the ratings review sheet (attached) he pointed out that this year's "Marmite" film, attracting equal liking and loathing, had been '*Anomalisa*', while last year's had been '*The Lobster*'. Several people had in fact walked out of the film, but it was not known what their reasons had been.
- This year's overall ratings success had raised the bar and put pressure on the committee to equal that success next season, which we would try to do.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Burrows

- Andy circulated two sheets of Accounts (attached) - the Final Accounts for 2015/2016 and the Provisional Accounts for 2016/2017.
- There had been a smaller income in 2015-16, as the membership had been lower, and there had been an unusual item of expenditure when the committee had decided to show an extra 16th film with no extra charge, since the Elgiva had a vacant date in their calendar which we were able to utilise.
- There was a vote to approve the Final Accounts for 2015-16: proposed: Chris Marsh, seconded: Claire Llewellyn, passed unanimously.
- The provisional accounts for this year showed an increase of nearly £500 in income, due to increased membership. This had enabled the Treasurer to renew the Society's web domain name for the next 5 years. There was also a subsequent increase in the fee due from the Society to Chesham Town Council.

- Of the £49 full year membership charge, CFS retains £8 (£4 on part year memberships) to cover our administration and publicity costs; so £41 goes to the Elgiva and thence to the Town Council.
- There had been no increase in the membership fee since 2010, but as the Elgiva's costs were rising there would need to be an increase of £1 to members for next season, to £50; the amount retained by CFS would remain the same so the amount passed to the Elgiva would increase by £1.
- We understand that the Elgiva's ticket prices would rise again in September, so that the cost of the 15 films provided by membership would remain at only about 50% of the standard cost of buying tickets for all 15 films.
- We are indebted to the Elgiva for their support of the Society and in particular this year to the Deputy Manager who had persuaded the recent acquirer of the rights to let us screen "*The General*" although it was not available on a big screen anywhere else in the UK this year.

Revision to Constitution – Jon Wallis and Tony Renwick

- The current Constitution and proposed new one were circulated at the meeting (attached). The Constitution was first formalized in 1993 when the Society moved from the White Hill Centre and now needs updating.
- Jon went through the proposed new constitution explaining all the highlighted changes and why the committee considered that they were required.
- All these changes were put to the floor, and agreement was sought. Three questions arose.
 - Firstly it was requested that the age of membership be left at 16, to enable teenage children to be members. It was agreed that this would be so, and care would need to be taken when films with an "18" designation were shown.
 - The second question related to the necessity or not of specifying that membership of the society was open to anyone regardless of gender, race, creed etc. It was suggested that the proviso in proposed Clause 3(a) "anyone over the age of 16" was general enough not to need specifying further. This was generally agreed.
 - A third question asked for clarification as to why there was mention of "lectures, discussions and exhibitions" as well as screenings. It was explained that CFS might at some stage wish to hold an evening containing one of these items without a screening and needed to make provision for that to be possible.
- A resolution to agree the proposed amended Constitution (adjusted by changing "eighteen" back to "sixteen" in Clause 3(a) as noted above) was proposed by Jon Foster and seconded by Michael Rowan. The resolution was accepted, with 37 votes in favour and none against.
- A fair copy of the revised Constitution would be prepared and would be signed by two members for our records. This would be published on the CFS website.

Election of Officers and Committee

- The following 11 committee members were prepared to offer themselves for re-election:
 - Paul Vates Chair
 - Andy Burrows Treasurer
 - Sigrid Poole Membership Secretary
 - Tony Renwick
 - Michael Rowan
 - Jon Foster
 - Mary Burgess
 - Chris Marsh
 - Claire Llewellyn
 - Ruth Juett
 - Jon Wallis Retiring Chair/President
- Amanda Craig had stepped down from the committee during the year but is still available for the design work she has done for the Society so professionally. Patricia Cherrill has also decided to retire from the committee. The Chair expressed the Society's gratitude to them both for their enthusiasm and hard work over a long period.
- Paul Vates has agreed to take over the role of Chair of the Society from next year and Jon will remain on the committee to enable continuity.

- An appeal for new committee members to replace those retiring had produced three volunteers: Mike Daniels, John Graves and Sarah Helm. They would join the committee to share the publicity workload and participate in film selection and other committee work.
- There was a vote to approve the election of these 12 committee members and 2 co-opted members: proposed by Kate Hutchinson and seconded by Ann Dixon, passed unanimously.
- The Chair observed that the new fixed term for committee membership would be introduced in a phased way by the committee to enable continuity of knowledge in the committee as to how CFS functions.
- [Post meeting note: Steve Turner has kindly agreed to become our Independent Financial Examiner – a non-committee role.]

Members Forum and meeting closure

- Since there was little time now available for discussion, comments were requested from the floor.
- A vote of thanks to the committee was made, thanking them for their efforts and saying that the current season had been most enjoyable, with particular praise for the film introductions, usually made by Andy.
- The bar would be open after the film for any further comments or discussion.
- The next AGM would be on 9th May 2018.
- Film dates for next season, beginning on 6th September, were available on the website and the new programme would be published soon after it was agreed in July following the two film selection committee meetings, reducing from a longlist of suggestions currently at about 100 films.
- Applications for Membership for next season may be submitted from now on, at the increased rate of £50. Online facilities for membership applications would become available in 2-3 weeks.
- The meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

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Next Season's Dates

- **Opening night is 6 September 2017.**

List of all 2017-18 season dates:

2017:

- September 6 & 20
- October 4 & 25
- November 1 & 22

2018:

- January 3 & 24
- February 7 & 21
- March 14 & 28
- April 4 & 25
- May 9 (AGM and Final film)

Attachments:

- Ratings Review sheet (separate document)
- Final accounts for 2015-16 season (see below)
- Provisional accounts for 2016-17 season (see below)
- Constitution dated 25/8/1993 (separate document)
- Proposed amended Constitution as submitted to AGM (separate document)

Chiltern Film Society
Final Accounts: 2015/2016 year, to 31/5/2016

£ INCOME		£ EXPENDITURE	
Membership fees on 2015/16 season:	9,119.00	Printer: programme print run	408.00
		Poster design & print run	32.00
2014/15 year net profit b/fwd	119.32	Service supplier: brochure design	275.60
		IT Supplier: Hosting CFS website	31.20
		Stamps, photocopying, stationery	252.36
		Design/print: half-year leaflets	43.00
		Design/print:- magazine advert	66.50
		Room Hire, committee mtgs: -	141.40
		16 th film hire:- (out of season)	180.00
Bank Interest	0.00	Bank charges	0.00
		Chesham Town Council: Attendance & film fees on 175 full members and 17 half-season members:-	6,375.58
		VAT at 20%	1,275.12
		Chesham TC Sub-Total:-	<u>£7,650.70</u>
Gross Income	<u>£9,238.32</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>£9,080.76</u>
		Gross Profit	157.56
		Net Profit	38.24
Net Operating Income	<u>£9,119.00</u>		<u>£9,119.00</u>

A W Burrows
Hon. Treasurer

Chiltern Film Society
Provisional Accounts: 2016/2017 year, to 31/5/2017

£ INCOME		£ EXPENDITURE	
Membership fees on 2016/17 season:	9,514.00	Printer: programme print run	388.00
		Poster design & print run	248.00
2015/16 year net profit b/fwd	38.24	CFS domain name renewals 2017-2022	109.90
		CFS domain names 2014-2017	28.28
		CFS Website hosting 2014-17	83.00
		Stamps, photocopying, stationery	253.33
		Room Hire, committee mtgs:-	101.85
Bank Interest	0.00	Bank charges	0.00
		Chesham Town Council: Attendance & film fees on 184 full members and 18 half-season members:-	6,706.40
		VAT at 20%	1,341.28
		Chesham TC Sub-Total:-	<u>£8,047.68</u>
Gross Income	<u>£9,552.24</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>£9,260.04</u>
		Gross Profit	292.20
		Net Profit	253.96
Net Operating Income	<u>£9,514.00</u>		<u>£9,514.00</u>

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