

Chester Film Society

Annual General Meeting

Held at The Grosvenor Museum Lecture Theatre on Tuesday 8th May 2018

The Annual General Meeting was held before the film "Truman". In addition to the four Committee members, there were 62 members present and 10 guests.

Apologies were received from: William Meredith (Chair)

1. Annual Report

Rachel Cross, Secretary, presented a short report by Powerpoint on the past season and initial plans for the 2018-19 season. This is attached in Appendix 1.

One member asked whether the film start times could be moved back to a 7:45pm start (the start time was moved to 7:30 two seasons ago after consultation with members). Rachel replied that with many films now being of 2 hours plus duration, the earlier start time helped with film programming, especially as both venues (St Mary's and Grosvenor Museum) required us to leave by 10:00pm.

2. Accounts

Anne Ord Sykes had prepared the Accounts for the year 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. These are shown at Appendix 2. They were duly noted and there were no questions.

3. Election of Committee Members

It was reported that William Meredith, current Chair, had announced that he would resign from the Committee at the end of this season. The Committee and Members thanked him for his contribution to the work of the Committee and as Chair for the last season.

The remaining four serving members of the Committee would be joined by Jan Woodhouse and all were elected to serve by a full show of hands from the members present:

- Linda Cloet
- Rachel Cross
- Mike Graham
- Anne Ord Sykes
- Jan Woodhouse

The business of the AGM was then concluded and all present enjoyed the film.

Appendix 1

Chester Film Society - Report to the Annual General Meeting 8th May 2018

2017-18 Season - THE FILMS

We showed 20 films, including a Christmas Double Bill

The films rated HIGHEST by the audiences were:

- 8.87 - I, Daniel Blake
- 8.42 - Frantz
- 8.25 - The Eagle Huntress
- 8.18 - My Life As A Courgette
- 8.17 - I Am Not Your Negro

2017-18 Season - THE FILMS

The films rated LOWEST by the audiences were:

- 5.32 - Personal Shopper
- 5.75 - Black Coal, Thin Ice
- 6.10 - Aquarius
- 6.46 - El Sur

2017-18 Season - VENUES

We have screened at three venues:

- St Mary's Creative Space (14 nights)
 - *Contributed £500 to the purchase of new seats*
- Storyhouse (Halloween Special)
- The Grosvenor Museum Lecture Theatre (4 nights)

2017-18 Season - MEMBERSHIP

Our membership was 111 members consisting of:

- 87 Returning Members
- 21 New Members
- 3 Honorary Members

2017-18 Season - GUESTS & AUDIENCES

Up to the end of April we have had:

- 276 Guests paying at the door
- Total Audiences of 1,195
- An average audience of 85 at each film

2017-18 Season - FILM FESTIVAL

We held the 32nd Chester International Film Festival at Storyhouse:

- 6 films
- 10 animation shorts
- Total audience of 377

2017-18 Season - COMMITTEE:

Comprised 6 people at beginning of the season

- One resignation, so currently 5 people
- William Meredith, Chair, is stepping down from the Committee at the end of the season
- One member, Jan Woodhouse, has agreed to come on to the Committee

NEXT SEASON 2018-19 - being planned

18 film nights throughout the season from September to April

- 14 on Tuesday evenings every fortnight at St Mary's Creative Space
- A Halloween Special at Storyhouse on Weds 31st October
- Final 3 films on Thursday evenings in April 2019 at Grosvenor Museum

International Film Festival again at Storyhouse: end of March

Appendix 2

Chester Film Society - Income & Expenditure for Season 2017-18					
Season Running Costs					
<i>Expenditure</i>			<i>Income</i>		
Publicity (programmes)			£570.43	Membership subs	£4,840.00
Venue hire			£948.00	Guest tickets	£1,600.00
Film licences			£1,749.20	Bar sales	£250.00
Film discs			£240.00	Cash float	£245.00
Projection Services			£875.00		
Insurance			£212.65		
Cinema for All Membership			£95.00		
Committee attendances:					
	<i>ICO Film Screenings</i>	<i>£270.00</i>			
	<i>Comm Cinema Conf</i>	<i>£213.00</i>			
		<i>£483.00</i>	£483.00		
Bar drinks			£101.00		
Donation (Chairs for St Mary's)			£500.00		
Sundries (Admin, website, stationery)			£352.22		
			£6,126.50		£6,935.00
Season: PROFIT					£808.50
Film Festival					
<i>Expenditure</i>			<i>Income</i>		
Publicity flyers			£117.60	Tickets	£290.00
Tickets			£290.00		
Animation Festival prize trophy			£70.00		
			£477.60		£290.00
Film Festival: LOSS			£187.60		
Social Night					
<i>Expenditure</i>			<i>Income</i>		
Food & Drink				Tickets	£840.00
	<i>Wine & soft drinks</i>	£250.00		Raffle	£250.00
	<i>Sundries</i>	£174.98		Drink sales	£282.50
	<i>Food (Ahmed's)</i>	£800.00			
	<i>Food (desserts)</i>	£76.85			
		<i>£1,301.83</i>	£1,301.83		£1,372.50
Social Night: PROFIT					£70.67
Bank Balance as at 31 March 2017:			£7,597.23		