

LAUNCESTON FILM SOCIETY

MINUTES OF 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Village Cinemas on 28th February, 2022.

The meeting opened at 6pm.

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

Janez Zagoda opened the meeting and welcomed 207 members present. He explained that our AGM needed to be held prior to a movie screening to ensure a quorum was present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2022 AGM

Copies of the minutes from the meeting held on 22nd February 2021 had been available on the website preceding the meeting.

Moved Gail Bendall, **seconded** David Dowling, *that the Minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting.* **Carried on the hands.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janez spoke to his report which was published in the Term 1 Newsreel.

He referred to the Covid precautions which we had to observe during 2021, and that Village Cinemas had allowed us to continue screening a full programme for the year.

Janez advised that due to Covid many commercial Cinemas throughout the country did not screen movies, and because many of the distributors would not release movies to Film Societies before having a chance to screen them in the larger commercial cinemas, we had limited movies to choose from. Cinemas have reopened and so a good range of movies is now available to us.

He reiterated that we continued to show a good proportion of foreign movies and suggested that interested members may like to check out the Directors who were growing in the industry.

He concluded by thanking the Committee for their many hours of voluntary work, and gave thanks to Charlotte Lloyd who joined the Committee during the year but has stood down due to other commitments.

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 deficit of \$69,000. He reminded members that 2021 showed a surplus of \$58,000 due to being unable to screen thirteen movies in that year's programme. Subsequently renewing memberships were reduced by \$40 per head for 2021 reducing membership fee income substantially. This and the small increase in Cinema hire and general costs contributed to this year's loss. Between the two years the deficit is only \$11,000. The 2022 membership fee was increased by \$5 which will help to offset the deficit for the current year.

Ed advised that if any member had questions regarding the Financials they should contact the Society by email or meet with him at the door of Wednesday 6.30pm screenings.

Moved Ed Beswick, **seconded**, Alvaro Ascui, *that the Financial report be adopted.*

Carried on the hands.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was moved Ed Beswick, **seconded** Donald McGinty, *that Crowe Audit Australia be reappointed as auditor for 2022.*

Carried on the hands.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

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

Life Membership – Janez advised that the Committee decided to award Life Membership to Richard Ireland in recognition of his exceptional service to the Launceston Film Society. In 2009 Richard offered to create a scanning system to keep track of members. He set it in place in 2010 and has continued to maintain, improve, refine and upgrade the system, and continues this work today totally on a voluntary basis. This system has enabled us to monitor the membership data base, member attendances and simplify renewals.

Janez presented a certificate to Richard who responded thanking the Committee for the honour, saying that it was very gratifying to receive an award for doing something he enjoyed.

Other Business – There was no other business

CLOSE

The meeting closed at 6.12pm