

NB Movies 2021/22 AGM
21 February 2023
North Berwick Community Centre

Present: Jim Conway (Chair) (JC), Jane Nelson (Secretary), Stuart Wight (Treasurer) (SW), Ronnie Williams, Isabel Smith, Linda Shearer, Ron McIntosh, Joyce McIntosh, Robin MacEwen, Carolyn Foster, Sandi Rulliere, Les Stewart, Ali Carslaw, Keith Maloney, May Napier, Margaret Lawson, Carolyn Finlayson

1. Welcome from the Chair

JC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Report circulated in lieu of 2020/21 AGM

The report, which had been circulated in lieu of an AGM which could not be held due to Covid-19 restrictions, was noted.

3. Annual Reports for 2021/22

a. Chair's Report

JC's report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. He noted the strange period since the last AGM, because of Covid-19. Screenings had ceased in March 2020 and finally resumed in March 2022. 5 films had been shown in 2021/22, with attendances as shown below:

Saturday 26 March 2022	West Side Story	54
Friday 29 April 2022	Dune	37
Friday 20 May 2022	Belfast	84
Friday 24 June 2022	The Duke	74
Friday 15 July 2022	Parallel Mothers	26

Screenings had also recommenced for other voluntary organisations.

Over the pandemic period ticket sales had been moved online, using Eventbrite software, and new marketing tools used (via Eventbrite and Facebook). A new website was also being developed. This had been a huge switch from the previous arrangement of selling tickets via Rock & Bird on the High St. Rock & Bird were thanked for all their help in the past. A small number of patrons had found ordering online difficult, and special arrangements had been made in one or two cases. However the new platforms had brought many new viewers.

Other Community Centre groups had been helped with loan of the projector. Ongoing matters for discussion with the Community Centre included: signage, number of seats, comfort of the seating, replacement of window blind and signing-in arrangements. Work continued to improve the sound quality, which a few people found to be difficult.

Robin MacEwen had stood down as Chair at the end of 2020/21, replaced by Jane Nelson and then Jim Conway. Robin had been Chair for ten years and thanks were extended to him for his leadership, knowledge, diligence and enthusiasm. Stuart Wight was to stand down as Treasurer, having served in this capacity for many years. Apart from his role as Treasurer, Stuart had led the introduction of a pre-screening bar. He was thanked for his considerable contribution to NB Movies. Peter McGowan had produced posters and tickets for many years, but had now moved out of the area. Elayne Burley had also stood down, having been a Committee member for many years. Amanda and Mike Sumner had joined the Committee and taken an enthusiastic lead in successfully implementing Eventbrite, setting up a Facebook page and developing a new website.

A question was asked as to whether the Blu-Ray discs could be sold on after screenings. It was agreed that the Committee should consider this.

b. Treasurer's Report

Stuart Wight read out his report on the 2021/22 accounts, which had been circulated.

For the five screenings in 2021/22, ticket sales had been modest, but additional income had been provided by bar sales resulting in a small overall surplus for the year.

The costs incurred to put on a single film included film licences (minimum £100), Blu-Ray purchase (usually around £15), bar licence (£10). During the Covid lockdowns a reduction and part deferment of the insurance premium had been negotiated, but these had to be paid once screenings recommenced, resulting in a higher premium in the accounts. A switch had also been made to public liability cover only with no equipment cover, which would save around £200 p.a.

The introduction of online ticketing via Eventbrite together with card only bar payments had reduced the need for ticket production and cash transactions, which simplified the financial work involved.

Stuart thanked Patricia Vanreenen who now acted as Independent Adjudicator.

4. Election of Committee and Office Bearers

The following were elected or re-elected: Chair - Jim Conway ; Vice-Chair – vacant; Treasurer - Carolyn Foster; Secretary - Jane Nelson; Committee Members – Paul Duffney, Jan Fogg, Robin MacEwen, Amanda Sumner, Mike Sumner, Ronnie Williams.

5. Re-election of Independent Examiner of NB Movies Accounts

Patricia Van Reenen was re-elected.

6. AOB

The NB Movies Committee was thanked for its hard work in putting on film shows.