

WIMBLEDON FILM CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16 JUNE 2011

1. Chair's Report

Presented by Johnjoe McFadden.

Taking questions/comments afterwards, Johnjoe explained:

- it was not possible to start at an earlier time as the Club would have to pay for two slots, or have a flexible start time
- the WFC would not be doing Abbeyfest this year as it had not been very successful the previous year
- attempts were made to 'mix up' films in the programme but scheduling often depended on factors such as availability of the film or of a speaker
- the Committee would look at offering again a financial incentive for early re-joining

2. Election of Committee

The new Committee member Grace Alves was welcomed. Grace asked for more feedback from members on the WFC Facebook page.

The Committee was re-elected.

3. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Peter Cargin.

In discussion it was asked if it would be possible to reduce membership fees given the healthy reserve. Committee agreed to look at this.

The decline in membership was discussed. Johnjoe explained that WFC was now 'competing' against the hmvcurzon and that it was not making a profit in-year i.e. we would start losing money from the reserve. The economy was also likely to be a factor.

The ratio of members/guests/non-members attending films was discussed and it was explained that the majority of attendees were members and their guests.

It was suggested that the WFC could have a regular raffle – Johnjoe explained that if members wished to organise such things this would be most welcome as the Committee would love to have members more involved in doing more for the club.

The fact that the leaflet had already been printed with the next season's ticket prices and membership fees was commented on with the view expressed that the AGM should not take place after such decisions had taken place as it was then not able to influence them eg perhaps reducing the membership fee. It would also be desirable to have audited accounts presented to the AGM. It was agreed that there was a general feeling that the Committee

should have held off making a decision about the membership fee until the AGM. Johnjoe undertook that the Committee would look at holding the AGM earlier in the year next year. December was suggested as this would enable members to approve audited accounts, provide comments on the season and input into planning of the next season but it was pointed out that attendance always goes down in December and on a vote the meeting voted against changing the AGM to December. The Committee would look further at the AGM date. It was pointed out that the accounts are done by a volunteer for free and are normally produced in August/September.

The general feeling was against reducing the membership fee and depleting the reserves although the argument was made that a £3 reduction in the fee might help increase the membership. The Committee undertook to look at making a reduction in the spring fee. Committee member Jon Warren pointed out that the WFC often lost money on films so needed a financial cushion. Jon invited members to give suggestions on what to do with the reserves.

4. Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks was given to the Committee for their hard work.