



Bristol Film & Video Society

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 14th December 2021** remotely

Meeting commenced at 19:30 p.m.

Present:	Tim Smart (TS), Mark Harrison (MH), Graham Egarr (GE), Dave Mitchell (DM), David Price, (DP), Roger Davis (RD) – 6.
Apologies for absence:	Merlin Goldman
Minutes by	David Price
Distribution:	The Committee members

Agenda points

Discussion

Actions

- Minutes of last meeting
The minutes of the 14th November meeting were approved.
- Post-mortems:
Getting more views online (16th November). Excellent and detailed presentation. Well received.
Premiere evening (7th December). A full meeting with relatively good attendance. Positive email response subsequently.
- Future meetings
21st December 2021 : This was assumed to be going ahead in person [7.30 – 10 pm] and RD would bring his laptop and cables to try inputting onto the wall screens. TS to bring tea, coffee, milk and tea towels. GE to bring mince pies. The session is to introduce the members to the new space and its

scope for filming and rehearsal space. It was agreed that it needs to be established whether masks and social distancing are required at the meeting.

There was some discussion about the content of the face to face meetings. MH had suggested a short script around 4 people seated and playing cards within a pool of light based on ideas from Faust and Mephistopheles. He suggested giving some thought to previous examples of the genre to assist.

4th January 2022 : Meeting in person at the new club room. Content as suggested above.

18th January 2022 : Zoom on line meeting. Post script and lessons learnt from making films at Ashton Court.

1st February 2022 : Meeting in person at the new club room with content based on the above concept.

15th February 2022: AGM. Plus provisional date for premiere of some films from the Ashton Court residency which have not already been shown.

4. Finance &
Membership

DM said the usual approach is to discuss club fee levels at the February AGM. However in advance of this DM had prepared a budget which suggests yearly expenditure is around £1,200. He is concerned about the number who will renew given the 'free' membership given in 2021. He is working on the assumption that 24 full members will renew which would suggest an annual subscription of £50 to break even; an increase of £5 over the 2020 level. There is already a 'country membership' arrangement for non-local members which is half the general subscription level. DM and TS think there is possibly another 6 members who will renew in this category.

To enter a club competition, or edit footage shot by the club, the film maker will need to be at least a country member. Despite this requirement non-members could still attend on line club meetings.

DM commented that due a possible hospital visit he may not make the meeting.

5. Competitions TS advised that he had entered 11 films in the BIAFF for free before the deadline.
6. Website RD said he had made the required changes and will reload the pages and get rid of the menu. He was also working on the database. Rd has prepared a new design for the home page and shared it with the Committee. RD to change the contact details.
7. Social Media No comment.
8. Club Films Not discussed except one item in AOB.
9. Library/archives: Not discussed.
10. AOB
The possible use of Unit 112 [former GAP store] at The Mall - Cribbs Causeway was considered and discussed again with its possible advantages for rehearsal and storage space.
The guarantee of only 30 days use was acknowledged. Having been briefed by TS and GE the meeting agreed to await confirmation in the New Year that the club has in principle secured this space.

Merlin had requested that a replacement hard drive was purchased to ensure the safety and security of the club's archive of films. He had advised that the current drive is becoming problematic and he recommended a new back-up. This is in addition to the Vimeo storage.
The meeting discussed and agreed to the purchase of a 2TB drive by Merlin.

TS advised that an unnamed senior member had again (!) complained about the completion of the Marigolds film. DP offered some background comments.

TS closed the meeting at 21.10 pm.

11. Next meeting The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 11th January 2022** on line commencing at 19.30 pm.

Post script

Due to Covid issues arising after the Committee meeting the in person club meeting on 21st December was replaced with a Zoom meeting.