



**MINUTES OF THE FORTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WOKING FILM CLUB HELD ON THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2025 AT MAYFORD VILLAGE HALL, SAUNDERS LANE, WOKING AT 8.00 pm**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Iain McGlashan, Gill McGlashan, Bernard Crooke

In the absence of Ian McGlashan, the meeting was chaired by Eugene Smith.

**2. MINUTES OF THE FORTY THIRD AGM**

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were received and approved.

**3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT FROM HON. TREASURER**

Steve Willson circulated his report electronically prior to the meeting. The report was received and approved.

- The accounts included in this report are as at the 30<sup>th</sup> April with a forecast to the financial year end of 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- Our income from membership has increased generating £3,306 in income plus guest membership £900 which means it has been a more positive season than last year. At the same time, the costs of hall hire and film licences have increased.
- Income from cakes and tea has improved in line with the improved attendance (with thanks to Sheila and her team together with the tea team).
- The contingency reserve (£4,308) is to replace equipment as necessary.
- Whilst future finances should remain sound, there is still a need to recruit more members to strengthen our position.

**4. (a) Chairman's Report**

Iain McGlashan circulated his report electronically prior to the meeting.

Eugene Smith summarised the report, noting the club was in a far better position compared to two years ago after Covid. The report expressed thanks to the members of the committee as well as those members who help set up the hall before the showings and to Sheila for co-ordinating the baking rota. Looking forward to the 45<sup>th</sup> season (still subject to confirmation) four titles are those requested by members on their reaction sheets.

**(b) Membership Report**

Stephen Lock circulated his report prior to the meeting.

- The club currently has 57 members, an increase of 9 on last year. On average 31 members attended each film.
- The club attracted 154 guests averaging over nine at each film which yielded £924 in income and allows the club to consolidate the contingency fund.
- Due to increasing costs with hall and film hire the membership fee will be increasing slightly to £65 for the season. The guest rate, drinks and cakes are staying the same.

### **(c) Report of Members' Reactions**

Eugene Smith summarised the report.

- The highest scoring film of the season was *One Life* with 8.80, the third highest in the club's history, and the highest this century. The lowest scoring was *All of Us Strangers* with 4.75.
- The mean score for the season was 6.72, slightly below last year (6.97) and the median was 6.87 (7.16 last year).
- The average number of comments made per films increased again to 27.

### **5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

All Committee members, except Barbara Millington, expressed a willingness to stand. The proposal to re-elect the committee was proposed by Phil Boylett and seconded by Pauline Lock and was approved by members as follows:

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| Chairman                | Iain McGlashan   |
| Honorary Treasurer      | Steve Willson    |
| Honorary Secretary      | Michael Hipkins  |
| Membership Secretary    | Steve Lock       |
| Film Bookings           | Ishret Mirza     |
| Film Presentation       | John Myall       |
| Film Notes Co-ordinator | Eugene Smith     |
| Committee Member        | Suzanne Lawrence |
| Committee Member        | Debs Salmond     |
| Committee Member        | Jon Millington   |

### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Announcements – a member commented that it was sometimes hard to hear the announcements at the start and end of the film, and asked whether a microphone could be used routinely.

Subtitles for English language (including American films) – a member said some films had subtitles after the break which had been helpful, and asked if subtitles could be used routinely for English language films. The Committee will consider the suggestion

Members were invited to consider joining the committee.

Mike Widdup asked that the Committee be thanked for their work.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

*Michael Hipkins*

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Hon Secretary