



Bristol Film & Video Society

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 12th October 2021** remotely

Meeting commenced at 19:30 p.m.

Present:	Tim Smart (TS), Graham Egarr (GE), Mark Harrison (MH), David Price, (DP), Dave Mitchell (DM), Merlin Goldman (MG) – 6
Apologies for absence:	John & Sue Cockwell, Roger Davis (RD)
Minutes by	David Price
Distribution:	The Committee members and attendees plus Bob Bennett, Mike George, Malcolm Stevens

Agenda points	Discussion	Actions
1. Minutes of last Meeting:	The minutes of the September 2021 meeting were approved. GE mentioned some meeting date changes.	
2. Post-mortems:	7th September – SOCO +ve with plenty of discussion. 21st September – Nick Shipley as speaker. Viewed as a good meeting and excellent speaker. Cube Bluescreen. A hybrid event both in person and online. MG advised that he couldn't connect on line and the event was sold out for attendance in person. 5th October – Gloucester Film Club films judging event. Mixed views and limited attendance overall and by BFVS club members. 11th October – TS gave feedback from the judging event to the Gloucester club.	
3. Future Programme:	19th October 2021 –GE advised he would be absent due to another commitment and the meeting was thoroughly discussed. The conclusion was	

that MH would chair the meeting and MG, MH and TS would provide 2 of their favourite short documentaries to discuss. MH would provide the text for the evening which he suggested was titled 'Desert Island Documentaries'. The members would be also invited to bring forward their own short documentary choices to discuss with a deadline of Sunday (17th) morning for inclusion. This would be an in-person meeting. The format is to show the documentaries then the sponsor discusses the reasons for their choice.

2nd November 2021 – GE advised that this was envisaged to be a YouTube based evening and held online. However, after some discussion the intention is to invite Larry Hall's contact and Jim Reid (Lockdown ageing film) to speak on their films for one half and TS to discuss his own Lockdown piece for the remainder.

16th November 2021 – MH has suggested that he and/or his contact in media marketing could do a chat on the methods to attract more views to YouTube and other online films.

4. Finance & Membership:

DM advised that the Centre Manager was seeking to terminate club meetings at Filton from 1st November when he said the builders were arriving. DM said he had investigated the scope for room hire at BAWA as an alternative.

DP outlined his understanding of the position with ActiveNation and Filton Town Council which seemed to differ from what DM has been told.

Action point:

DP to contact ActiveNation to clarify the position.

MG said he had been in contact with The Inn on the Green pub re room hire but no response.

GE suggested a meeting with Filton Town Council to discuss.

5. Competitions:

Nothing from SC. MG said the deadline for getting a volunteer replacement from the club members had passed. In view of the absence of a Competition Secretary MG proposed that in future it would be the responsibility of the Producer or Director of the film to submit the film in competitions.

6. Website:

TS mentioned that information on the club website is becoming more and more out of date and now needs urgent attention. TS has put forward a list of the items which need deletion/amendment/revision to RD.

There was some discussion about the website and whether it should be changed to allow independent amendment by other Committee members and the way forward. TS concluded with a call for a separate meeting solely on the website.

Action point:

TS to contact RD again re updating the website and ask if there are any problems preventing this updating exercise. Also to propose a meeting solely on the website.

7. Social Media: Not discussed.

8. Club
Productions: Not discussed.

9. Library/
Archives: Not discussed.

10. AOB: GE advised that the possibility of studio space at Boardwalk or Cribbs has receded and looking unlikely.

Re Ashton Court residency GE said all the rushes for the various films are now with the various editors.

DP remarked on the disappointing attendance of both BFVS club members (7) and non-club members (11 or 12) at the last on-line meeting (5th October). He enquired about the reasons for this and whether MH's media marketing contact could offer ideas and suggestions. This then led into a wider debate about the involvement of club members, membership, the form and nature of meetings.

There was some discussion about the future of club meetings and live streaming and membership. DM commented that there is a 50% discount for 'country' i.e. non local members. Various people commented on the need for physical camera operators on multiple cameras at the venue to deliver a better live experience for viewers. There was lively debate on this point but recognition that the challenge rested not on the technical side.

Action point:

TS to draft an email to club members on the need/demand for live streaming of in person meetings at Filton (or replacement location); plus a more general enquiry about what they want to get out of the club in future.

GE commented that Larry Hall had volunteered the use of his BFVS ident/intro for use in club films.

GE advised that he was trying to make contact with Vincent but getting no response.

GE enquired about the possibility of encouraging Neal to return to meetings and if anyone had been in contact with him recently.

11. TS closed the meeting at 21.42 pm.

12. Next meeting: The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 9th November 2021** on line commencing at 19.30 pm.