



Bristol Film & Video Society

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 8th December 2020** remotely

Meeting commenced at 19:30 p.m.

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| Present: | Tim Smart (TS), Merlin Goldman (MGo), Graham Egarr (GE), Mark Harrison (MH), Neal Tucker (NT), Dave Mitchell (DM), David Price, (DP), Roger Davis (RD) – 8. |
| Apologies for absence: | Sue Cockwell (SC), John Cockwell (JC) |
| Minutes by | David Price |
| Distribution: | The Committee members and attendees plus Bob Bennet, Mike George, Malcolm Stevens |

| Agenda points | Discussion | Actions |
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| 1. Minutes of last meeting | The minutes of the November meeting were approved. | |
| 2. Post-mortems: | Merlin and Mark's talk (17 th November) on plotting and scripting was really well received. [35 attendees]. The 1 st December talk on foley was well done and a popular meeting. JC's involvement was particularly appreciated in the circumstances. [29 attendees]. | |
| 3. Future meetings | 15th December 2020 – Quiz evening. DP confirmed that he had completed the quiz and would present it from a non-home location if satisfactory wi-fi was available. If not DP to send quiz to MH to deputise and to chair. | DP/MH |

5th January 2021 - Premiere evening. GE believes there are sufficient films been made to justify a competition. GE also suggested a general discussion including on film locations.

19th January 2021 – Acting for camera. TS believes this won't fill a whole evening. MGo suggested a further topic (uniting) to fill out the meeting and a more general discussion about casting and character.

2nd February 2021 – Costume films on a micro budget. GE commented that this could be postponed if a speaker on a better subject could be found.

16th February 2021 – AGM. To be held on Zoom. TS to run this evening.

2nd March 2021 – Everything Animation. GE commented that this could be postponed if Declan did his second DaVinci talk that evening.

16th March 2021 – Characters. MGo's follow up talk.

6th April 2021 – Preparing for Mini epics.

20th April 2021 – Pulling focus. GE advised that this would work best with a guest speaker who is a cameraman and as a face to face / practical meeting. Alex Hansen or Nick Shipley were mentioned as possible guests.

RD suggested a meeting (TBA) covering the changing legislation on the use of drones.

SC to chair

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| | <p>GE commented that practical meetings are popular so it would be good to return to these and take advantage of the lightening nights next Spring.</p> <p>There was some discussion on chairing of meetings given the current circumstances.</p> | |
| 4. Membership | <p>DM has reviewed club finances and commented that expenditure was limited this year. Cash reserves are relatively healthy. In view of this and the advent of Zoom meetings he proposed that there was a moratorium on club members' subs up to the 2022 AGM. DM mentioned only a £20 monthly fee for Rev for the captions software.</p> <p>MGo suggested that there had been a lot of value in the Zoom meetings and proposed a 50% rebate. DM suggests this as a topic for the AGM.</p> | |
| 5. Competitions | <p>GE commented that Ashton Court appeared keen to have the club host the InterClub competition on 20th March. There is a slight question over this before the club is 100% certain. GE advised that Steve Andrews had enquired about entering a new film of his as a club film in BIAFF.</p> | |
| 6. Website | <p>RD queried the various 'Scouts' film which he believed were in the archive. He asked if they could be listed on the website but not viewable. MGo commented that the local Scouts Associations were aware of the content and had no concerns.</p> <p>MGo advised that there are 7 films and are all on the club Vimeo channel and could have links to them.</p> <p>TS enquired whether all recent Zoom presentations are on</p> | |

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| | <p>Vimeo. MGo said there are 11 there with another 3 to go.</p> <p>It was noted that in relation to the website Future Meetings section text is being clipped. RD to look into this.</p> <p>There was some discussion over filming club evenings and live streaming when the club returns to live sessions in Filton. It was the consensus that popular meetings could possibly be filmed/streamed but only if the external speaker agreed to it. TS noted that Julian had been given this consent but was unaware of any outcome.</p> | RD |
| 7. Social Media | No news from SC. | |
| 8. Productions | MGo to chase Dave James. GE said that he was aware of attempts to make some small films but this was currently frustrated. No news otherwise. | MGo |
| 9. AOB | <p>MGo suggested categorising the stages of films in production with 4 steps.</p> <p>GE said that the club had been offered a residency of some space for filming at Ashton Court for a period in Spring 2021. This was a really promising opportunity but not yet firmed up.</p> <p>GE mentioned that the club had been offered some space to use for filming at Dave Norton's building. Unfortunately, it was only up to 31st January so limited availability. GE thought this could still offer 8 days of filming.</p> <p>GE commented that there was also the possibility of some space at St Anne's House, a Council property in St Anne's. GE</p> | |

had met Catherine Chiswell-Jones, a key contact, who seems sympathetic to the club. The building offers a range of facilities, a variety of filming locations and parking. The application form enquiring has been submitted. MGo commented that the club was paying for Rev.com caption service on Zoom as there isn't a better freer service.

In regard to publicity DP commented that he had sent his review of Albert's Treasure Box to RD. RD was unaware of receiving it so DP to send it again. DP

Re : Group Io. TS to chase up members to join and receive club Emails. TS

Re: Slack or Discord. TS asked which was preferred. MGo commented that both were free.

MGo suggested an update system for films in production; 4 stages to show where each is up to. [development/pre-production/production/distribution]. He proposed that the relevant Director of each advise on progress.

DP proposed that the club consider making a film about Bristol Zoo which has been announced as closing in 2022.

TS closed the meeting at 21.10 pm.

10. Next meeting The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th January 2021** on line commencing at 19.30 pm.

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