

BFVS



Film *making* in Bristol

Bristol Film & Video Society

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 9th November 2021** at St Andrews Methodist Church Hall,
Filton

Formal meeting commenced at 19:45 p.m.

Present:	Tim Smart (TS), Graham Egarr (GE), Mark Harrison (MH), David Price, (DP), Dave Mitchell (DM), Merlin Goldman (MG), Roger Davis (RD) – 7
Apologies for absence:	John & Sue Cockwell
Minutes by	David Price
Distribution:	The Committee members and attendees plus Bob Bennett, Mike George, Malcolm Stevens

Note

Prior to the start of the formal meeting the Committee members were shown the building, its facilities and systems including the 2 wall mounted TV screens. Tim Smart was given the key to hall and is to be the club's designated keyholder. RD volunteered one of his laptops to use with the screens for meetings.

DM mentioned that he was still in contact with the Manager of the Leisure Centre who is holding, (safely we hope), the club's projection screen.

There is to be an in person club meeting at the new venue just before Christmas (21st December 2021) and it is hoped that Malcolm will bring the festive refreshments for the evening.

There was a general discussion about the use of the new meeting venue and its potential as a filming location given the amount of space available and ceiling height. This led on into a discussion about the general direction of the club's activities, membership and arrangement for future meetings.

The view of the meeting was the club needs to refresh itself to coincide with its relocation to a new venue. There was a considerable amount of discussion and the outcome was that the active members would concentrate on a single face to face meeting a month with the emphasis on planning and making films as a club / joint endeavour. Zoom meetings would be less regular as required.

The discussion also considered the club's 'USP' and the underlying reason for its activities given its falling membership numbers.

MG commented that he would be taking a sabbatical from the Committee role at a time and for a duration to be decided.

TS advised that the cost of renting the venue was £43.75 per meeting for the 7.30 to 10 pm slot. MHa proposed a single face to face meeting per month at the new location which would keep the monthly running costs about the same as 2 meetings per month at the former venue of the Pavilion. TS commented that the club had now booked the Methodist Hall for one session per month until 5th April 2022.

GE suggested that the size of the venue would also allow its use as flexible rehearsal space.

MG mentioned that he had recently attended a networking event at Bristol Film Makers which was made up of 50% students/50% professionals. He had tried to encourage some of the attendees to visit the club.

It was agreed that there was a role for Zoom meetings but that face to face meetings would be the main way in which film projects could be progressed.

The AGM in February would be a Zoom meeting.

Agenda points	Discussion	Actions
1. Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the October 2021 Committee meeting were approved. There was no comment on the subsequent Extraordinary meeting on 26 th October. GE mentioned some meeting date changes.	
2. Post-mortems:	2nd November 2021 – TS and Jim Reid evening to discuss how they made their films. This was well received and presented.	
3. Future Programme:	16th November 2021 – MHa, with an industry contact, has volunteered to present on the subject of social media and how to attract greater audiences to club and individual films. This will be a Zoom meeting and MHa to send out the adverts beforehand. 7th December 2021 – Zoom meeting. GE advised that this should be the time to show the mini epics and mentioned that there are now 3 film versions of 6 Sins, 3 of Sue's film and 1 version of Twitcher. MHa said he had 2 versions of his music video. Larry Hall had a film to offer and Oliver's film was done. He proposed showing the mini epics in part 1 of the evening and the larger films in Part 2.	

21st December 2021 – Practical meeting at the Methodist Hall. GE proposed that this could be a practical evening encouraging members to bring their own cameras, lights, etc and film something active. GE suggested a dancer/s as there was the space to accommodate this.

4. Finance & Membership: Mainly covered in the pre meeting general discussion but details left for debate on another day.
5. Competitions: Not discussed.
6. Website: DM mentioned that the website hosting cost was £125 p.a. He also advised that the 2 yearly domain name registration fee (last paid in 2020) is £28.75. RD has offered to host the club website on one of his servers for free, an offer gratefully received. RD advised that he had made some of the requested changes to the website since the EGM. RD also commented that he has purchased for 99p a new website address/domain and has an idea for a new website design.
7. Social Media: Not discussed.
8. Club Productions: Not discussed.
9. Library/ Archives: Not discussed.

TS closed the meeting at 21.00 pm.

10. Next meeting: The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 14th December 2021** on line commencing at 19.30 pm.