

WILLIAMSTOWN FILM SOCIETY

2021 AGM

Minutes

12 Noon, Monday 25.10.2021 – Closing at 12 Noon, Wednesday 27.10.2021

The 2021 AGM of the Williamstown Film Society was carried out via email and post, following a similar format used for our AGM in 2020. This format was used by the St. Andrews FS and was published in the September 2020 issue of FVFS's Reel News. Members were notified of the AGM by email (& surface post) and the website on the 29th September 2021. Nominations for the 2022 WFS Committee were called for, with a closing date of 8th October 2021. AGM documents were distributed on the 13th October 2021 along with a cover letter explaining the process. Documents included: WFS 2021 AGM Agenda, the Minutes of 2020 AGM, the 2021 President's Report and the 2021 Treasurer's Report. Members were also supplied with contact details should any issues arise. Members were given the opportunity, and time, to raise any matters from the 2020 Minutes by return email (or post) – there were none. There were no new nominees for the committee. Two committee members resigned from the committee – Ms Dorothy Page and Mr Ross Dufty. The remaining committee members were happy to continue in their roles for another year. Participation in the meeting was by the completion and return of the Response Table during the time frame above, by return email (or post).

I would like to thank all members who took the time to read the documentation, then complete and return responses. It was greatly appreciated.

Michael Slee, President, Williamstown Film Society

1. Attendance: 24 members returned completed Response Tables – Jack Neill, Therese Slee, Doug Bews, Elaine & David Oliver, Rob & Dee Falloon, MLS, Pat Duncan, Annie Link, Kevin & Susan Castle, Annamaria Meszaros, John Link, Andrew R., Mari Heazlewood, Barbara Sloan, Allan Park, Dimi Simeonidis, Kathy Brierty, Vicki Steinle, Maria & John Kouppas, Gabriella Mounas.

As explained previously the first two members to complete and respond would be recorded as the acceptor (Jack Neill) and seconder (Therese Slee) for any item requiring action/vote.

2. Minutes of 2020 AGM: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Accepted by: Jack Neill

Seconded by: Therese Slee

3. 2021 President's Report – prepared by Michael Slee

Accepted by: Jack Neill

Seconded by: Therese Slee

4. 2021 Treasurer's Report – prepared by Dimi Simeonidis

Accepted by: Jack Neill

Seconded by: Therese Slee

5. Election of 2022 Committee: As stated earlier there have been two resignations from the WFS Committee – Ms Dorothy Page and Mr Ross Dufty. At this point I would like to thank both Dorothy and Ross for their contribution to the WFS and hope that we will still see them at our screenings in the new year. All positions became vacant and the eight remaining committee members were more than happy to continue. All were unanimously elected to the committee for the 2022.

Accepted by: Jack Neill

Seconded by: Therese Slee

The 2022 WFS Committee are:

President: Michael Slee

Secretary: Maria Kouppas

Treasurer: Dimi Simeonidis

Newsletter/Media: Barbara Sloan

Committee: Pat Duncan, Andrew Radwadowski, Jack Neill, Marilyn McIntyre.

6. A number of members included some thoughtful comments, in the additional response section of their response tables or in the body of their email replies. They are included below:

- Thank you Dorothy for all the years given to the Society and to Michael and Therese for their ongoing commitment – K & S Castle
- You are doing an amazing job, Michael! – Annamaria Meszaros
- Thank you all for your time and efforts. – Mari Heazlewood
- Thanks Michael & the committee for your great work – Allan Park
- Want to thank WFS committee for all their work through another year with covid restrictions! Especially our president Michael Slee for doing his utmost to keep us up to scratch with all the changes, making the website interesting and informative!! Thanks everyone – Dimi Simeonidis
- The President's Report for 2021 should have included acknowledgement and thanks to the office of the Hon. Melissa Horne, MLA for Williamstown in the Parliament of Victoria. The staff have happily and efficiently carried out copying and printing for the WFS over the last few years, in particular for our 25th Anniversary Celebration in July. – Michael Slee

7. In closing I would like to thank all members for taking the time to participate in the 2021 AGM. I think it worked quite smoothly once again (I hope that our next AGM can be in person). 24 members responded – all by email. It is a very satisfying return rate. We look forward to getting together at the end of November for our final screening of the year – **'Teacher's Pet'**. We will update our COVIDSafe plan after consultation with the venue staff at the HBCC. As the committee has been unable to meet during lockdown, we are yet to put together the 2022 Program of films. It will happen. So, keep an eye on the website for details about our November screening and 2022. And watch for the Wednesday emails – they will continue. Until then, take care, stay safe and keep in touch.

8. Meeting closed 12 Noon, Wednesday 27th October, 2021

Minutes prepared by Michael Slee

Thursday 28th October 2021.