

Sydenham Film Club

AGM 25th July 2013

In attendance: Berry Cochrane, Joyce Treasure, Sarah Chan, Vijay Patel, Olivia Beckhurst, Kat Andreakou, Justine Page, Andy Nicoll

The evening began with the existing board members officially announcing that they were standing down and votes of thanks were given to Sarah, Joyce and Phoenix.

Vijay ran through the accounts, outlining an annual loss of £962.68. In the forthcoming year there will need to be an investment in new equipment, although there was a suggestion that we share the investment with the Sydenham Society. The average audience size is 32 and the average income per screening is £160. In terms of breaking even/making profit going forward, the introduction of a membership model was discussed, and it was agreed that this will be taken into consideration going forward, along with bulk booking discounts and As a result of the submissions to become a new board member, the following people were nominated and voted in:

Kat Andreakou – Chair

Olivia Beckhurst – Vice-Chair

Andy Nicoll – Secretary

They will join Berry Cochrane (Co-ordinator) and Vijay Patel (Treasurer) to complete the team.

Other business discussed was regarding the choice of monthly films, and the idea of a Suggestion Box was proposed. Also suggested was the idea of reaching out to other neighbouring Film Clubs and certain cross-sections of the local community to attract a more diverse audience. Barry from the Sydenham Society suggested contacting the new Youth Centre by Wells Park to fuel an interest in film/film-making amongst a younger audience. Similarly, Joyce is the Secretary of the Sydenham and Forest Hill, and Jo is a teacher and so could also assist here. This could also have positive ramifications in terms of gaining extra funding for the Film Club. Isobel White, who was in attendance, approached the new board after the meeting and said that she was glad to assist in her capacity as someone who writes bids for a living.